

# The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa



## Student Welcome Sunday Worship Under the Trees Sunday, August 28 – 9:45 am

Join us on August 28, the first Sunday after ISU classes start, as we welcome new and returning students. We will worship on the front lawn, under the trees. Following worship we will have a meal featuring Hickory Park barbecue. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs or a blanket (chairs also provided) and feel free to dress casually.



## August 2011

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### Welcome our Students!

In the next few weeks students will be arriving in Ames and ISU classes will begin. One of the joys of the churches in this community is the opportunity to get to know many of these students.

Students who have been part of First Baptist have expressed how much they've enjoyed the feeling of being treated as part of the family here. As the school year progresses we will have many chances to welcome and befriend students. Look beyond Sunday mornings to ways you might get to know them better and help them feel a part of the church. Here are some suggestions offered by students:

- Invite them to be part of a group going out to eat after church.
- Offer to meet them for coffee or lunch.
- Send a card on their birthday.
- Invite them to a sporting event.
- If transportation is an issue for them let them know you are available for rides.
- If you haven't seen them in church for a few weeks send an e-mail or note.

### Nicaragua Trip 2012

Our church is planning a spring break mission trip to Nicaragua March 10-18, 2012. We are encouraging college students from our church and around our region to be a part of the trip, and all church members are welcome. We will work in a remote village on a project with AMOS, a health ministry led by ABC missionaries David and Laura Parajon. We hope to raise enough funds to build a clinic; our goal is to raise \$8000 which would both build the clinic and help send those from our church who will be going on the trip. (The cost per person will be around \$1250-1400, which includes airfare, food, lodging, ground transportation in Nicaragua, etc.) Barbara Woods and Pastor Dave will make a brief presentation about the trip during Fellowship Time on July 31, and fundraising plans will be announced soon. If you would like more information or want to be a part of the trip, please see Barbara or Pastor Dave.

## Worship Leaders for August

### August 7

Worship Leader:

Michael Thompson

Ushers:

Bob Parrish\*

Wallace Sanders

Marian/Jan Thompson

Ngairé West-Johnson

### August 14

Worship Leader:

Joyce Davidson

Ushers:

Howard Johnson\*

Pat Johnson

Becca Whitaker

Andrew Perrine

### August 21

Worship Leader:

Susan Russell

Ushers:

Bob McCarley\*

Dianne Borgen

Tom Logue

Jerilyn Logue

### August 28

Worship Leader:

Andrew Perrine

Ushers:

Martha Gleason\*

Beth Douglass/

Rosemarie Starrett

Scott Anderson

Jere Maddux

### Flowers for August:

Elinor Fehr



Dana Leininger	6
Scott Anderson	13
Bob McCarley	17
Jim Sassaman	20
Christopher McShay	21
Johnie Hammond	22
Gabe Whitaker	22
Bob Parrish	24
Jo Van Meter	31
Buckley & Marilyn Peterson	1
Wayne & Irene Shireman	16

### Guest Preacher August 7

On August 7, we will welcome Rev. Henrietta Klarenbeek to our pulpit. Henrietta is the Director of Chaplaincy at Mary Greeley Medical Center and a friend of First Baptist. We look forward to her being with us again on August 7. She will also be singing in our service that morning.

### Facilities News

Many of our first floor storm windows are being replaced. Jack Cleasby, Buck Peterson, Lee Davidson, and Dianne Borgen have repaired several rotting window sills and prepared for the new storm windows, and we are now waiting for the new storm windows to arrive.

A section of our parking lot on the north side of the church will be replaced. Manatts will remove the old asphalt, prepare the base, and pour new asphalt. This will be done before August 12.

### Choir News

Our choir will begin rehearsals for the fall on Wednesday, August 17. If you have considered joining the choir, this would be a great time to start. The main qualification is a willingness to make a joyful noise to the Lord! The choir meets at 6:30 Wednesday evenings and 9:15 Sunday mornings.

