



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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In January, a major change happened in my life. While traveling to my home back in Savoy, I wrecked my car, landed in a ditch and somehow got back up on the interstate heading for home. Unbeknown to me at the time, I was experiencing a stroke, which was affecting my eyesight. Later that evening I found myself in the Hospital Emergency Room, undergoing all kinds of tests, being hooked up to numerous monitors.

In a matter of hours, my life had experienced quite a change. What I thought I would be doing, I could not. What I had planned to do had to be changed. What I used to do for myself, I needed the help of others.

Change! Sudden change! This was not expected and I certainly had not planned for it. But here I was, facing something new and different and uncertain.

But I am not the only one here in our community who has faced uncertain change. Some have faced sudden necessary surgery or physical issues that slow us down. Others have lost loved ones, or faced uncertain job markets. These changes and challenges leave us with questions and often confused spirits.

So what can help? We need someone who cares, someone who will see us as one who could use a kind word or gentle deed.

Oh yes, we know the love of Jesus, but do we know of the love of the followers of Jesus? On Maundy Thursday, we will be reminded of the “mandate” of Jesus (Maundy means mandate). It is simple “Love one another.” Always! At all times! It is not optional, it is a mandate from the Lord.

So what shall we do? Let us continue to see the needs, the hurts and the pains all around us and doing something about it. We will take the extra time to say a word of comfort, do a deed of kindness, help lift up someone who is struggling.

Your one kind word, your one caring deed, your one encouraging smile can be that special experience of God’s love.

In the early Christian church, outsiders proclaimed, “Behold, how those Christians love everyone.” Can that be said of us? Hurting people need caring Christians.

P.S. Thanks to your love, caring and prayers, I am recovering well and have recovered most of my eyesight.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Ministry Meeting of 2024

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the date for our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Ministry Meeting immediately following the worship service. All Minutes and Board Reports are due Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> by noon. Thank you.

### Baby Dedication

We will be having a baby dedication on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to participate in the dedication, please contact the church office (217) 942-6633 about your interest in havin a baby or small child dedicated during the 10 a.m. worship service. Please give the full name of the child and your contact information.

### Annual Senior Tea

The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Tea has been scheduled for Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., the Friday before Mother's Day. A planning meeting will be scheduled and posted as soon as it is set. If you would like to help with the Senior Tea, please contact the church office.

### Lunch on Us Program

Our church will be hosting the "Lunch on Us" Program again this summer. The starting date is yet to be determined so we will notify everyone once it has been set. If you would like to help with this program or make a donation, please see Janice Roberts or contact the church office at 217-942-6633.

### Graduation Sunday

Graduation Recognition Sunday will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> during the church service. If you know of any College, High School or Eighth Grade Graduates please contact the church office by Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with their names, school info and any college degrees they have received.

### Salad Luncheon

The Salad Luncheon will be Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A planning meeting will be scheduled in the future that will be held in the Fellowship Hall to discuss what is needed and assign tasks to those who volunteer to help with this event. More information will be posted after this meeting in the church bulletin, on the church bulletin boards, flyers around town and on our church Facebook page.

### Restore Network Puzzlepalooza

On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a fund raiser for the Restore Network. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5 – 8 p.m. Nancy Wollenweber will have more information about this if you have any questions.

### 2024 Operation Shoebox Gifts

In order to improve our Operation Christmas Shoebox donations, we are trying a new collection method. Each month our church will be collecting different types on items to be put into boxes to donate. There is a gray basket in the Sanctuary foyer to place the gifts. They will be picked up and stored till they are ready to be placed in the boxes. The approximate due date for the

boxes will be around November 13<sup>th</sup>. See Nancy Wollenweber or Edwina Garrison if you have any questions. Monthly collection list is given below:

March	hair brushes, combs & toothbrushes
April	water bottles, glue sticks & safety scissors for small children
May	washcloths, crayons & small writing tablets
June	socks for children of all ages & bounce balls
July	colored pencils, pencil sharpeners & erasers
August	small coloring books that will fit in boxes & stickers
September	Barbie dolls, "WOW" toys & Matchbox cars/trucks
October	Yo-Yos, Slinky, jump rope, small loose leaf paper pkgs.
November	Playdoh, dominos, Uno cards

