

Worshiping Together
The First Sunday After Christmas
December 28, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: We have come together in the Lord's name, from our homes, from our families, to be a worshipping people of God. Gathering means that we are one people, a people united in a common worship of God.

***Please stand if able**

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

The Gospel Procession

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:** "It's Christmas"

***Song of Praise:** "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 Lynda Alderman

Hymn of Praise: "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

*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 choir room, next to the Parlor.

*K - 2nd grade are dismissed to attend children's church in the Education Bldg.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Lynda Alderman

Song of Reflection: "Welcome to Our World"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: "Looking For The Messiah" Rev. James Callaway

***Song of Response #242:** "O Sing A Song of Bethlehem"

***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

Bob Lovett (Kim Randel's father); Norma Coble (Dana Coble's mother); Nathan Ball; Shelly Frank; Tom Lantis (Kelli Ball's father); Janet Wolken; Bill Kern; Jenna Johnson; Angela Audiss; Jane Smith; Warren Smith

Shut-Ins: Dana Coble; Sylvia Starky; Bev Hughes; Golden Peterson; Gloria Terrill; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Gene Bromert; Jeannie Randel; Bob & Judi Becker; Lex & Dee Gislar

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.**

Spaghetti sauce, Corn, Peas, Mixed veggies, Mac & cheese
Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels always needed

*No longer needing plastic containers

Please join us for our annual congregational business meeting on
Sunday, January 11th after church.

We will be collecting RMMO in January. Your offering is more than
a donation, it's a heartfelt expression of love and gratitude. It
allows us to provide emergency assistance and a "Thank You"
check to those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to
God's service. Thanks to your generosity, in 2024 \$932,122 was
raised, resulting in 3,331 checks sent to retired ministers,
missionaries, and widowed spouses.

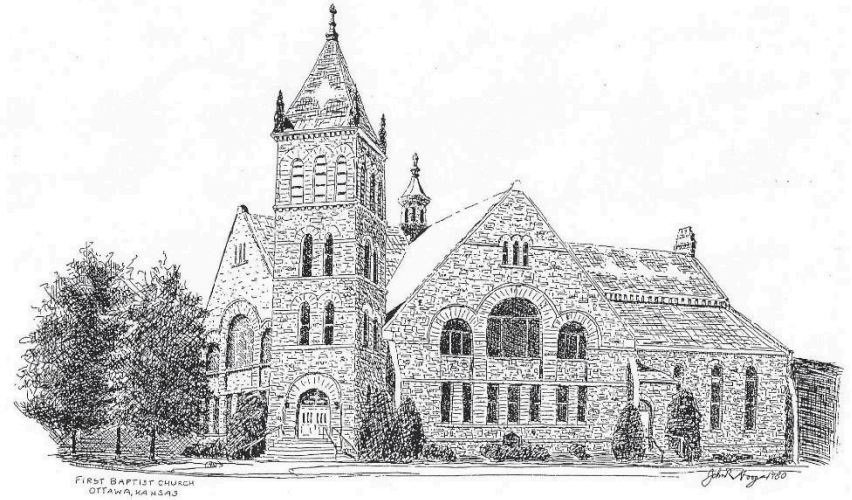
The office is closed this week, reopening on January 5.

There will be no Sunday School for adults, youth, and children
today or January 4.

The backsnack program for Ottawa elementary schools lost
funding to provide apples for the kids who receive this program.
We have established a checking account at Kansas State Bank to
receive any donations people want to make to help purchase fresh
apples each week during the school year. Checks can be made
out to "Apples for Kids" and taken directly to the bank to deposit
the money, the account is under Beth Testorff's name. If you are
unable to take the check, call Russ Testorff at (785)248-6534 and
he will come by to pick up your donation. Thanks for helping us
provide fresh fruit to these kids.

If you haven't been receiving emails from the church office, please
let Christy know by emailing her at ottawafbc@gmail.com. We
would love to add your birthday to our list. If you don't see your
birthday in the monthly newsletter or on the bulletin board during
your month, please let us know.

Please join us in taking down the Sanctuary Christmas decorations
on Tuesday, January 6 at 9:30am.



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