

Financial Report (as of 3/31/25)

March Contributions \$21,631.45

March Expenses \$19,087.15

Checking/Savings \$63,466.61

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday, May 4 - Sophia Lange

Sunday, May 11 - Max Lange

Sunday, May 18 - Youth

Sunday, May 25 - Sandee Harmon

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Sun., May 4 - Christian Education Team

Sun., May 18 - Christian Education Team

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

Sun., May 4 - Adult Choir

Sun., May 11 - Children's Choir

Sun., May 18 - Youth

Sun., May 25 - Band of Light

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Roxane Runge	19 - Rye Lange
5 - Larry Moser	20 - Bob Jenkins
7 - Shirley Baldwin	22 - Dianne Van Gorder
8 - Samantha Satterlee	26 - Karen Hoppes
13 - Quinn Anderson	26 - Clare Palmer
16 - Carly Turner	31 - Jayda Haywood

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

19 - Liz & David O'Malley

21 - Kim & John Chandler

31 - Anne & Rye Lange

COMING IN JUNE

Women's Event

Saturday, June 28, 2025, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Des Moines, IA

Mark your calendars now for a fun day of fellowship with women from Iowa & Minnesota and hear from Global Servants, Kyle & Debby Witmer. Stay tuned for registration information.

American Baptist

Women's
MINISTRIES



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(American Baptist Churches USA)
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Sunday School - 9:00 AM (May 4, 11, & 18)
A Cup of Devotion - 9:15 AM (May 4 only)
Sunday Worship - 10:15 AM

10:15 AM service on Facebook & YouTube

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Jonathan Singer, Pastor

Rev. Carol Teare, Minister of Music

Dr. Randall Harlow, Organist/Pianist

Dr. Melody Steed, Children's Choir Director

Candace Newman, Children's Ministries Director

Bishop Barnes, Custodian

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

WEBSITE

www.firstbaptistwaterloo.org

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FBC Messenger - May 2025

Striving to serve our neighbors, community, and world with open hearts and open doors for 170 years.

THANK YOU FBC!

Dear Church Family,

I'm truly honored by the Love Gift I received on April 27th when I retired as an employee of First Baptist Church. The very generous gift will be used for travel as Dwayne & I plan future trips to discover new and interesting people and places in our world. I also wish to thank the Diaconate Team for their preparation and to Lois Rider & Bobbi Jo Schaffnit for the delicious, beautiful, homemade cakes.

As I reflect back over the past many years, I am grateful for the leadership of the staff I served with as well as my mentor in music, Carol Teare. I first attended FBC when Mildred Boyenga extended an invitation to hear the Christmas Cantata. I was soon recruited by Carol to join the Sanctuary Choir and not too many years later, was hired to direct the children's choir which then led to a 10 year role as the FBC Director of Music.

In 2010, a staff position opened up and I then became the Christian Education Director and Office Manager as well as continuing to direct the children's choir. Then a few years ago, I stepped down as C.E. Director and children's choir director and slowly reduced my office hours as the April, 2025 retirement date came closer.

My heart is overflowing with love and gratitude as you share your hugs, words of encouragement, and congratulations. Thank you for modeling for me what being part of this church looks like and for the support you give to me, my children, grandchildren, and my husband. I am blessed and give thanks to God for each one of you.

Susan



First staff photo
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SENIOR & YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 18th, we will honor our 2025 graduates as our youth lead the worship service that day. The three seniors will each share the message. A reception hosted by the Christian Education Team will follow in the chapel to honor the graduates.

Our 2025 graduates are:
*Sophia Lange, Waterloo West High School and will attend Luther College in Decorah.
*Jackson Satterlee, Cedar Falls High School and will attend St. Ambrose University in Davenport.
*Josie Turner, Cedar Falls High School and will attend the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

MAY COMMUNION OFFERING

The May Communion Offering has been designated for the FBC Youth Fund. Please support our youth by giving to the communion offering during the month of May.

FRIENDS CLUB & CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Our last Wednesday for Friends Club is **May 7th**. Celebration Choir will sing on **May 11th**. Last day for Sunday School is **May 18th**.

