

Worshipping Together
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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 worshipping 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 "People Get Ready"

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:** "My Sweet Lord"

***Song of Praise:** "El-Shaddai"

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 99 Ricky Norval

Hymn of Praise: "O How I Love Jesus"

*Tithes and offerings collected during this song

Recognition of Heritage Members

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Warren Smith

*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.*

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-7

Ricky Norval

Children's Sermon

Pastor Joy

*Nursery and toddler care is provided next to the Parlor for ages 6 weeks to 4 years old.

*Children 5 years old to 2nd grade are encouraged to attend Children's Worship at this time.

Song of Reflection: "Holy is the Lord"

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-9

Sermon: "Blessed Anyhow" Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain

***Song of Response:** "Make Me A Servant"

***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.**
Hope House is back open regular hours and taking all
donations.

ABW will meet Wednesday, **October 21 at 9:30** in Elliott Hall.
Sandy will be our hostess. Janet will provide scripture/devotion.
Project for October is monetary donations for the Apples for
Schools. ABW dues are \$4 for 26-27. Hope to see lots of you
there!

Thank you Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain for spending your Sunday
with us.

Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship time today following
the service. Please check out the FBC history items in the Parlor.
Thanks to Carolyn, Kathy and Lynda for your work putting this
together.

Save The Date

Please join us for Chiefs & Chili on **Sunday, November 22nd at 11am** in Elliott Hall. This will serve as our free community meal for November as well. All are invited.

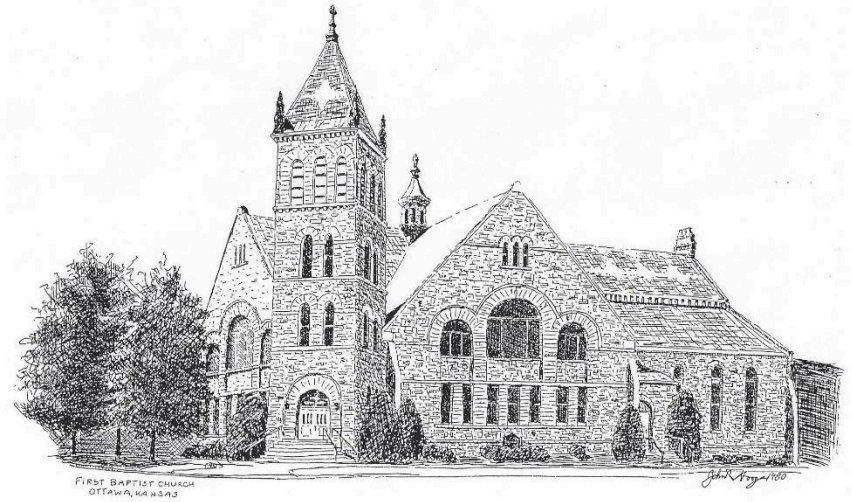
Our Outreach Committee provides breakfast the **last Sunday of each month in the Parlor from 8:30-9:15.**

You're Invited to Fall Into Faith!

We're excited to kick off our middle school and high school youth gatherings with **Fall Into Faith!** Join us for a fun evening of food, games, pumpkin decorating, fellowship, and more!

All youth are welcome, and we encourage you to invite your friends!

We're looking forward to a wonderful evening of fun, friendship, and growing together in faith! We hope to see you this **evening at FBC from 6-8pm!**



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