

# ***Welcome to First Baptist Church Sunday, April 13, 2025***



## **10:30 AM SERVICE**

Kora Leadership

Missions Trip Presentation

(Chris Bouck, Pastor Mike & Amy Briggs,  
Pastor Chad & Julie Konieczny, John Kresge)

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### ***Church Information***

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## Today's Events

- 4:00pm • **Choir Rehearsal**  
(Auditorium)
- 5:30pm • **College Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- 6:00pm • **Sr. High Bible Study**  
(Youth Room)
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## This Week's Events

### MONDAY

10:00am  
6:30pm

- **Shuffleboard** (Gym)
- **Men's Basketball** (Gym)

### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

- **Awana**
- **24/7 Jr. High**
- **Prayer Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
- **Bible Study Classes**  
(Lower Level-Adult Wing)

### THURSDAY

6:00pm

- **Deacons Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

### FRIDAY

6:00pm

- **Good Friday Service**

## April Birthdays

The April Birthday list is available at the Information Area.

## Coming Events

- Sun., Apr. 20**
- **Sunday School--9:15am**
  - **Easter Sunday, AM Service--10:30am**
  - **NO College Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
  - **NO Sr. High Bible Study**  
(Youth Room)
- Wed. Apr. 23**
- **Quarterly Business Meeting--6:30pm**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1) See Article
- Thurs. Apr. 24**
- **Single Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**  
(Bancroft Barn)
- Fri. Apr. 25**
- **Women's Bible Study--10:00am**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- Sun., Apr. 27**
- **Sunday School--9:15am**
  - **AM Service--10:30am**
  - **College Bible Study--5:30pm**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
  - **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm**  
(Youth Room)
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Good Friday Service  
Friday, April 18th  
6:00pm



Easter Service  
Sunday, April 20th  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Service



## THANK YOU FOR VISITING TODAY

*We invite all our visitors, to fill out the visitor slip located in the pocket on our chairs. You may place it in the offering. You can also use the QR code to fill out a visitor card on our website.*

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### **Quarterly Business Meeting** **Wednesday, April 23, 6:30pm** **Office Level-Classroom #1**

#### **Agenda**

1. Review of the Church Budget for the First Quarter of 2025
2. Vote on Brandon Crawford to become the new Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church
3. Vote on Financial Support for Zach and Evamarie Burnham

Brandon Crawford spent the entire day, Sunday, April 6th, with our church family. He spoke in Sunday school, preached in the morning service, and answered questions in the evening service.

**The pastors, elders, and deacons recommend to the congregation that Brandon Crawford become the new Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church.**

Zach and Eva Burnham, missionary appointees with Wycliffe, presented their ministry to our congregation on Sunday, January 26th, during Sunday school.

**The pastors, elders, deacons, and missions committee recommend to the congregation that First Baptist Church support Zach and Evamarie Burnham(Wycliffe) for 10% of their financial support need beginning July 1, 2025.**

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## **Quarterly Business Meeting** **(Continued)**

According to Wycliffe the Burnham monthly support need is \$10,593.00\* That is \$127,116.00 per year. Ten percent of that need is \$1,059.30 per month and \$12,711.60 per year.

\*This figure includes base salary, ministry expenses, medical insurance, retirement, Social Security & Medicare, workers' compensation & evacuation insurance, and assessment costs.

We will provide an online Quarterly Meeting Ballot one week in advance of the Quarterly Business Meeting. You will be able to vote at our website from noon on Wednesday, April 16th, until noon on Wednesday, April 23rd.

Paper absentee ballots will be available in the church office from noon on Wednesday, April 16th, until noon on Wednesday, April 23rd.

You can vote at the Quarterly Business Meeting which will take place at the beginning of Prayer Meeting in the Ambassador Classroom, room # 1.

Budget Reports are available at the Information Area.

### **Lead Pastor Search Committee**

Non Vocational Elders: John Kresge and John Leif

Pastors: Dan Dubois and Chad Konieczny

Deacons: Bill Garlick and Doug Gudbrandson

Church Members at Large: Malia Coffelt and Jillian Shackelford

## Church Officers for 2025

### Non-Vocational Elders

Jim Davis  
John Kresge  
John Leif  
Darrell Painter  
Roger Schafer

### Deacons

Jim Thelen - Chairman  
Bryan Feldpausch - Vice Chairman  
Dennis Eilert - Secretary  
Lane Barger  
Cody Fleischer  
Bill Garlick  
Nathan Hoard  
Mark Lutz  
Leon Mills

### Missions Committee

Chris Bouck - Chairman  
Doug Merignac - Vice Chairman  
Rosanne Schafer - Secretary  
Malia Coffelt  
Aaron Davis  
Dawn Gudbrandson  
Celena Mills  
Bill Garlick - Deacon Rep.  
Pastor Tim Knaus - Elder Rep.

### Church Treasurer

Cody Fleischer

### Church Clerk

Aubrey Fleischer

## Beacon of Hope

Beacon is being blessed with leftover bakery items from Freshies in downtown Dewitt. We are looking for volunteers to go to Freshies between 3-4:00 each Thursday to pick up what they have for us, and then bring it to Beacon.

If you are interested in helping out, please call the Beacon office at 989-224-0328, and we will sign you up for a date! Thank you!

### Friends of Beacon

**Our request for this week is cooking and baking spices (i.e., cinnamon, onion/garlic salt, onion/garlic powder, etc.) any brand.**

### *The Pastors' Book of the Month* *Recommendation*

Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life by Jeff Vanderstelt (Crossway)

Even if they want to, many Christians find it hard to talk to others about Jesus. Is it possible this difficulty is because we're trying to speak a language we haven't actually spent time practicing?

To become fluent in a new language, you must immerse yourself in it until you actually start to think about life through it. Becoming fluent in the gospel happens the same way—after believing it, we have to intentionally rehearse it (to ourselves and to others) and immerse ourselves in its truths. Only then will we start to see how everything in our lives, from the mundane to the magnificent, is transformed by the hope of the gospel.

**This book is now available in our church library!**

**Here is how you can accept Christ into your life:**

- Admit your need. *(I am a sinner)*
- Be willing to turn from your sins. *(Repent)*
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. *(Be saved by faith)*
- Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to control your life through the Holy Spirit. *(Receive him as Lord and Savior)*

**We suggest a prayer like this one:**

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

(From the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
**YEAR TO DATE FIGURES**

BUDGET: \$382,070.98

**ACTUAL YTD**

TOTAL INCOME: \$363,375.27

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$369,960.12

Income Minus Expenses: **-\$6,584.85**

**Missions Conference Offering**

\$7,548.50

Each Missions Conference Speaker will receive  
\$2,516.16. Thank you to all who gave!

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**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

**Guest WIFI**

FBC\_Guest, password: Godisgood

- **Childcare for ages 0-3yrs. old and Children's Church for 4-8 yrs. old is available in the Children's Wing during the 10:30am service.**
- **Drinks with lids are allowed in the Auditorium**
- **Hearing devices are available at the sound desk**