

Worshiping Together
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: We have come together in the name of Jesus Christ, from our homes, from our pasts, to be a worshiping people of God. Gathering together as one people united in the common worship of a loving God that knows our names and stories.

***Please stand if able**

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles
Words of Welcome
Announcements

***Time of Greeting**

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

Many: And also with you.

***Opening Song of Praise:** "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

***Song of Praise:** "Your Grace is Enough"

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119:129-136 Diane Caryl

Hymn of Praise #496: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

***Tithes and offerings collected during this song**

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.*

Children's Sermon

Jordan Fritz

*Nursery and toddler care is provided in the nursery, next to the Parlor.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:26-30

Diane Caryl

Song of Reflection: "Shout to the North and the South"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: "An Insignificant Kingdom"

Pastor Joy

***Song of Response #559:** "Here I Am Lord"

***Benediction**
Postlude



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

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Norma Coble (Dana Coble's mother); Nathan Ball; Shelly Frank; Tom Lantis (Kelli Ball's father); Janet Wolken; Bill Kern; Jenna Johnson; Angela Audiss
Shut-Ins: Dana Coble; Sylvia Starky; Golden Peterson; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Jeannie Randel; Bob & Judi Becker; Lex & Dee Gislar; Ron & Linda Walker; Bob & Marilyn Lovett

Military Service People: PFC Aaron Bigge-Fort Meade, Maryland (Sandy Holbert's grandson); Lt Matt Ashwill, Germany (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.**

Syrup, Pancake Mix, Egg Noodles, Canned Chicken, Taco
Seasoning, Beef Ramen Noodles
Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels always needed

Please join us for our congregational meeting after church **today**.

ABW Summer Rally is **Tuesday, July 28, at 6:00pm** at First Baptist Church, 207 East Wea St. Paola, KS Gentlemen are welcome. The program will be an inspiration of hymns and patriotic songs. The offering will be for our project. Hope to see you all there! Janet Wolken and Sandy Holbert, co-chairs.

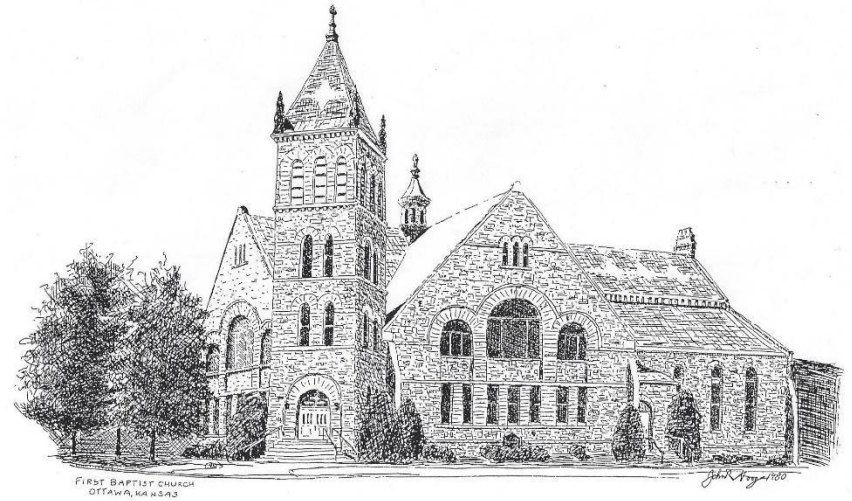
Our 5th annual Back 2 School Bash will be in Elliott Hall **Saturday, August 1, 9-noon**. A list of school supplies needed are in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers are needed to set up **July 31 from 9-2**. Volunteers are also needed to help give out school supplies on **August 1 from 8:30-noon**.

The next book study will be **Saturday, August 8 at 9:30** in the library.

A new Saturday morning book study will be starting in September. The book is I Surrender All by Priscilla Shirer. If you are interested and would like a copy of the book please let Jordan Fritz know.

Sign ups have been emailed, are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the office. Our FBC bus trip to Branson is **November 6 & 7**. We will enjoy seeing The Miracle of Christmas at the Sight & Sound Theatre, followed by dinner at the Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks. Hopefully we will be able to tour some of the Branson light exhibits as this is the beginning of their holiday season. We will stay at the Grand Oaks Hotel again, breakfast included (and they have an indoor and an outdoor pool!). We will visit the Tanger Outlet Mall before heading our bus back to Ottawa. We have room for 55 on the bus, so reservations will be on a first come first serve basis.

Please use designated envelopes in the pews if you would like to receive a yearly tax contribution statement for your **cash** offerings.



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