### Steve Linn

Steve Linn, our choir accompanist, has resigned that position in order to accept the position of Choir Director at Urbandale United Church of Christ. In a letter, Steve shared these words:

*I have thoroughly enjoyed playing at First Baptist the last five years! I have been blessed with great pastors, an exceptional music director, a passionate choir, superb musical instruments and a most grateful congregation. In all my years as a church musician, I have never had a congregation that has been so appreciative of my talents! You all have a very special place in my heart and I wish you the best.*

*God Bless you all,  
Steven Linn*

### Name Tags for Worship

One of the ideas generated at our planning meeting was to use name tags in worship as a way of helping folks, especially newcomers, learn names and create a more welcoming environment. We will not "force" anyone to wear a name tag but encourage everyone to do so. The plan is to begin using the name tags on September 11, the day church school classes begin. More details about logistics, etc. will be forthcoming. As school begins and we start to have more visitors in worship, please help newcomers feel at home and introduce yourself.

### Bob Pritchard Receives Award

Bob Pritchard, son of Jon Pritchard, received the 2011 Walt Disney Legacy Award, given by Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. The award recognizes outstanding achievement and recipients are selected by their co-workers as top performers who dream, create and inspire each day. Bob is the Entertainment Manager for Epcot at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

### Gabe Whitaker

We celebrate with Gabe Whitaker and his family in his return from Afghanistan! Gabe was welcomed at a Homecoming Ceremony in Davenport on July 27.

### Secret Place

The Fall 2011 editions of the Secret Place, devotions for daily worship, have arrived and can be picked up in the narthex.

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Christian Ed Meeting-6:30pm	2	3  Deacons Meeting-7pm	4	5	6
7  9:45am-Worship with Henrietta Klarenbeek 10:45am-Fellowship	8	9  Men's Breakfast Perkins-8am  Trustees meeting 7pm	10	11	12	13
14  9:45am-Worship/ Communion 10:45am-Fellowship	15	16	17  Choir-6:30	18  Pastoral Relations 12:00pm  Ames Schools 1 <sup>st</sup> day of class	19	20
21  9:45am-Worship 10:45 am-3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lunch-Pizza in the Fellowship Hall  Prayer Shawl Circle 2-4pm	22  ISU 1 <sup>st</sup> day of class	23  Men's Breakfast Perkins-8am	24  ISU Welcomefest 5:30-9pm  Choir-6:30	25	26	27
28  Student Welcome Sunday  9:45 Worship Under the Trees-meal following	29	30	31  Deacons meeting-7pm  Choir-6:30			

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### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa will host a huge garage sale on Saturday, August 13 from 8am-7pm at 401 Clark Avenue, Suite 100 in Ames. Donations are being accepted by appointment only. Items accepted will include doors, windows, sinks, cabinets, and various building supplies and tools. For more information regarding the sale, and to make a donation for the sale, please call the office at 515-232-8815.

### **NAMI Central Iowa**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Central Iowa will hold its annual garage sale fundraiser on Friday, August 5 from 4-7pm, and Saturday, August 6 from 8am-1pm at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Ave., Ames. Please bring items to be donated from 9am-3pm on August 2-4. Adult clothing, computers and dehumidifiers will not be accepted. Tax letters are provided for donations. For more information, call 292-9400.

### **Techniques and Technologies for Tomorrow's Church**

Re: Image 2011, a conference presented by Iowa Religious Media Services, will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 8:30 am – 4 pm at Plymouth UCC in Des Moines. Pastor Dave serves as president of the IRMS Board and he would like to take a group from our church. Keynote speaker Paul Nixon, author of *I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church*, will speak on innovation in mainline churches. Breakout sessions include topics such as Technology in Worship, Church Revitalization, Ministry with Children, The Arts and Spiritual Life, and more. More info is posted on the bulletin board, or you may see Pastor Dave or go to [irms.org](http://irms.org).

### **Making Disciples: The New Normal**

is our 2011 Mid-America regional conference, held at First Baptist in Indianola on October 1 with speakers Jeff Johnson and Dan Buttry (who spoke here at First Baptist last fall). More details next month!