

**Worshiping Together**  
***Epiphany a Star Words Service***  
**January 4, 2026 – 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** "One Child"

**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:** "Hark! The Herald Angel Sing"

**\*Song of Praise:** "Midnight Clear (Love Song)"

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 Kendall Crowell

**Mission Moment**

**Hymn of Praise:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

\*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**

Phyllis Cunningham

\*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:** Ephesians 3:1-12

Kendall Crowell

**Song of Reflection:** "Emmanuel God With Us"

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon:** "Seeing Stars"

Pastor Joy

**Communion/The Lord's Supper/The Eucharist**

**\*Song of Response:** "A Christmas Alleluia"

**\*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.

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

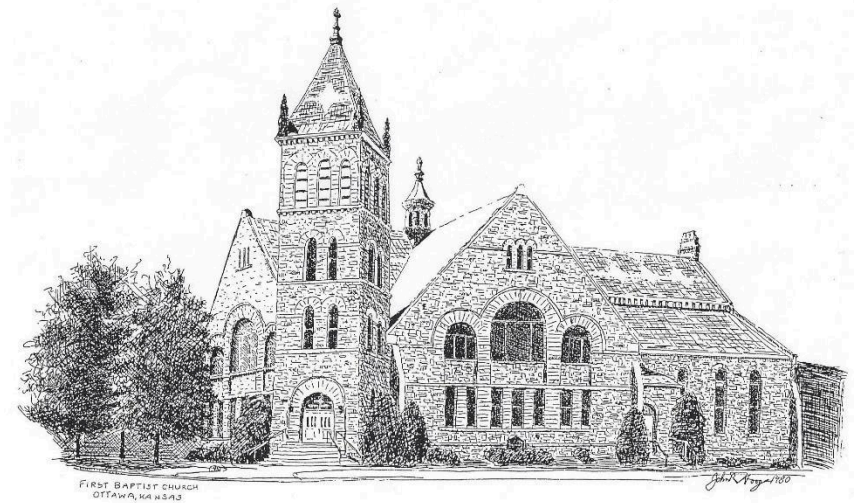
Men's Bible Study will meet the **2nd and 4th Saturdays** of each  
month at **9am**. Come join us for study and fellowship with one  
another. We will meet in the **Homebuilder's Room**, the North  
Sanctuary door will be open.

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 in 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](mailto:ottawafbc@gmail.com) or  
calling 785-242-2713. 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.

The nonfiction section of the library has many, many inspirational  
books to start the New Year. Time to make a New Year Resolution  
to read more, and expand our walk with GOD!



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