

The VISITOR

April 2024
"Resurrection Everywhere"

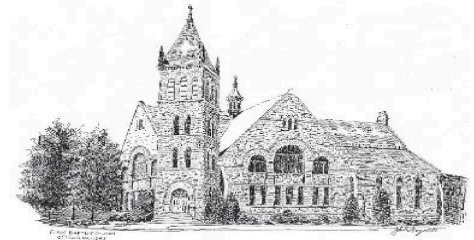
Oh, the joys of spring! Ever increasing sunshine provides warmth, beckons us outside and shoves away darkness with the light of each day lasting longer than the one before. Birds happily singing, flowers bursting open, grass discovers its green again and trees find their leaves again. The very season of spring bristles with life emerging from the tomb of winter. Oh, and baseball season begins so for a few short weeks every team hopes this year is the year.

Of course, for those of us who observe the church year, we know this as the season of Easter. The surreal, surprising and superlative resurrection of Jesus is a season not just a Sunday, a way of seeing all of life not just a day of high worship attendance. And much like the light of warmth of spring pushes away the darkness and cold of winter, the season of Easter emerges from the cold, damp and dark tomb announcing the joyous bright light of hope and possibility.

As we walk with Jesus into the bright light of the Easter season, may we look for and participate in new life. May the reality and power of resurrection touch darkness within us that we might see the light and hope emerging everywhere. May the blossoming beauty of spring remind us of the ever present beauty and hope of the risen Christ. May we tell the story, the story of Jesus crucified and risen, the story of love conquering death and the grave, the greatest story of all. And may we have eyes to see that story of new life, new hope, new possibility breaking through in our world, in our community, in the church and in our hearts and minds. May we dwell in the season of Easter until the power of its truth brings us forth from the "tomb."

Grace, peace and love,
Pastor Tiger

P.S. I am very excited about the fun fellowship opportunity of the church trip to Branson to see "Esther" on June 21-22. You will see details about this in this newsletter, in emails, in church announcements and more.



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*Sunday School following worship
for all ages!*

Communion April 7th

Celebrating the Lord's supper.

Those of you worshipping with us at home, please have your elements ready so that you are able to take communion along with us.

Continuing this Sunday, whenever we celebrate communion, we will encourage giving to the deacon's fund for benevolence.



Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the **May** newsletter is **April 23rd**, please have any information emailed to the office by this date for inclusion in the newsletter. Information received after the deadline will be published in the next month's newsletter.



Our next Thankful Thursday gathering will be April 25th from 5-6:30pm.

Quarterly Business meeting is Sunday April 21st after church



PRAYER TIME: Wednesdays at 12:30 EH. If you have a prayer request for Wednesday let Pastor Tiger know or call or email 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); Mattie Willhite; Mason Sweeney; Wayne Jones; Angela Audiss; Janet Wolken; Diane Caryl

Shut-Ins: Betty Bloomer; Dana Coble; Doris Grogan; Sylvia Starky; Bev Hughes; Golden Peterson; Gloria Terrill; Carol Allen

Military Service People: Sgt. Nate Plaschka-Fort Hood Texas; Brad Davis-Kuwait (Bill & Janice Kern's grandson); PFC Aaron Bigge-Fort Meade, Maryland (Sandy Holbert's grandson); Lt. Matt Ashwill in Kuwait (Melissa Ashwill's son)

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

TITHE ONLINE

It's simple!!

Through First Baptist's website (fbcottawa.org)



you now have the capability to make your contributions electronically using Tithe.ly. It can be a one-time gift or recurring. To make a contribution, go to the **Give** tab and click on **Donate**. Contributions will be

tracked through our membership software & reflected on contribution statements.



Hope House Needs

Spaghetti noodles, pasta noodles, instant oatmeal, canned vegetables, dessert mixes, pancake syrup, sugar, ramen noodles

*No longer needing plastic containers

Radio Ministry

First Baptist Church believes it is important to keep the Radio Ministry funded, as this is a blessing to many in our community.

Please designate contributions

to: Radio Fund.

Reach for the Stars snacks

We will be collecting snacks for Reach for the Stars, which is a summer program for elementary students.

We will be collecting items for breakfasts and snacks. Please bring these items April 21, 28 or May

5th

Ideas: NutriGrain bars, Go-Gurt, Little Bites mini muffins

Church Leadership



Fellowship Committee

Meeting is April 8th, 9:30am EH

Stewardship

Meeting is April 8th, 5:30pm EH

Outreach

Meeting is April 10th at 6:30pm



Church Council meeting is April 16th at 7:00 p.m. EH

Committee chairs, please have your previous meeting minutes emailed to the Church office.



