

MISSIONS: LOCAL AND GLOBAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Christian sympathy is extended to **Aaron & Dawn Balderston** on the death of his father, Randal Balderston.
- Christian sympathy is extended to **Michael Dunn** on the death of his mother, Janet Kruse.
- for **Mike and Jessica Cantonwine**, our commissioned missionaries serving with Youth for Christ in Eastern Iowa
 - ~ Over the last few weeks we have been having Christmas themed events that lead to Christmas themed conversations with many students. Much of those conversations have revealed that many students do not know the true meaning of Christmas. We have also learned about a lot of hurt and pain for students that comes about during this time of year.
 - ~ Pray for the youth to learn the true meaning of Christmas and that they can find comfort and peace in the person of Jesus to heal the pain they find around this time of year and throughout the year.
 - ~ Pray for our staff and volunteers that are in those conversations to have the words to say and wisdom to lead.
 - ~ Pray for our YFC end of year fundraising push that we meet our goals and the ministry is funded accordingly.
 - ~ Family:
 - ~ Praise that we were able to move into our new home in Marion that gives our family some more space. Praise and thanks to all those that helped in that process.
 - ~ Please pray for Dalton and Addison as they no longer share a bedroom and the adjustment that will be for them.
 - ~ Praise to God for 14 years of marriage December 15th.
 - ~ Praise for the family now being healthy.

YOUR CHURCH and its FINANCES

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| Weekly General Fund Budget Needs | \$16,199.00 |
| Last Sunday's Giving (General Fund)..... | \$27,640.13 |
| Average General Fund Giving for 2021 | \$17,492.81 |
| Last Sunday's Missions Giving (not part of General Fund) | \$14,373.00 |
| Last Sunday's Facilities Fund Giving..... | \$6015.00 |

If the Lord lays on your heart a desire to support the ministries of Faith Bible Church financially, you may place your offering in one of the offering boxes (located in the foyer and in the sanctuary) or you can give online at faithb.org.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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For a complete church calendar and more information, including staff and church officers, visit faithb.org



Welcome to
Faith Bible Church
December 19, 2021

Making disciples and equipping them to
become fully devoted followers of Christ.

SUNDAY AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

Today's Worship Services 9:00 & 10:45 AM

Steve Benton Speaking
"The Christmas Light"
Luke 1:57-80

Next week:

Eric Groezinger speaking

*Live Streaming the 9:00 AM service on
Facebook Live and on Faithb.org*

Breakfast Fellowship Time

8:15 - 8:55 AM in the gym

Sunday School (2 yr. olds through 5th grade)

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Sunday Crossroads (6th grade -12th grade)

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Preschool Only Sunday School

10:15 - 11:55 AM (see maps for rooms)

Children's Christmas Program Practice

10:15 - 11:55 AM in the gym

Adult Bible Fellowships

9:00 - 10:15 AM and 10:45 - 11:55 AM

Christmas Program

5:00 PM, light meal following in the gym

CONNECTING IN ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS ON SUNDAY MORNING

If you have any questions about these groups, contact the church office or Pastor Chris.

- The Builders - Parents with children of all ages in the home
9:15 AM, Room 143
- WIT - Bible literacy & Christian worldview
9:00 AM, Chapel
- The Edge - College & Career
10:45 AM, Room 128
- PrayerWorks Fellowship - Prayer focused group
10:45 AM, Room 125 (next to the nursery)

STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATES

No Crossroads Dec 22 and 29! Have a very merry Christmas!

No Sunday Crossroads Dec 26 and Jan 2!

Winter Retreat and Ministry Trip Information can be found at linktr.ee/fbccrossroads. Check them out today!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES:

Children's Christmas Program, TONIGHT at 5 PM

On Sunday, December 19, older participants should arrive by 4:30 PM in the chapel. Preschool children need to be in Room 108 by 4:45 PM.

Light Meal Following the Children's Program:

If your child is in the program, please bring these items to share to the kitchen on the day of the program for the meal following the program. The church will provide sandwiches. Families with last names starting with:

A-L: Bring a tray of fruit or vegetables

M-Z: Bring three dozen cookies

Please note: If you have more than one child participating, we ask that you bring extra.

