



FELLOWSHIP BUILDER ~ November 2024

“Growing Spiritually as Individuals and as a Church”

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

This coming Sunday First Baptist Church of Beloit will be hosting another pair of guest baptisms. Creekwood Baptist Church, another sister ABC USA church located in Illinois, will be using our newly refurbished baptistry to welcome 2 new souls into covenant in Christ. That makes me happy. What makes me happier is that we are reaching out beyond our walls to establish relationships with other churches, lending assistance and making new friends along the way. This tells me that our church is alive and well because dying churches tend solely to the tasks they must do in order to stay open. We are reaching out to help others. What makes me happiest of all is Darren, the pastor of Creekwood church, has asked me to participate, so I get to perform a baptism too. To put a cherry on top of this church dessert, we'll be having a potluck afterwards. How could a Sunday morning get any better?

Our Bible verses for this Sunday are *Psalm 46 and Matthew 28:19-20*. Too many people are lost these days. They turn this way and that, looking for an escape. Every time they think they're in the clear, they find all of life's problems waiting for them again. Soon, they feel there is no escape. It is frustrating, kind of like an old joke about lifting oneself up by one's own bootstraps, which is obviously impossible. So is trying to save yourself. That's why I like baptisms so much. When we ask to be baptized, it is an admission that we can't do it alone and we need God to save us. I will be extra excited this Sunday morning when I get up because it will be a baptism Sunday. You should be excited about church this Sunday too. Why? Because if I have a baptism to perform the sermon will be short! See you Sunday in person or online at 9:30. If the spirit moves you, bring a change of clothes and get baptized. The water is good for more than one or two baptisms. In fact, it is good enough for the whole world!

Blessings, Pastor Walt

Circle of Caring

Bobby Wilson, Lois Strothman, Mark Singer, Marilyn Poff, Elton Phillips, Jace Newell, Marilyn Massa, Robbin Huffman, Kevin Hayden, Mark Fernetto, Rosa Fazel, & Bart Bingham

(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless the office is notified.)

Here to Serve in Ministry

Walt Hoshaw, Pastor

Alyssa Higginbotham, Office Administrator

Kathy Mentele, Choir Director

Peggy Pleasant, Organist

Worship Service 9:30 am

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All Boards and Committees: the Finance Committee would like your preliminary budgets before the end of October. This will allow them time needed to prepare the preliminary 2025 church budget and present it to the congregation at the Fall Advance dinner.

Potluck: will be on November 3rd following the worship service and baptism.

Family Promise: rotation is November 3rd – 9th.

Church Renewal: will meet Nov. 5th at 10:00 am

Quilt Show: hosted by Beloit Historical Society, Nov. 8th & 9th make sure to come vote for our very own Jan Diderich. 845 Hackett St.

Lunch & Learn: Advanced funeral planning on Nov. 12th at 11:30. Brian Mark Funeral Home.

Family Movie Night: November 16th at 6:00 pm.

ABW: meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month in gathering room beginning at noon. Bring your lunch, dessert is provided. Our next meeting will be November 20th the program will be “*Sing a Song to the Lord*” by Shirley Swanson.

Fall Advance Dinner: will be held on November 24th. Meal will be potluck style.

Support Camp Tamarack: we are selling bags of peanuts in the Gathering Room for \$1 each. See Carol Egleston for more details.

Special Thank You: to the Decorating Committee for all of your hard work and dedication to the church.

Caritas Needs: 4, 5, & 6 diapers & baby wipes.

Operation Christmas Child: you can make a difference in a child’s life by packing a shoebox! Please pick one up in the Gathering Room and return by November 10th. Remember to include \$10 cash or check written out to FBC for shipping.

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World Mission Offering: collected \$999 this year. Thanks to all that were able to give. American Baptists have 98 Global Servants (missionaries) serving in 48 countries. When additional support is needed quickly, or an emergency arises while they are there, this offering supports their outreach.

Donuts: Do you enjoy donuts at Coffee Hour? Please consider sponsoring a Sunday for \$40.

Bible Study: join us on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

Choir Practice: join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Worship Leaders: We need more volunteers to be Worship leaders. These are people who lead others in worshiping God and aim to glorify God. Please let Diaconate know if you are interested in learning more.

New Ways to Give: please read the Baird flyers in the Narthex. Questions, see Ed Hansen.

Facebook: please remember to like and share First Baptist posts to friends and family!

Prayer Requests: please fill out the gold card in the narthex and put them in the offering plate or give them directly to Pastor Walt.

Board & Committee Chairs: Please to turn in a copy of your minutes to the church office.

2024 Worship Bulletin Recognition: Please sponsor a Sunday bulletin in memory or honor of a loved one or a special occasion. Fill out the white form in the narthex & drop it to off in the office. Include a check for \$20. You will be notified if the date is not available.

Youth Group Fundraiser: Don’t forget to buy your eggs. All proceeds go to our youth!

Midweek Message: If you would like to receive the Midweek Message, please contact the church office or visit our website www.firstbaptistbeloit.com

Feeling Ill: you have the option to watch our Sunday service from home at www.facebook.com/firstbaptistbeloit

November Birthday's & Anniversaries

2 Ed Hansen, Jr.	11 Nina Allen	20 George Mentele
Hannah Strickler	Becca Schaefer	23 Samantha Sanders
5 <i>Kevin & Kristi Hayden's Anniversary</i>	15 Marshall Bown	24 Paula Maxted
7 Linda Jolly	16 Mary Deem – Maxted	25 Kristi Hayden
8 Rick Montoya	Robin Huffman	27 Grayson Arn
Sharon Kopp	19 Kent Maxted	28 William Reetz, Jr.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TOPS 8-10 am	2
3 <i>Communion Sunday</i> Trustee Meeting 8:15am	4 Diaconate Meeting 10:00am	5 Church Renewal 10:00 am	6	7 Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	8 TOPS 8-10 am	9
10	11 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	15 TOPS 8-10 am	16 Movie Night 6:00 pm
17 C.E. Board Meeting 10:45 am	18	19 PEO 11 – 2:00 pm Mission Board 6:30pm	20 ABW Meeting Noon	21 Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	22 TOPS 8-10 am	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28 No Bible Study or Choir <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30