

**GOD'S PEOPLE IN WORSHIP**  
*The Seventh Sunday of Epiphany*  
February 23, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Gathering:** The people come together in the Lord's name. Gathering indicates that we have been called from the world, from our homes, from our families, to be a worshiping people of God. Gathering means that we are one people, a people united in a common worship of God.

**\*Please stand if able.**

**Prelude** In Green Pastures by Wilson Jane Smith, organist

**Lighting of the Candles**  
**The Gospel Procession**  
**Words of Welcome**  
**Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "Mighty To Save"

**\*Song of Praise #393:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**Hymn of Praise:** "Be Still And Know"  
Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Sermon**

Jen Kane

\*Nursery and toddler care is provided in the choir room, next to the Parlor.

\*K - 5th grade are dismissed to attend children's church in the Education Bldg.

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 37:1-11

Russ Testorff

**New Testament Readings:** Luke 6:27-38

**Song of Reflection:** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 16:1-2, 25-27

**Sermon:** "Phoebe: Gracious Woman of God" Rev. Jennifer Schneider

**\*Song of Response #117:** "There Is a Redeemer"

**\*Benediction**  
**Postlude**



**PRAYER TIME: Wednesdays at 12:30 in EH. If you have a prayer request for Wednesday, call or e-mail the church office.**

**PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

Bob Lovett (Kim Randel's father); Norma Coble (Dana Coble's mother); Glenda Schmidt; Nathan Ball; Shelly Frank; Tom Lantis (Kelli Ball's father); Janet Wolken; Bill Kern; John Dryden

**Shut-Ins:** Dana Coble; Sylvia Starky; Bev Hughes; Golden Peterson; Gloria Terrill; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Gene Bromert

**Military Service People:** Brad Davis-Kuwait (Bill Kern's grandson); PFC Aaron Bigge-Fort Meade, Maryland (Sandy Holbert's grandson); Lt Matt Ashwill (Melissa Ashwill's son)

***We make every effort to keep this list updated. Please inform us when there are changes.***



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**First Baptist Church Ottawa is a Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**

*The radically inclusive love of Jesus inspires us to be a fully welcoming and affirming congregation. All are loved here. All are safe here. All are invited to full participation in our life together.*

*Based upon calling, gifting, talent, experience and maturity, we celebrate baptism, communion, marriage, leadership, teaching and ordination with any gender, race, nationality, sexual orientation or identity.*



Feel free to bring items anytime but we will be emphasizing  
Hope House giving the **first Sunday of each month.**

Macaroni and cheese, Saltines, Canned peas, Canned Mixed  
vegetables, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup

Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels always needed

\*No longer needing plastic containers

Christian Fast and Kelli Ball will stay after church until **11:45 today  
and March 2nd** to help you load the app, get signed in or take  
your picture if you still need your picture added to the directory.

Bell Choir will have practice on **Wednesday at 6:30pm**

**Today there will be a meeting for Vacation Bible School** if you  
are interested in helping plan Vacation Bible School please stay  
after Sunday school.

#### **White Cross Tree Announcement**

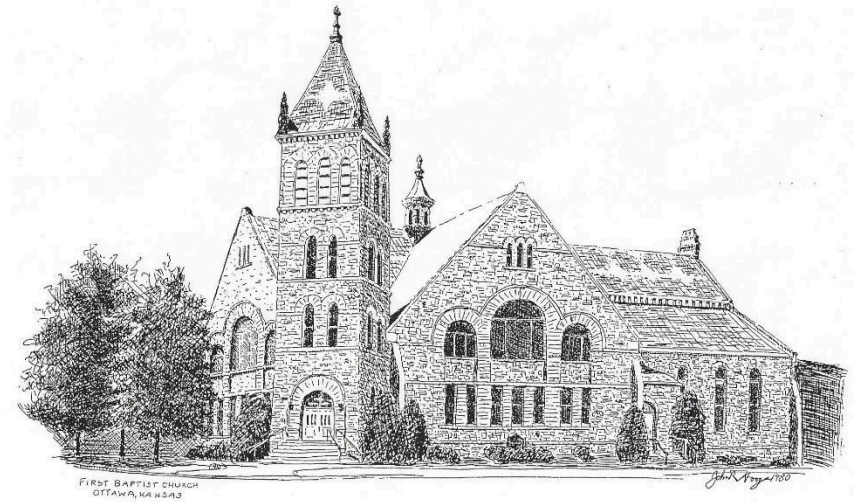
The American Baptist Women invite all members of the congregation to  
help in providing supplies for the ministries of Deborah's House in  
Tijuana, Mexico and Bethel Neighborhood Center, two of ABCCR's home  
missions. Envelopes for receiving your gifts are on the tree in the back of  
the sanctuary during February. Please put the filled envelopes in one of  
the boxes in the windows at the back of the sanctuary.

#### **FBC Puppet Ministry**

New FBC Puppet Team! First Baptist Church is looking to start a new  
puppet ministry to spread joy and God's word through the fun and  
creative use of puppets. We would like to invite anyone, middle school  
age or older, that has an interest in being part of this new ministry to join  
us. No experience required. Practices will take place weekly in Elliot Hall  
after the conclusion of our fellowship time following Sunday services.  
Contact Eric or Josh with any questions.



**Spring 2025 Secret Place devotionals are in  
the office for \$1**



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