



MISSIONS PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCAL & GLOBAL

Please pray for **John and Lois North**, our commissioned missionaries serving with AFCl in Sydney, Australia.

1. We have been training the teachers and staff of a large Christian school to start gospel conversations with students and their families. Now we are starting discussions with the school and several of the churches in the area about a 3-way partnership between the school, the churches, and Ambassadors for Christ to reach their community for Christ. Discussions start in the next few weeks. Please pray for a wide open door.
2. We are helping two churches (Griffith Presbyterian Church and Church@Paravista) in different states implement a church planting strategy to reach new demographics near them. Pray that God will help these churches accelerate the spread of the gospel in their areas!
3. Our son Owen moved out of home several years ago in a good place spiritually, but has surrounded himself with friends who despise Christianity and is now questioning if he even believes the Bible. He is no longer with those friends but still doubting. Pray that God will work through us to draw him back to the Lord.
4. Praise the Lord, Lois' knee is greatly improved.
5. Remember, God works when we pray!



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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Church Website: faithb.org



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Welcome to FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026



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

TODAY AT FBC

Breakfast Fellowship

8:15 - 8:55 AM; 10:15-10:45 AM (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)*



*"Trials Can Last a
Long Time"*

Ezra 4:6-23

by Steve Benton

NEXT WEEK

Ezra 4:24-5:17

by Steve Benton

9AM Service

Livestream on

Facebook &

Faithb.org

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



STUDENT MINISTRY

Oct 7 HS & MS Crossroads @ FBC, 6:45!

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Awana meets Wednesdays at FBC:
Club Meetings 6:45-8:15pm
Trek & Journey 6:15-6:45pm
Oct. 7 is drive-in movie night!

Christmas play practices are today at 10:45am, K-2nd start in room 111, 3rd-5th go to the gym. The Christmas program will be Dec. 13 at 5:00pm followed by a light meal.



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 the Builders ABF for a new theology study based on Paul Tripp's book called "Do You Believe?" What we believe directly influences how we live. Join us as we focus on this aspect in particular, the practical side of theology, along with practical tools for teaching these truths to the next generation.

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

Women's Study | The Church in ACTION | Wednesdays @ 7-8:15 PM

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please join us in
serving our church!



YARDWORK & LEAF RAKING

Coffee & donuts served!

Saturday, October 24 | 9:00 AM - Noon

Bring your own leaf blowers, rakes, & hedge trimmers.
Families welcome!



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17
6:30 PM- 8:30PM**



You are invited!

Join us for a casual evening of coffee, chocolate, and conversation for all women! This relaxing time will include an encouraging faith message and fun giveaways. Please be praying for this event, and be thinking of women in your life who you could invite!

Please **RSVP** in the church foyer or online at **faithb.org** by Thurs, Oct 15. Adults only.



SERMON NOTES

“Trials Can Last a Long Time”

Ezra 4:6-23

October 4, 2026

Message by: Steve Benton

PASSAGE	DATES	THEME
Ezra 1-6	538-515 BC	God brings back some Israelites to rebuild the temple under Zerubbabel
60 YEAR BREAK		
Ezra 7-10	458 – c. 446 BC	God brings back more Israelites to bring spiritual restoration under Ezra
Ezra 3:1-2	Sept/Oct 537	Altar built and sacrifice restored
Ezra 3:7-9	April/May 536	Laying the temple foundation begins
Ezra 4:1-5a	536 BC onward	Opposition in the days of Cyrus
Ezra 4:5b, 24	522 BC onward	Opposition in the days of Darius
Ezra 4:6	486 BC onward	Opposition in the days of Ahasuerus (aka Xerxes)
Ezra 4:7-23	465 BC onward	Opposition in the days of Artaxerxes
Ezra 4:24	536 BC	Back to timeline of 4:1-5a of the opposition

(adapted from Derek W.H. Thomas, *Ezra & Nehemiah*, R&R Publishing, 2016, page 59)

I. Believers must often go through opposition and trials for a long time (Ezra 4:6-16).

II. Believers often do not see God working in the middle of their trials (Ezra 4:17-23).

Main Idea: Believers must look for God as they go through trials.

Applications:



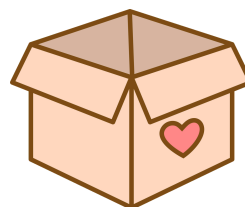
CONTINUED ANNOUNCEMENTS



BAPTISM

We will be having a baptism service on October 25 after the 10:45 AM service. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastors Steve, Levi, Joe, or Brian in the church office (319-393-7790).

FBC CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS



Faith Bible will be preparing care packages to show support and encouragement to our college-age young adults (typically 18-22 years old) whether in college, the military, or the work force. If you would like to have your son, daughter, or yourself included in this project for 2026-27, the online form needs to be completed yearly. Please complete the online form by Monday, October 5. Go to faithb.org and click on Events > Registrations. Questions? Contact the church office, 319.393.7790 or fbc@faithb.org.



Kent and Kay Neighbor are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on October 15, 2026! Help them celebrate by sending a card to: 3049 Union Ave, Winthrop, IA 50682.



Children and caregivers of all ages are invited to Friday morning Story Time in the church library! Starting Friday, Oct. 9 at 9:30 am, Story Time will be held every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Join us for a time of good stories, crafts, and fellowship. Invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone who would enjoy a picture book or two. For more information or with questions, contact Miranda Dargy at 319-382-6713.