April 27th at 9:30am in Elliott Hall there will be time to fellowship with one another and discuss the book we have been reading. Everyone is welcome to come join us! If you have any questions please contact Jordan Fritz at 785-342-0539.

Help Support Our Church



Price Chopper Gift Cards are available at the office for purchase. We get 5% for each sale and YOU get the FULL VALUE of each card you purchase.

Thank you for your support!

Price Chopper cards can only be purchased in \$100 increments.

First Baptist Church Branson Trip

Please join us for our trip to Branson! Registration forms and information will be available in the office and will be emailed to you soon.

Depart FBC 8am June 21st Return June 22nd

Deposit due 4/28/2024

Final payment due 5/26/2024

Write Branson Trip on the memo line of your check.

For more information contact Cathy Duderstadt 785-418-7050

**ABWM Book Of the Month
MICAH**

Around the years 735 – 719 BC “The word of the Lord came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, Kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.” [Micah 1:1] Micah’s contemporaries were Hosea in the north and in the south Isaiah, whom also received God’s message of warning for his people.

Micah was a country boy. Grew up in the foothills of Judah, about 25 miles S/W of Jerusalem. Rich farm lands. This tender heart-ed man represented the Lord by declaring a very stern and awful message to the Israelites.

It was a fine life in Israel, prosperity reigned, economy was good, great neighbors with beautiful idols and lots of festivals. But the Lord gave Micah a message of warning. [Ch1:2 – 2:13] The unfaithful people were incorporating the evil ways of their neighbors. After all, they are good people. God was not happy!

[3:1-5:15] First warning, Samaria & Judah will be punished. Oppressors will be judged. Woe to false prophets. God sees the evil, punishment might get their attention. God is a merciful god. Wicked rulers will not go unpunished. Chapter 5 ends with detailed “house cleaning” and the promise of the coming Messiah.

[6:1-7:6] Brings messages of shaming and weeping for the children of Israel. But [v.7:7 -20] We see a message of hope. Pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in steadfast love.”

Micah’s name is a shortened form of Michaiah which means “**Who is like the Lord**”. Micah means “**Who is a God like you**”.

Key verse: Micah 6:8 “He has told you. O man what is good; what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Another powerful book.

Grace, justice and be kind
Blessings
Lilly Coultis, ABWM

**The American Baptist Women’s Ministries will meet
Wednesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Elliott Hall.**

Hostess: Jan Lee

Bible Study: Miriam Lemp. Psalm 32:11

Love Gift: Lilly Coultis

Missions: Vangie Webb

Local mission for this month: items for Spark Wheel. (Formerly-Communities in Schools) We invite all who would like to participate to place in the box at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday before the meetings.

Items needed: Individually wrapped snacks

Backpacks

Boys and Girls deodorant and body spray

Tampons

Earbuds

Spiral notebooks

Folders with pockets

Save the date!!!! 2024 ABW CENTRAL REGION
SUMMER CONFERENCE JUNE 7 & 8 First Baptist
Church, Topeka, KS

Watch for details. abwmcr.org

Luther Rice Association meeting April 23 9:30 am at First Baptist Olathe

Thank you to all who helped in hosting the Luther Rice ABWM board on March 26. They appreciated our hospitality and all the delicious food. Our church is a welcoming place and an excellent location for these meetings.

America for Christ Offering 2024

Congratulations for going over the top!!!! Your contributions totaled \$1959.00. We exceeded our goal of \$1800.00!!!!!! Because of your generosity, ministries like Bethel Neighborhood Center, Rainbow Acres, Cordova Christian Center, and many other ministries across the United States and Puerto Rico will continue to serve in the name of Christ. Thank you for your generosity. It is in giving that we receive.

Bethel Neighborhood Center Grand Opening

Saturday, April 27th at Noon

Dedication of the Bethel Ministry and new Wellness Center

Lunch will be provided

Register by April 18th

<https://us.openforms.com/Form/2c655c71-a651-4710-925e-c2f0f85ab6c0>

Or contact the office and I will get you registered

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Therese Payne 4-9

Tim Van Leiden 4-10

Karen Campbell 4-13

Brian Fast 4-17

Brian Lewis 4-17

Lex Gislar 4-19

Gloria Tyler 4-28

Patricia Larkin 4-28

Dawn Cubbison 4-28

David Testorff 4-30