### APRIL

9<sup>th</sup> – C.E.O. Luncheon

10<sup>th</sup> – Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot

21<sup>st</sup> – Baby Dedication during Morning Worship;

Quarterly Ministry Meeting

Immediately following Worship

### MAY

10<sup>th</sup> – 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Tea

12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day

19<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Recognition

27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day

### JUNE

5<sup>th</sup> – Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot

16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day

20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Salad Luncheon



## Opportunities

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes (All Ages)
Sunday	6:30 p.m. (Alternate Weeks)	Young Adult Bible Study Leader: Mark Gillingham (Ages 25 – 45 approximately)
Sunday Starts March 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. (Alternate Weeks)	Pastor's Lessons & Bible Study Leader: Pastor Adrian Lamkin (All Ages)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study Leader: Brenda Reif-Ranger (All Ages)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Chosen Generation Bible Study Leader: Zach Flowers High School & College Students



## Friends

Sorry so much time has passed & I have not thanked you. I thank all of you that have shown your sympathy for my son, brother & Bill. It has been a hard 3 years. Without Bill I am completely lost. A special THANKS to Cheri & Bob Schnettgoecke for their constant uplifting. Seems like you knew when I needed someone most. Thank you from my heart what you are still doing. Love you both & your family & little ones. You are very dear to my heart & to Bill when he was ill & you guys were there for us. Lisa Ivers Newton, our care giver for 5 years. I love you like my other grand-daughter. You went over and beyond your duties. Love you very much. Rhonda who knows I love cards & sent them to me just when I needed an uplift. It was great! Melissa kept me (&Bill) involved in Church news, etc. Made us feel we were still part of the church. Thank you! The Pastor seemed to know I was "out of it" at Bill's funeral & carried on. I couldn't speak about Bill – I was a mess. He was a true Christian, great husband (72 years) & father. I can't say enough about him – Plus he served our country twice. WW II in Japan & secret missions in Korea he can't talk about & didn't – Never!! I have moved to Quincy to be closer to my daughter. She found me a great place just for elderly people. I have a 3 room apartment and am waited on like a queen. Have met lovely people – My mail goes to my daughter until I get a mailbox. Melissa has the address, etc. Rick Hires, I sure don't want to forget you – I did get the Christmas bag!! A 4 hour drive & you were only a block away. With love until we meet again.

Charlotte White

Thanks so much for the Christmas bags you gave us. We are enjoying the goodies, etc. Tom brought me a box of Russell Stover candy the night he gave me my engagement ring on Valentine's Day 1957. We were sorry to hear of interim pastor's stroke and accident. He visited Henrietta at Boyd. She knew his wife's grandfather as he held a revival at Providence years ago – Rev. Ollie Phillips. Thanks to Rick Hires for bringing the bags and his visit! Excuse my writing due to my stroke.

Tom & Henrietta

Thank you so much for thinking of me with the wonderful bag of Christmas gifts. I enjoy it very much and if I ever get able to maybe I can get to church this spring.

Pat Shafer

Thank you very much for your kind words of support during this difficult time. They are greatly appreciated.

The Kathleen Uhles family

Thank you so much for the generous donation to St. Louis Children's Hospital in Mom's honor. That was very kind and much appreciated by the entire family. To the Ladies of the Baptist Church, thank you all for the preparation and serving the beautiful dinner after Mom's funeral. Everything was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you and God Bless

Carolyn Kelly & The Mary Munzebrock family

Thanks for all you have done. Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Ken & Sharon Butler



