



FELLOWSHIP BUILDER ~ APRIL 2025

“Growing Spiritually as Individuals and as a Church”

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

I'm taking this week off to nurse my wife through her foot surgery. Marshall will be leading worship. I have to admit I'm sorry to be missing this week because it is a hymn sing Sunday and I enjoy hymn sing Sundays. It's always interesting to me listening to the hymns people ask for and the stories behind their choices. Another good reason for me to slip away from home for a little while is this Sunday is our Spaghetti Splash event after church from 11:30-2:00.

Marshall will be offering his thoughts on *Psalm 32 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*. Based on his teaching during Sunday School Classes, I hope I will be able to hear at least part of his preaching because it will be good (if I can slip away from my patient for that long.) I hope you'll come to church to help fill in the extra empty seat made by my "vacation" which will be composed of nursing and painting closets, which I promised Linda to have completed about a year ago. There are also a few other home improvement projects I've been meaning to get after for some time, so I'm sure I will be busy. See you Sunday in person or online.

Blessings, Pastor Walt

Circle of Caring

Bobby Wilson, Shirley Swanson, Lois Strothman, Del Schuyler, Evie Romas, Marilyn Massa, Kevin Hayden, Virgil Elson, Janice Crowley, Rosella Blakley, & Bob Ames

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



2025 Community Lenten Worship Services

The Beloit Area Ministers Association and the Beloit Coalition of Churches enthusiastically announce the return of our Lenten Community worship services. For the Wednesdays of Lent, and on Good Friday, we invite you to join with us in worship. Together, across faith traditions, we unite as we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Together, across Beloit, we will sing & pray and build bridges in the shadow of the cross. Everyone is welcome. We hope you will come! Offerings taken at each service will benefit Caritas Food Pantry & Family Promise Homeless Ministry, & the new Next Steps Family Resilience Center.

Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Sun Valley Presbyterian Church ~ 1650 Sun Valley Drive ~ Preacher: Rev. Dr. Normalee Gallimore

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church ~ 1151 E. Grand Ave ~ Preacher: Fr T.J. Humphrey

Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Wesley CME Church ~ 1760 Shore Dr ~ Preacher: Rev. Carol Wickersham

Good Friday, April 18, 12:00 NOON

First Baptist Church ~ 617 Public Ave ~ Preacher: Rev. Tracey Kenney

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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Spaghetti Splash: Sunday March 30th from 11:30-2. Tickets are \$10 each ~ 5 and under are free. We need more volunteers to pull off this fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Room.

ABW: meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Gathering Room beginning at noon. Bring your lunch. Our next meeting is April 16th the program will be “*Alone but not Lonely*” by Jana Maxted.

Lenten Services: a complete list of dates and location is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are hosting Good Friday on April 18th at noon. Rev. Tracey Kinney ~ Bethel AME Church will be preaching.

Egg Hunt & Movie Night: April 19th we will start the Egg Hunt at 5:30 pm followed by “Hop” at 6:00 pm. We need donations to fill plastic eggs. Candy or little toys can be donated to anyone on the Christian Ed Board. Free popcorn & drinks!

Financial Audit: Jane Redbone and Ed Hansen met at church and reviewed the all of the financial documents. They found no discrepancies and the records well maintained.

Special Music Calendar: is posted in the narthex. If you would like to participate, please sign up. We would enjoy hearing your musical talents!

Make your Bible study time more fun: with a coloring and journaling Bible. Each page has space for notes, illustrations, and reflections. Cost is \$20. See Pastor Walt for details.

America for Christ Offering: *Grace Upon Grace* is used to develop church leaders, create new ministers, promote discipleship, aid impoverished children, and many other uses in our A. B. Family. Please consider a generous gift. \$1,000 is our goal

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

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.

Handbell Practice: Sunday 11am in the sanctuary.

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.

2025 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

April Birthday's & Anniversaries

1 Hannah Ellis	8 Mary Wilson	21 Shari Druetzler
Virgil Elson	8 Riley Jensen	22 Joann Saunders
3 Nick Wright	12 Rykin Montoya	Leland Wilson
4 Mary Arneson	14 Ron Mixon, Jr.	25 Dixie Dunn
Craig West	15 William Jolly	27 Debbie Grey

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lenten Service Emmanuel Baptist 7pm	3	4 TOPS 8-10 am	5
6 <i>Communion Sunday</i> Trustee Meeting 8:15am Handbells 11:00 am	7 Diaconate Meeting 10:00 am	8 Renewal Meeting 10:00 am Foundation 6:30 pm	9 Church Staff Relations 10:00 am Lenten Service Wesley CME 7pm	10 Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	11 TOPS 8-10 am	12
13 Palm Sunday CE Board Meeting 8:00 am	14 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	15 PEO Meeting Mission Board 6:30 pm	16 ABW Noon	17 Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	18 Good Friday Service Noon TOPS 8-10 am	19 Egg Hunt 5:30 pm Movie Night 6:00 pm "Hop"
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24 Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	25 TOPS 8-10 am	26
27	28	29	30			