

THE VISITOR

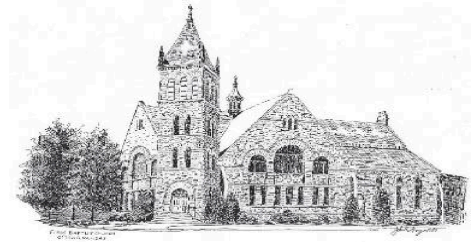
October 2026

To remember is a powerful tool. The Bible tells us repeatedly to remember. To call to mind God's faithfulness and all the times God showed up for God's people. When we feel isolated and down, our memories can remind us that God was there and is present. In Deuteronomy (6:18), it says, "But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today." The author of Lamentation (3:23-24) writes this, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Each time we remember God's faithfulness it helps us to look for it in the present. Our church has a rich history of mission and ministry. We have helped plant congregations, partnered with local ministries, and sought to care for our community.

During the month of October, we will explore some of these stories and heritage. Sundays will be a time to reflect on the past to inspire our future. We will see together all the ways God provided, inviting us to rest in God's continued provision.

Our celebrations will reach their finale on Sunday, November 1st as we celebrate All Saints Day. As we honor the legacy of the "great cloud of witnesses," God reminds us that there is still ministry to be done. I hope that this month you will be encouraged and challenged by the past. Please be sure to join us on October 18 as we welcome the General Secretary of ABC USA, Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain.

Peace,
Pastor Joy



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Live Stream of worship each week!

You are invited and welcome.



First Baptist Church of Ottawa is part of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABC/CR and American Baptist Churches, USA (ABC/USA).

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.



*Sunday School following worship
for all ages!*



Communion October 4

Celebrating the Lord's supper.

Those of you worshiping 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.

The deadline for the **November** newsletter is **October 20**, 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.

Thankful Thursday will be **October 22, 5-6:30pm**. Please sign up to bring a dessert or help serve or simply come eat. You are encouraged to sit with someone new to you, share a story and get to know our neighbors.



PRAYER TIME: Wednesdays at 12:30 EH. If you have a prayer request for Wednesday, call or email 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 Gislir; 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.



We will be collecting for Hope House the first Sunday of each month.

Hope House has reopened and is now taking donations.

Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels always needed



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.

TITHE ONLINE

It's simple!!

Through First Baptist's website (fbcottawa.org) you 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.

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 at Warren Smith's house at **945 S Mulberry**. All men are welcome.

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

Christy will be out of the office the week of **October 26.**

Church Leadership



Fellowship Committee

Meeting is October 12, 9:30am EH

Outreach

Meeting is October 14, 5:30pm



Church Council meeting is October 7 at 7:00pm

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

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 supporting the mission and ministry of our church!

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

I Surrender All by Priscilla Shirer book study will be **October 10th at 9:30** in the library. Contact Jordan Fritz with any questions.

Heritage Sunday

We will celebrate our 50+ year members on **Heritage Sunday, October 18th**. We will also be hosting the General Secretary of ABC USA, Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain. We look forward to this special Sunday.

Birthday Card Shower

Edith Rader will be 94 years old on **October 21st**. We would love to shower her with cards. If you would like to mail her a birthday card it can be sent to 8601 Queen Bee Drive Apt 204 Columbus, GA 31909.

Ellen Ann Wheaton is celebrating her birthday **October 2nd**, her address is 286 S Nistler Lane, Meridian, ID 83642

WMO

Sunday, October 4th will be the last Sunday we will be collecting for World Mission Offering. This offering provides resources and financial support for global servants and international partnerships. So far we have collected **\$851.**

Youth Minister

We are excited to share that Morgan Aspinwall has been hired to be our youth minister. She will be hosting a youth gathering every month on the 3rd Sunday. Morgan brings experience, passion, and spiritual depth to our congregation. I know that our youth will be encouraged by her ministry. She has served at multiple churches in the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region and serves on their staff. Everyone welcomes Morgan and be on the lookout for upcoming events! You can reach Morgan at (785)-241-9820 or morgan.aspinwall@abccr.org



On **Wednesday, October 17th**, we are partnering with churches from all over the Metroplex of Kansas City to collect food for our various food ministries. We are grateful to The Church of the Resurrection for coordinating and inviting us to participate. The Outreach Committee has chosen to collect snacks for SparkWheel for Ottawa High School and Ottawa Middle School. Below is the list of what is needed. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Let's show the larger Kansas City area and Ottawa how we love one another!

Personal Hygiene Items

- travel size shampoo/conditioner
- deodorant for both men and women
- body wash/soap for both men and women
- body spray for both men and women
- feminine products (pads, tampons)

School Supplies

- notebooks
- folders
- pens/pencils
- note cards
- backpacks

Food Items-Meals

(Easy to cook, non-perishable foods)

- ramen noodles,
- easy mac
- ravioli
- Breakfast Items (Pop-Tarts, Packages of Muffins, Individual Packages of Donuts)

Food Items - Snacks (Individually wrapped)

- fruit snacks
- peanut butter and cheese crackers
- goldfish
- granola bars
- breakfast bars
- trail mix packets
- pretzels

ABWM Book of the Month JOSHUA

Key Verse: **Joshua 1:11**

The book of Joshua is a review of the children of Israel's escape from slavery in Egypt, to the 40 year camping journey through the Sinai desert, via the Lord's guidance, to the amazing crossing of the Jordan river at flood stage to the Promised Land. God told Joshua that He was with Moses and He would be with Joshua, "**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**"

Joshua, like Moses, depended upon the Lord's guidance fully. Joshua is our guide through this book, which was possibly recorded by an eye witness, High Priest Phinehas. We will also meet Rahab, Achan, Eleazar and others.

Out of the 10 tribes, of a million souls in this company, Joshua & Caleb were the only survivors of the adult generation from Egypt, to enter the promised land!

[see **Chapters 1-5:13**]

What happened to that first generation? [Numbers 22]

*Blueprint;

A. ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

(1:1-5:12)

1. Joshua leads the nations.
2. Crossing the Jordan

B. CONQUERING THE PROMISED LAND

(5:13-12:24)

1. Joshua attacks the center of the land.
2. Joshua attacks the southern kings.
3. Joshua attacks the northern kings
4. Summary of conquests,

C. DIVIDING THE PROMISED LAND

(13:1-24:33)

1. The tribes receive their land.
2. Special cities set aside.
3. Eastern tribes return home.
4. Joshua's farewell to the leaders.

*Life Application Study Bible, NIV

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