

The Spire

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Pastor's Word

As Thanksgiving approaches, our thoughts turn toward gratitude. Well, gratitude and food and football, but especially gratitude. The theme of gratitude is just right for this time of year that we emphasize stewardship.

Susan and I took a trip to Maine and New Hampshire last month to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The rocky ocean shore was breathtaking. The mountains and colorful leaves and the beaches and lakes and streams were beautiful, and we had a wonderful trip. But you don't have to travel that far to see natural beauty; just now, the maple in our front yard is a beautiful red, and I see colorful leaves looking out my office window. There is a beauty to driving through the countryside and seeing fields after the harvest. I am looking forward to our hayride out in the country this Sunday - it is always a peaceful and scenic ride.

I am thankful to God for the beauty of creation. I am thankful for God's provision and care for us that is seen in the harvest, and also seen in God's gifts of family and friendship and love and hope. I am thankful for God's gifts of peace and joy and wholeness and forgiveness and salvation. I am thankful for this community of faith, for the commitment and perseverance and compassion that is evident in our fellowship. Our stewardship theme this fall is "Many Faces, Many Gifts." I am thankful for each face in our community of faith. I am thankful for each one of you and for the gifts that each person brings to our fellowship.

Gratitude leads us to share the gifts that God has given us. We give because we have been blessed. I am thankful for the many faces and many gifts around us, and as an expression of gratitude I am happy to support God's work through First Baptist Church. I hope you will join me in making a pledge of support to our church on Stewardship Sunday, November 13.

With gratitude,

Dave

Worship Leaders For October

November 6

Worship Leader:

Emily Slade

Ushers:

Bob Parrish*

Wallace Sanders

Marian/Jan Thompson

Ngairé West-Johnson

November 13

Worship Leader:

Jan Thompson

Ushers:

Howard Johnson*

Pat Johnson

Becca Whitaker

Andrew Perrine

November 20

Worship Leader:

Wayne Shireman

Ushers:

Bob McCarley*

Dianne Borgen

Tom Logue

Jerilyn Logue

November 27

Worship Leader:

Joyce Davidson

Ushers:

Martha Gleason*

Beth Douglass/

Rosemarie Starrett

Scott Anderson

Jere Maddux

Flowers for November:

Judy Demarest



Abbey Johnson	6
Lucy Johnson	6
Helen Sassaman	8
Kristin Obbink	9
Harris Seidel	12
Chrystal Weldon	12
Marilyn Peterson	13
Aiden Amaya	15
Earl Hammond	21
Lucas Weldon	22
James McShay	24
Brian Starrett	24
Donna Cleasby	25
Evy Amaya	26
Buckley Peterson	27
Ngairé West-Johnson	28
Joe and Catherine Parrish	20
James and Yanira McShay	26

Fellowship Time Sign Up

We have resumed monthly fellowship (every second Sunday of the month). There are still a few opportunities to sign up to provide light refreshments following the service. Please look for the sign up sheet on the door to the kitchen, and contact Barbara Woods with questions.

Hanging of the Greens

We will celebrate the start of Advent with the annual Hanging of the Greens following worship on November 27, with lunch to follow. If you plan to attend please indicate on the friendship pads, Event #1.

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be November 13. A stewardship letter, copies of the proposed budget and pledge cards have been mailed. If you haven't received yours, copies are available in the Narthex!

Student Suppers

Thank you to Dianne and Fred Borgen, Catherine and Joe Parrish, and Jeanine Cole and Roberta Ridley for providing meals during the month of October. Thanks also to Lorene Hoover for her donation of a roast to the potluck! The students really enjoy all the great food shared!



New Music Associate

Cindy Lin has joined the staff of First Baptist as Music Associate. Cindy comes with excellent credentials and experience, and we look forward to her ministry with us.

Cindy and her husband moved to Ames from New Jersey over the summer. She has piano performance degrees from Cal-Irvine and the Boston Conservatory and is currently working on her dissertation for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Maryland. She is accompanying various groups in the music department at Iowa State. Cindy has experience as a private piano teacher and a church accompanist. As Music Associate, her primary duty will be as choir accompanist; she will also join with Mindy in piano-flute and piano-organ pieces and make other musical contributions in worship. Cindy will begin her work with us at our choir rehearsal on November 2. We welcome Cindy to our First Baptist Family!

Baby Shower

On November 12th at 10:30 Bob and Rita Parrish and Charity Nebbe will host a baby shower/brunch for Alissa (Parrish) and Joe Murphy. All are invited to come join in the fun! They are registered at Target and Babies 'R' Us.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
		1 8am-Men's Breakfast- Perkins	2 6:30-Choir 7:35-Deacons	3	4	5 						
6 Daylight Savings 9:45am-Worship/ Communion 11am-Church School 6pm-Student Supper	7	8 7pm-Trustees meeting	9 6:30-Choir	10 AARLA- 10am 6:30pm- Christian Ed.	11	12 10:30 am-Baby Shower for Alissa and Joe Murphy						
13 9:45am-Worship 10:45-Fellowship 11:15am-Church School Stewardship Sunday 6pm-Student Supper	14	15 8am-Men's Breakfast Perkins	16 6:30-Choir	17 12pm-Pastoral Relations Committee 5:30-7:30pm ACCESS Financial Lit. Class	18	19						
20 9:45 Worship 11am-Church School 12pm-3 rd Sunday Lunch-Panera 2-4pm-Prayer Shawl Circle	21 9am-3pm POETS-Iowa Workforce Development Class-Lounge	22	23	24  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;">Church Office Closed</div> Thanksgiving Day	25	26						
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CROP Walk Report



Thank you to our First Baptist walkers who took part in the CROP Walk on October 9: Beth Douglass, Jere Maddux, Ngairé West-Johnson, Kevin Elias, Jill Leininger, Harris Seidel, and Dave Russell. Our church raised a total of \$850, which will go to fight hunger in our community and our world. 25% is distributed to local hunger organizations and the rest is distributed in places of need throughout our country and around the world through Church World Service.

