

FBC NEWSLETTER



First Baptist Church – a church you can call, “Home”



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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH is October, and we have the privilege of blessing our pastor by collecting cards. These cards will be given to him on Sunday, October 30th.

HARVEST FESTIVAL is October 30th – mark your calendars! Rev. Smith will be sharing from the Word of God, and special music provided!

We will be raising funds during October for **Hope for Life Pregnancy Center** (Charles City) by filling baby bottles! Put your full baby bottle in the church office for safe keeping on or before October 30th.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are now available for you to take home, fill, and bring back to the church office by November 16th!



GET IN THE GAME AND GET IN THE BOOK...

by Cristina Smith

Football fields at high schools across the nation light up to welcome Fields of Faith. This annual event is typically held either the first or second Wednesday of October. Waukon's FOF will be held Wednesday, October 5 @ 6:30pm at the Waukon High School football field or in the Waukon High School gym in the event of bad weather.

This is a student-led event in which students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ in a rally point where a community can come together.

The local event is now in its 11th year and organized by Kim & Amy Welch. The very first FOF Waukon speakers were Heath and Danielle Draeger, former attendees of First Baptist Church! The Welches are training other adult leaders to organize the local event, with the goal of

eventually rotating hosts in Cresco, Lansing, North Fayette Valley, Waukon, etc. The student leadership team has been active for several months now, meeting bi-monthly at Jim & Stacie Cooper's "shed" in Waukon. This year there are four student speakers from Waukon, Lansing, NFV, and Cresco; and Jakob Regan and Isaac Cooper are the emcees.



Fields of Faith is a ministry outreach of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and began as a spiritual movement for God. Founded in 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes at all levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. In an effort to continue spiritual growth following decisions made at FOF, FCA meets once per month at 7:30am at the Waukon Wellness Center's Senior Citizen room.

Christianity needs a change in momentum – students who will stand together against the pressures and temptations in our world and be a generation that is committed to reading the Bible and applying it to their lives.

Featured speaker is Danielle Freitag, a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) from MN and an overcomer of severe addiction and the commercial sex industry.



Fields of Faith, cont.

Offering Christ-centered & expert training on providing best care practices and combating exploitation, Danielle has been requested to advise counselors and advocates, safe homes, medical, government and non-government professionals. She has served as a consultant to the Department of Health to expand Safe Harbor services in MN for women 18+. She is known for her passionate love of God and desire to carry the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ. FOF Waukon is proud to host Danielle for this year's event! Everyone is invited!

(There will be no youth programs at First Baptist this evening)



FIELDS OF FAITH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A cherished tradition of First Baptist is our annual Harvest Festival in which we give thanks to God for the blessings bestowed upon us for the past year. This time of year, and change of season, signifies farmers getting into their fields and collecting their crops. It is a wonderful reminder that all we have is from God, and we joyfully offer it back to Him, with gratitude in our hearts.

In the Bible, the Israelites celebrated the Festival of Harvest as well, "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. *"Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field."* Exodus 23: 16. This wonderful example of celebrating the harvest is a tradition we also observe at FBC.

Harvest Festival will be held Sunday, October 30 at 10:00am, with a fellowship meal immediately following the service. Everyone is invited! Please bring two dishes to pass for the meal (JoAnn Gelo & Michele Wood's kitchen committee is serving).

The offering designation will be voted upon in a business meeting on October 2nd (and therefore not known at the time of this printing). The designation will be posted in future bulletins for your convenience.



BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

October Anniversaries

m = missionary

4 Lynn Monroe
8 Lin Barthel
9 Jeff Goettel
9 Logan Van Ruler
10 Jean Peterson (m)
13 Lawrence Lotza
14 Claire Beyer
17 Jean Buntrock
20 Arthur Clocksin
26 Ruth White
26 Tanja White (m)
30 Chris Kerndt

17 Michael & Diane Roth
19 Brent & Denise Beyer
22 Harold & Linda Miller



November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

m = missionary



3 Kristie Roeder
5 Michael Smith
11 Susan Clocksin
11 Ben Colsch
21 Wade Tilleraas
27 Greg & Pam Kerndt
25 Roxie Geeting (m)
22 Michael Roth, II
26 James Riehle

4 Arthur & Susan Clocksin
18 Scott & Jill Manning
25 Obert & Jane Johnson
25 Ken & Susan Woodward

*Happy
anniversary*