# April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Haley Garber Jacob Lovel Ron Stuart Jr. Randy & Deborah Davis	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  Jim Weber Diana Flatt	6 p.m. Stained Glass Class	6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study	Crew Nelson
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship & Communion in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study  Janet Hardwick	Fellowship Hall Reserved for CEO Luncheon Setup  Mackenzie LaMarsh Aden Short Amelia Uhles J.R. & Gena Flowers	Fellowship Hall Reserved for CEO Luncheon	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2:30-5:30 p.m. Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lot 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary Samantha Tucker Aaron & Michelle Hopper Larry & Christine Meek	Debra Cunningham	Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study  Michelle Hopper Michael Goode	Donna Reif Chrissy Osterman
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Lessons Bible Study	7 p.m. Ministry Meetings	Jeff Allen Mark Beatty Barb Becker	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  Gina Graham	6 p.m. Stained Glass Class  Marty & Chrissy Osterman	6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study  Paige Baalman	Aaron Adams
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook Immediately after worship 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Ministry Meeting 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting  Rich Portwood Steve Dunn Jessica Ogden	Rick Hires Melanie Fessler	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time in Sanctuary  Dan & Debra Cunningham		6:30 p.m. Chosen Generation Bible Study	Vic Camden Elden Martin Brandon Tuey
28	29	30				
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook 11 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Lessons Bible Study  FBC (Est. 1827) 197th	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting  Molly Essen	Tyler DeOrnellas				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Women's Bible Study <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Choir & Praise Team Practice <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Suzanne Scott</b>	2 <u>6 p.m.</u> Stained Glass Class <b>Evan Hopper</b> <b>Tom &amp; Henrietta Shafer</b>	3 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Chosen Generation Bible Study <b>Seth Cordes</b> <b>Randy Davis</b>	4
5 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Fellowship Time <u>10 a.m.</u> Worship & Communion in Sanctuary & on Facebook <u>11 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>2 – 4 p.m.</u> Dist. 1 Foundation Awards Ceremony <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Young Adult Bible Study	6	7 <b>Mike Lovel</b> <b>Larry Meek</b>	8 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Women's Bible Study <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Choir & Praise Team Practice <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Dean DeOrnellas</b> <b>Megan McClenning</b>	9 <b>Janet Bryant</b> <b>Marty Osterman</b> <b>John &amp; Jeannie Gleason</b>	10 <u>1 p.m.</u> 88 <sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Tea <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Chosen Generation Bible Study	11 <b>Brenda Reif-Ranger</b> <b>Ila Mae Baalman</b> <b>Tyler &amp; Paige Baalman</b>
 12 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Fellowship Time <u>10 a.m.</u> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <u>11 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Pastor's Lessons Bible Study <b>Carol Kelly</b> <b>Ryan &amp; Tammy Breckon</b> <b>Brian &amp; Amanda Essen</b>	13 <u>7 p.m.</u> Ministry Meetings <b>Will Beatty</b> <b>Madison Graham</b> <b>Linda Horn</b> <b>Tina McFadden</b>	14 <b>BJ Staples</b>	15 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Women's Bible Study <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Choir & Praise Team Practice <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Jill Bennett</b> <b>London Wollenweber</b> <b>James &amp; Lori Cordes</b>	16 <u>6 p.m.</u> Stained Glass Class <b>Brad McClenning</b>	17 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Chosen Generation Bible Study <b>Lara Griesemer</b> <b>Heather Donaldson</b> <b>Gabriel Hunt</b> <b>Stanley Nichol</b>	18 <b>Mason Holmes</b>
 19 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Fellowship Time <u>10 a.m.</u> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <u>11 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Young Adult Bible Study <b>Gena Flowers</b>	20 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Diaconate Meeting <b>Matt Reynolds</b> <b>King Kiger</b> <b>Amy Lacey</b>	21 <b>John &amp; Jamie Allen</b>	22 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Women's Bible Study <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Choir & Praise Team Practice <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Marilyn Darr</b> <b>Maclin Short</b>	23 <b>Karen Angle</b> <b>Mindy Leavell</b>	24 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Chosen Generation Bible Study <b>Janet Ornellas</b>	25 <b>Gayle Lake</b>
26 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Fellowship Time <u>10 a.m.</u> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <u>11 a.m.</u> Sunday School <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Pastor's Lessons Bible Study <b>Darren Gilbert</b>	 27 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Church Council Meeting <b>Laura Overbey</b>	28 <b>Aidan Giberson</b>	29 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Women's Bible Study <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Choir & Praise Team Practice <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Amber Flowers</b> <b>Chad Flowers</b>	30 <b>Melissa Lentz</b> <b>Ellie Cunningham</b>	31 <b>Nacole Yates</b>	

