

Church News

March 2025

First Baptist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings -

Pastor Steve

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY



Ladies Prayer Group
Wednesdays at 10:00am

Men's Group

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm

We are studying the series "The Gospel According to Andy"

All men are invited to join us!

Questions?? - contact Stan Motter at 815-545-7441

Ladies Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

We are studying through the **Book of 1 Corinthians**.

As we have studied all Paul's writing, we look forward to him outlining a foundation to encourage believers to pursue godly behavior in the world we live in.

Would love to have you join us as we apply the Bible to our lives!

Kim Enlow at 815-931-2533

Ladies Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

We are studying a series called "Unoffendable",
by Brant Hansen.

We hope you will join us!

Colette Kirby at 815-942-9527

Single Moms Support Group

Meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday Evenings at 6:00 pm

If you are a single mom or know of one who would enjoy meeting with others, please invite them to come with you!

Please contact Kristi Larson at 815-942-0812

"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

Romans 10:17

Boards to Meet on Tuesday, March 11

5:30pm - Board of Christian Ed.

5:30pm - Board of Deacons

5:30pm - Board of Trustees

Congregational Prayer
Sunday, March 2
6:00 pm



Come gather together for prayer and praise!

We will be meeting in the old Adult Sunday School Room

UNIFIED GIVING

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Monthly Amt. Needed</u> | <u>Monthly Amt Received</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Received thru February | \$25,720.00 | \$ |

Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!!!

Our Deepest Sympathy and Love to the family of Luther and Brenda Shouse. Luther passed away on Jan. 23 and Brenda passed away on February 9. Please keep Rick and Heather and their family in your prayers for comfort and peace as they also rejoice in God's grace. Praise God for His love and faithfulness.



Awana Club

"Because Kids Matter to God"

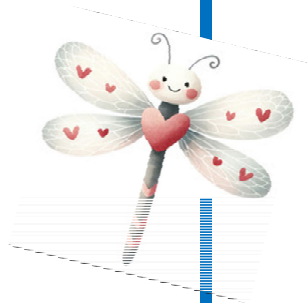
**First Baptist Church
Ages 4 yrs.thru 7th grade**

Awana Club is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month at **4:00 - 5:15pm**
You may register by calling the
church office @ 815-942-0812

March 2 - Awana meets at church

March 16 - Awana meets at church
(bring a friend)

Questions -
call Cheryl Johnson or Kristi Larson
We are looking forward to seeing you!



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

First Baptist Church has a wonderful team of prayer warriors
who are willing to lift your requests to our heavenly Father.

Colette Kirby leads this ministry,
and you can email your prayer needs to her at -

colette.kirby@comcast.net
or text 815-954-9527



"For when I am weak, then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:10

"The joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

March Birthdays

2 Sondra Rankin
6 Paul Livingston 11 Laurie Wilkinson
12 Jim Paulson
13 Lynn Cox, Brian Gagliardo, Joe Hemmersbach
15 Jan Kresse, Bucky Phillips
20 Sarah Vershay
21 Peggy Laing
24 Jane Battersby
25 Matt Spangler
26 Gretchen Goebel
28 Chris Zierman
30 Kayla Hamilton, James Sellers
31 Doris Lanning, John O'Brien, Bob Edmundson



March Anniversaries

2 Bob and Mary Hill
7 Tracey and Alicia Steffes
12 Marty and Shirley Myre
15 Jeff and Claudette Swiggett
17 Keith and Jennifer Smith
19 John and Carla O'Brien



Crossword Puzzle





PLEASE JOIN US.....

Sunday Morning Worship Service - 8:00am

We offer a staffed Nursery

Sunday Morning Worship Service - 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Kid's Church (Pre-K and up)

during this Worship Service

We offer a staffed Nursery



Kid's Church

Every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am Worship Service

Meets in our Library ... Sue Cheng (ages 4 yrs to 1st grade), Kristi Larson (ages 2nd to 5th grade) and Lisa Vaksdal (sub). This class offers a Bible lesson, craft and snack for the kids during the worship service. It gives the parents a chance to listen to the message and also the kids to receive a message as well. If your kids are too young for this class, we have a staffed Nursery that you may take them to at the same time. Kids are brought back to their parents before the main worship service is concluded. Come check us out!

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15 am

Meets in the Sanctuary..... Claudette Swiggett

Looking forward to seeing you!



"Look to the LORD and His strength, seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 - 10:15 am

Pre-K thru 1st Grade ... Lisa Vaksdal

2nd thru 5th Grade ... Jen Goebel

Jr. High ... Mary Motter

High School ... Cathy Planeta



"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:17



GOOD NEWS CLUB

Ages 5 – 12 years old

Every Thursday at Saratoga School

January 23, 2025 – April 17, 2025

2:45 – 4:00 pm

The Good News Club team is looking for helpers. We will be meeting at Saratoga School every Thursday from 2:45 – 4:00 pm, January 23, 2025 – April 17, 2025.

We have a....

- Bible Story
- Verse memory game
- Singing
- Missionary story

at each meeting and pray many children come to know Jesus.

If you have any questions, you may contact Kristi Larson at 815-370-2395.

Jesus welcomed the children who flocked around Him:

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14).

Their openness, their enthusiasm, their trust – all these delighted Jesus.

A young child may not understand everything about God – but he or she can understand something. A young child understands love, and also understands what it means to obey someone. Don't ignore the children God brings across your path, but by your words and by your example tell them about Jesus.

“He called a little child and had him stand among them... and He said... “whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 18:2-4



When grace happens, we receive not a nice compliment from God but a new heart. Give your heart to Christ, and He returns the favor.

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you."
Ezekiel 36:26*



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