No AWANA on Dec 22 and 29! Have a very merry Christmas!

CONNECTION POINTS:

Interested in Joining a Community Group?

Our community groups will be back in session starting on the evening of Sunday, January 9. If you are not connected with a group and would like to join, now is a great time! Stop by the table in the foyer or contact Pastor Levi to get signed up (levi@faith-cr.org).

Adult Bible Fellowship Information

Walking in the Truth - WIT (Bible Literacy) - 9:00 AM, Chapel

The WIT group is wrapping up their study on the life of Christ. Keying in on Jesus' strategy to make disciple-makers, they will be looking to better understand and put into practice the principles He lived out. Come join in!

Builders ABF (Parents with kids in the home) - 9:15 AM, Rm 143

They're finishing up their fall study *Grace Based Parenting*. In these sessions, they've looked closer at a realistic job description for raising spiritually strong children. They'll also spend some time focused in on the character of Jesus this advent season. Come and connect!

PrayerWorks Fellowship (Prayer Focused) – 10:45 AM, Rm 125 (by nursery)

This prayer fellowship focuses prayer weekly on our church family, missionaries we have sent out, our local community, and the world. Come pray with us!

CONNECTION POINTS:

The Edge (College & Career) – 10:45 AM, Rm 128

This young adult group will be looking deeper in the life of Christ as they learn and seek to put into practice Jesus' strategy for making disciple-makers. Come connect in with them!

MOSAIC Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at FBC, for singles: college to age 29.

Mosaic is a ministry for young singles (typically in their 20s) to be able to connect and grow in their Christian walk. There is a time of fellowship over food, followed by a study time. No Mosaic on Dec 23 & 30.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 AM, beginning Jan. 11

"The Way Home: God's Invitation to New Beginnings" by Tessa Afshar

The story of Ruth is a remarkable tale of bravery, calling, and God's provision, and it will come to life in new ways as you dig deep in this 6-week Bible study. Tessa Afshar, author of award-winning biblical and historical fiction, teaches you how to study the text, discern meaning, pray through it, and live it out. She'll show you how to draw on the same strength and courage that Ruth did and accept God's invitation to new beginnings in your own life. Sign up in the foyer or at faithb.org. Questions? Contact Mary Tiedemann, 515.867.0659.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Eve
Living the spirit of Christmas
Adore Him with us!
DEC 24, 5 PM
Christmas Eve is a special time.
We'd be honored if you would choose to join us in a time of worship on this holy night.
Worship service at 5pm.
Spiced apple cider available in the foyer afterwards to share with friends, both old and new.

“The Christmas Light”
 Luke 1:57-80
 December 19, 2021
 Message by: Steve Benton

- I. Preparing for the Christ Child calls for obedience to God’s word regardless of what the society thinks (Luke 1:57-66).

- II. Jesus is the true Christmas light that shines in a dark world (Luke 1:67-80).

Main Idea: Jesus Christ is the true Christmas light!

Applications:

Family Church:



Sundays, Dec. 26 and Jan 2 are Family Church Sundays. There will be no Sunday classes kindergarten through adult ABF’s. These Sundays are a great opportunity for families to be together in the worship service. There will be nursery and pre-school classes available.

Have you wanted to read through the Bible in one year?

A yearly Bible reading plan, designed to take you through the Bible in one year, is available in the foyer. Pick one up today and get started!

Advance Donations:

We have been asked if donor(s) may make their 2022 donation early, specifically, by the end of 2021. The answer is yes. We have developed a procedure to accomplish receiving the donation in the 2021 calendar year, but allocating based on donor wishes in 2022. Please contact Doug Laird at 319.360.8577, or dlaird@skogman.com, if you would like to discuss this further.

December 26 will be the last Sunday to give your contribution for 2021. Donations that are postmarked or completed online at www.faithb.org/give on or before December 31 will qualify for a charitable contribution for 2021.

NO BREAKFAST OR HOT DRINKS ON DEC. 26

With the Christmas holiday and Family Church, there will be no breakfast fellowship offerings on Sunday, Dec. 26.



Save the Date!
The Wild Game Feast will be held Saturday, February 12, 2022!