Nicaragua Mission Trip

Our church will go on a mission trip to Nicaragua March 10-17, 2012 (ISU and Ames High spring break). We are particularly encouraging college students to be a part of the trip, but 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.

For those interested in going on the trip, or learning more, there will be a brief meeting following worship (during the Fellowship Time) on Sunday, October 9. If you are interested in the trip but cannot make the meeting, please see Pastor Dave or Barbara Woods.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this project. Fundraisers will be coming soon; in the meantime, you may contribute to the project through the weekly offering by designating your gift "Nicaragua Trip 2012."



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

American Baptist International Ministries (IM) is a Christian mission that works with more than 200 partner organizations globally—primarily churches, hospitals, schools/seminaries and other mission agencies. These efforts are accomplished by longterm missionaries and thousands of volunteers to help people come to Christ, grow in Christ and change their worlds with Christ. Support for IM's missionaries and the work of partner organizations comes from gifts to the World Mission Offering, designated contributions and income from some endowments. World Mission Offering gifts from churches and individuals are accepted by IM at any time. To give online for the support of IM's global mission, go to: www.internationalministries.org/give and choose World Mission Offering.

**Heal the sick who are there and tell them,
"The kingdom of God is near you." LUKE 10:9**

Your gifts to World Mission Offering help women like Gorma... Making ends meet is a daily struggle for mothers like Gorma living in poverty in the state of Nagaland in North East India. In this dusty place by the tracks, women sell their bodies to buy rice for the day or to pay tuition for a week. Often prostitution is forced on them by their husbands to feed their drug or alcohol addiction. Today, many women who were once without options are finding a new way to live, thanks to the ministry of the Miqlat Center. The Center is an important ministry of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC) Women's Department, which is supported by your gifts to the World Mission Offering. Gorma, a former drug trafficker and prostitute, learned of God's love at the Miqlat Center. Today, she is a strong worker for the Lord. She is leading her sisters out of misery through the life-changing vocational opportunities and spiritual support offered by the Miqlat Center. "I didn't know of any other way, until I met the Lord." International Ministries relies on vital Christian partnerships like this one to embrace a world in need. Thank you for your gifts to the World Mission Offering.

www.internationalministries.org
www.miqlatnagaland.org



Welcome, New Members!

Five new members have joined First Baptist in recent weeks, and we are delighted to introduce them!

Lyndsay (Boock) Whitaker has attended our church for a couple of years and was received into membership just before being married to Gabe on October 8 here at First Baptist. She is a graduate of UNI and is employed in Des Moines at Wells Fargo, where she works in real estate tax. Lyndsay is a native of Clinton, Iowa and joins us by transfer of her membership from her home church. Lyndsay and Gabe are in a “mixed marriage,” as she roots for the Cubs and Gabe is a Cardinal fan. She is a sports fan and enjoys playing softball and spending time with friends and family. She also loves their dog Gus. Gabe and Lyndsay live in Ankeny; Gabe works at Camp Dodge and returned in August from a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Dick and Jeanette Gee come to us by transfer of membership from First Baptist in Grand Island, Nebraska, where they were members for 43 years. Dick and Jeanette met in the Chicago area, where she was attending nursing school and he was stationed in the army. They moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where Dick attended college and law school and then to Grand Island. Dick is a retired attorney and is very interested in astronomy. Jeanette worked as a nurse and as a legal secretary; she is an avid reader and especially enjoys science fiction. The Gees moved to the area this summer to be with their daughter, who lives between Ames and Nevada. They have jumped right in and got involved at First Baptist. They both participate in the Adult Bible Study class and Dick is a choir member. The Gees have two sons and one daughter and are proud grandparents of one grandson and four granddaughters.

Gary and Nancy Maydew began attending First Baptist this past spring and were received into membership October 23. They are longtime Ames residents, having moved here in 1977 from Urbana, Illinois where Gary did his doctoral work at the University of Illinois. They are both natives of Kansas, and Nancy is a graduate of Iowa State. Gary was an accounting professor at ISU and took an early retirement to devote more time to writing. Nancy is also retired from ISU, where she worked in personnel in the Residence Department. They have two grown sons, one in Chicago and one in North Carolina, and enjoy traveling to see their 6 grandchildren. Besides travel, Gary enjoys jogging and reading and writes op-ed pieces for the newspaper. Nancy also enjoys reading and is in a book club. The Maydews come to us by transfer of church membership.



iLead...

First Baptist hosted the first retreat for iLead, a youth leadership training program of our Mid-American Baptist Churches. iLead includes youth from across the region and will have three weekend retreats and electronic communication in between the retreats. Thank you to host families that housed the visiting youth: Mike and Emily Slade, Earl and Johnnie Hammond, Jill and Michael Leininger, Jack and Donna Cleasby, and Marilyn and Buckley Peterson.

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

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Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.

Presents

2011

Annual Combined Choir Concert

3 pm Sunday, November 6
Collegiate Presbyterian Church
159 N. Sheldon Ave., Ames

Featuring performances by more than 15 choirs

And musical ensembles.

Mass choir conducted by

Steve Hoifeldt, St Andrew Lutheran Church

Director of Music Ministries.

A free will donation will be collected.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m.