Also, Camp registration forms were sent to families. If you are interested, see Mrs. Candi.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Christian Education is accepting applications for student scholarships for the 2025 fall semester. Student Aid Fund was established for use at accredited schools and colleges and will be awarded to students who are active at First Baptist Church. Deadline for accepting applications is May 20, 2025. To request an application, contact the Christian Education Chairperson, Anne Lange, at alange23@gmail.com.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 10:10 a.m. to accept the 2024-2025 Annual Reports of the church officers, ministry teams, and staff. Copies of the Annual Reports will be available later this month.

WOMEN OF FAITH

All women are invited to *Women of Faith* on Thursday, May 8th, at 11:30 am for lunch at the Highway 63 Diner to celebrate our program year. We were able to send above and beyond our budgeted amounts to our outreach projects thanks to your generosity.

DAYTON OAKS FUNDRAISER

Consider a donation to our region camp, Dayton Oaks, for their 100 days fundraiser. When they meet the \$10,000 camping ministry goal, campers will get to dunk Matt in the dunk tank at camper fun day on Saturday, May 31st. Mail your check to the camp at 3717 Taylor Ave., Dayton, IA 50530, be sure to note your donation is for the 100 days fundraiser. Contact Dani at 515-547-2417 for questions.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, May 28th

Meal served from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy a delicious meal with our church family and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up. Cookies are bars can be donated for dessert. Please sign up on the hallway board.

JOIN OUR OFFICE TEAM!

We are looking for volunteers to help with office tasks, on a regular basis or as needed. This might include folding bulletins, special mailings, and yearly reports. Please sign up on the pink paper posted on the Community Meal board in the hallway.

CHURCH ROW NEIGHBORHOOD

Rev. Carol Teare was nominated and accepted the invitation to serve on the board of directors for the Church Row Neighborhood Association. The board oversees and manages projects that benefit the church row neighborhood, often in partnership with the City of Waterloo.

ALL MINISTRY TEAMS WILL MEET

All four ministry teams will meet together on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel.

MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 4

9:00 AM - Sunday School & Final A Cup of Devotion
10:30 AM - Worship with Communion & Adult Choir
11:15 AM - Fellowship hosted by Christian Ed. Team

Monday, May 5

1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 6

12:30 PM - Quilters

Wednesday, May 7

5:00 PM - Dinner for all ages
5:30 PM - Last Children’s Choir & Friends Club

Thursday, May 8

11:30 AM - Women of Faith meet @ Highway 63 Diner

Sunday, May 11 - Mother’s Day

9:00 AM - Sunday School for kids
10:15 AM - Worship with Children’s Choir with
Rev. Carol Teare, guest in the pulpit

Monday, May 12

6:30 PM - Diaconate Team Meeting
7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 13

12:30 PM - Quilters

Sunday, May 18 - Senior & Youth Sunday

9:00 AM - Last Sunday School for kids
10:15 AM - Worship with message by 3 Seniors
11:15 AM - Fellowship hosted by Christian Ed. Team

Monday, May 19

7:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 20

12:30 PM - Quilters

Sunday, May 25

10:15 AM - Worship with music by Jeff McKelvie

Monday, May 26 - Office Closed

7:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 27

12:30 PM - Quilters

Wednesday, May 28

4:30 PM - Community Meal

Church Officers & Ministry Teams

May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

Pastor - Rev. Jonathan Singer

Moderator - Toby Teare

Vice Moderator - Dwayne Price

Clerk - Terri Anderson

Financial Team - Gene Van Gorder, Bob Jenkins, Susan Price

Christian Education Team

Rev. Carol Teare, Anne Lange, Beverly McCusker, Mary Twaites, Kent Isaacson, Julie Fleming, Candace Newman

Diaconate Team

Dan Bravener, Dianne Van Gorder, Bobbi Jo Schaffnit, Lois Rider, Deb Isaacson, Debby McClinton, Jeff McKelvie, Jacob Merrit

Christian Outreach Team (Missions)

Karen Hoppes, Shirley Baldwin

Trustees Team

Bryce Anderson, Rick Anderson, Vicki Hembree, Dave Schlette, Sara Singer

MISSION SUMMIT

July 3-6, 2025

Omaha, NE

Consider attending the American Baptist Churches Mission Summit this summer in Omaha, NE. It’s just a few hours away and a great opportunity to discover new and wonderful things in the life of American Baptist Churches USA as people from the U.S. and Puerto Rico meet together for worship, workshops, and fellowship. Registration is required and can be found at abc-usa.org.