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# June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <b>Becky Angle</b>
2 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Time <b>10 a.m.</b> Worship & Communion in Sanctuary & on Facebook <b>11 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>TBD</b> Young Adult Bible Study  <b>Jamie Allen</b> <b>Ryan Wheeler</b> <b>Randy &amp; Bonnie Jackson</b>	3 <b>Ashley Curran</b>	4 <b>Jillian Tucker</b> <b>Lisa Robinson</b> <b>Michael &amp; Rachel Fraser</b>	5 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Women's Bible Study <b>2:30-5:30 p.m.</b> Bloodmobile in FBC Parking Lott <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir & Praise Team Practice <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Jeff Wollenweber</b> <b>Jennifer Goode</b> <b>Joe &amp; Hannah Reed</b>	6 <b>6 p.m.</b> Stained Glass Class  <b>Kearsta Ornellas</b> <b>Hannah Reed</b> <b>Kelsie Steckel</b>	7 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Chosen Generation Bible Study  <b>Anita Adams</b> <b>Cindy Harness</b>	8 <b>5-8 p.m.</b> Restore Network Puzzlepalooza  <b>Michelle LaMarsh</b> <b>Curtis &amp; Angela McFadden</b>
9 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Time <b>10 a.m.</b> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <b>11 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Pastor's Lessons Bible Study <b>Cindy Snyder</b> <b>Jeanne Steinacher</b>	10 <b>7 p.m.</b> Ministry Meetings  <b>Tyler Roberts</b> <b>Charlene Merriman</b>	11	12 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir & Praise Team Practice <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Time in Sanctuary <b>Betsy Reed</b>	13  <b>Andrew Ornellas</b> <b>Allison Shaw</b> <b>Katie Steinacher</b> <b>Sarah Tuey</b>	14 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Chosen Generation Bible Study <b>Randelon Breckon</b> <b>Dennis Byland</b> <b>Kim Davis</b> <b>Hadlee Ruyle</b> <b>Don &amp; Brenda Reif-Ranger</b> <b>Allen &amp; Jeanette Handling</b>	15  <b>Brooklyn Eilerman</b> <b>Rachel Fraser</b>
16  <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Time <b>10 a.m.</b> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <b>11 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>TBD</b> Young Adult Bible Study <b>Natalie Umphress</b> <b>Diane Roberts</b>	17 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Diaconate Meeting  <b>Alaina Flowers</b> <b>Gay Pepple</b>	18	19 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir & Praise Team Practice <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Time in Sanctuary  <b>Aaron &amp; Anita Adams</b>	20 <b>11 a.m - 1 p.m.</b>  <b>6 p.m.</b> Stained Glass Class  <b>Mark Darr</b> <b>Ursula Sethaler</b>	21 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Chosen Generation Bible Study	22  <b>Nicole Dawdy</b> <b>Lucas Garber</b> <b>Easton Griswold</b> <b>Rocky &amp; Lois Portwood</b> <b>Al &amp; Margaret Heger</b>
23 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Time <b>10 a.m.</b> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <b>11 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Pastor's Lessons Bible Study <b>Edwina Garrison</b> <b>Graham Dean</b>	24 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting  <b>Reagon Kiger</b> <b>Dustin Meyer</b> <b>Beverly Rawe</b> <b>Ava Short</b>	25  <b>Mila Reed</b> <b>Dannielle Trotter</b> <b>Eric Williams</b>	26 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Choir & Praise Team Practice <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Prayer Time in Sanctuary  <b>Katelun DeOrnellas</b> <b>Sara Tucker</b>	27  <b>Lillian Zimmerman</b> <b>Bob &amp; Cheri Schnettgoecke</b> <b>Alan &amp; Michelle Churchman</b>	28  <b>Scott Rhoads</b> <b>Dennis &amp; Michelle LaMarsh</b> <b>Brian &amp; Kara Short</b>	29
30 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Time <b>10 a.m.</b> Worship in Sanctuary & on Facebook <b>11 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>TBD</b> Young Adult Bible Study <b>Becky Dunsing</b> <b>Hannah Dean</b>						

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