



MISSIONS PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCAL & GLOBAL

Pray for **Mike and Jessica Contonwine**, our commissioned missionaries serving with Eastern Iowa FCA.

Family

- Praising God for a great start to the school year, and pray for our family as we have begun the early stages of plans to serve on a missions trip next summer.
- Continued prayers for Mike's mom as she is still recovering from surgery. Praise though as she has been able to get around a little more.
- Continued prayer for Mike as he still has a nagging issue with his knee.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

- Continued praise to God for a growing team. We've hired a new Events Admin to help with all our outreach special events.
- It's been a great start to the year with meeting the volunteers, coaches and athletes at the new schools Mike is serving. Please pray for all the Schools/Huddles as they "Level Up" in the outreach and discipleship they conduct daily.
- Please continue to pray for a large new crop of leaders throughout Mike's footprint (schools/areas of ministry) coming in this year. Many schools need new leaders to step up to the calling. They are there but just need prayer to give them confidence, strength and awareness. Pray for Mike as he helps encourage, train, and support all those Coaches and Student Leaders.
- Continued prayers are appreciated in finding new and additional financial support. We are currently looking at a \$550 per month shortage in financial support. Thanking God for providing and all the current givers for their support.



CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly General Fund Budget Target for 2026	\$86,559.00
Average General Fund Giving for 2026	\$90,916.36
August 2026 General Fund Giving	\$113,381.14
August 2026 Missions Giving (not part of General Fund)	\$18,206.00

If the Lord lays a desire on your heart 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 may give online at faithb.org.

Stay connected with us!

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Church Office Hours:

Tu-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Welcome to FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



MAKING DISCIPLES AND EQUIPPING
THEM TO BECOME FULLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

TODAY AT FBC

Breakfast Fellowship

8:15 - 8:55 AM in the gym

First Hour | 9:00-10:15 AM

Nursery | *Infant - 2 year old*

Sunday School | *PreK - 3rd grade*

Sunday Crossroads | *6th - 12th grade*

Adult Bible Fellowships | *Walking in the Truth (Chapel), The Builders (Rm 143)*

Second Hour | 10:45-11:55 AM

Nursery | *Infant - 2 year old*

Children's Church | *PreK & K- 2nd*

Adult Bible Fellowship | *Edge (Rm 128)*



"Negativity Can Rob Joy"

Ezra 3:6b-13
by Steve Benton

NEXT WEEK

2 Peter 3:17-18
by Levi Anderson

**9AM Service
Livestream on
Facebook &
Faithb.org**

WORSHIP SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY @ 9AM & 10:45 AM



STUDENT MINISTRY

Sept 16 HS & MS Crossroads @ FBC, 6:45!

Sept 25-27 DNOW Weekend!



Scan the QR code for the calendar or get more info for student ministry activities & events at: linktr.ee/fbccrossroads



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Awana has started! It's not too late to register your kids – go to faithb.org to register them today! Awana meets Wednesdays at FBC, Club Meetings 6:45-8:15pm, Trek & Journey 6:15-6:45.

Christmas play practices start TODAY, Sept. 13, 10:45am. K-2nd start in room 111. 3rd-5th go to the gym. Auditions are Sept. 20.



CONNECTION POINTS

Adult Bible Fellowships

Walking in the Truth (*Bible Literacy*) | 9:00 AM, Chapel

The Bible assumes that we do not know instinctively how to talk with God but rather need some help with knowing how to do so. Join us for this study as we look at how to interpret Psalms with the goal of equipping us to better talk to God in praise and prayer. The class is taught by Carl Reed.

The Builders ABF (*Discipling the Next Generation*) | 9:00 AM, Rm 143

Join us for an apologetics study called "Tactics" by Gregory Koukl. Together we are learning how to get in the driver's seat in order to have tactful discussions about faith and present the truth clearly, cleverly, and persuasively.

Edge (*College & Career*) | 10:45 AM, Rm 128

The Edge group is currently joining our EvangelismSHIFT class to learn how to be a witness in day to day life.



DURING THE WEEK

Men's Bible Study | Bible Project - 10 Commandments | Wednesdays @ 6:30 AM (*starting again Sept 23*)

Women's Study | The Church in ACTION | Wednesdays @ 7-8:15 PM (*starting Sept 16*)

Women's LIFT Study | The Book of James | Tuesdays @ 9:30-11:30 AM



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ladies, you are invited!
Faith Friends Luncheon

September 24 | 11am
 at Alburnett Historical Society | RVSP to Becky Cooper (319.389.7917)
 by Sept 17 to attend!

The Church in ACTION, Part 2

Ladies, join us for a study of the book of Acts on Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:15, beginning September 16 in the chapel. If you have questions or would like to sign up for the weekly Zoom link, let Patty know at 319-393-2872 or e-mail jorpjustice@gmail.com.



LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER
TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 9:30-11:30am | Come at 9:15am for a social time! | The book of James helps us look at our hearts and examine our spiritual maturity so we can "...count it all joy...". Come join us for a twelve week study in the book of James. Questions? Contact Roxie Goetz at roxie.goetz196@gmail.com. Register in the foyer or online at faithb.org. No nursery offered. If you are unable to attend, the workbook and audio are still available.

~ Christian sympathy is extended to Linda & Dale Schon on the death of her mother, Elaine Rossow.

~ Christian sympathy is extended to Betty Shifflet on the death of her husband, Onie Shifflet.



SERMON NOTES

“Negativity Can Rob Joy”

Ezra 3:6b-13

September 13, 2026

Message by: Steve Benton

I. Preparations to build the second temple echo the first temple, and all who came from captivity joined in the work (Ezra 3:6b-9; also see 1 Kings 6:1; 2 Chronicles 2:16 and Isaiah 60:11, 13).

II. God’s people praise Him in their work because He does not forget His promises (Ezra 3:10-11; also see 2 Chronicles 5:11-14).

III. The negativity of older believers discourages the younger ones and saps energy and enthusiasm (Ezra 3:12-13; also see Haggai 1:4; 2:3-4).

Main Idea: Everyone, all the time, needs to feel close to God.

Applications:



CONTINUED ANNOUNCEMENTS