This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00am	Friendship Adult Small Group
9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
10:00am	Worship
11:30am	Youth Group

Wednesday

6:00pm	Dinner
6:30pm	K-5 Kids Group
	Adult Discussion Group
7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

11:30am	Discovery Adult Small Group
3:45pm	CFUM
6:00pm	Grief Share

Pastor's Contact Information

Church Office:
Tuesday—8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday— 10:30 am to 7:30 pm
Thursday—8:30 am to noon
(515) 243 - 8161

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Thursday – noon to 5:00 pm
(515) 377-0097
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Our Mission:
Lighting the way to life by centering people on Christ



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October 18, 2026

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Choral Introit ***I Need Thee Every Hour (1872)*** by Robert Lowry

O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

*Call to Worship

*Passing of the Peace

We meet in Christ's name

Let us share his peace

All Things Bright and Beautiful No. 57

First Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Anthem **Open My Eyes (1928)** by Chas. Scott

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Second Scripture Reading Exodus 33:12-23

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us No. 522

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon ***My Presence***

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Revive Us Again (v. 1 & 4) No. 723

*Benediction

*Postlude

If you wish to commit your life to Christ, unite with this Christian community, or take another step of faith, please express this desire by joining the Pastor at the front during this song. If you prefer, speak to the Pastor following worship or contact him during the week.

Ministry of the Morning

Pastor:	Rev. Paul Scaringi
Music Director:	Jean Graham
Organist:	Becky Van Der Beek
Administrative Services Coordinator:	Wendy Longden
Scripture Reader:	Denise Holt Miller
Worship Leader:	Patty Trump
Children's Church	Lisa Iverson

Ushers:
Barry Ericson, Julie Ericson, Gary Grogan, Clarence Twilley
Technology:
Ray Dennis, Gary Martin, Lee Thomasson, Dick Trump
Greeters:
Kent & Lorie Altemeier, Alan & Judy Harding



Please join us for the

Baptist Women's Union (Quarterly) Meeting

Guest Speaker:
Iowa Dept. for the Blind: Independent Living

When: Tuesday, October 27
Time: 10:15 am - 12:00 pm

Hostesses: Jana Jongewaard & Marcella Edmonds
First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines
8250 NW 62nd Ave., Johnston

**Free will donations accepted.*

Grief Share Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Join us Thursdays, 6-8 pm through December 10, at First Baptist Church. For more in formation, please contact Betsy Yates at (515) 401-8291 or betsyayates@yahoo.com, or Deb Harkness at (618) 967-6344 or harky_il@yahoo.com.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to re-lief, comfort, and peace of mind.

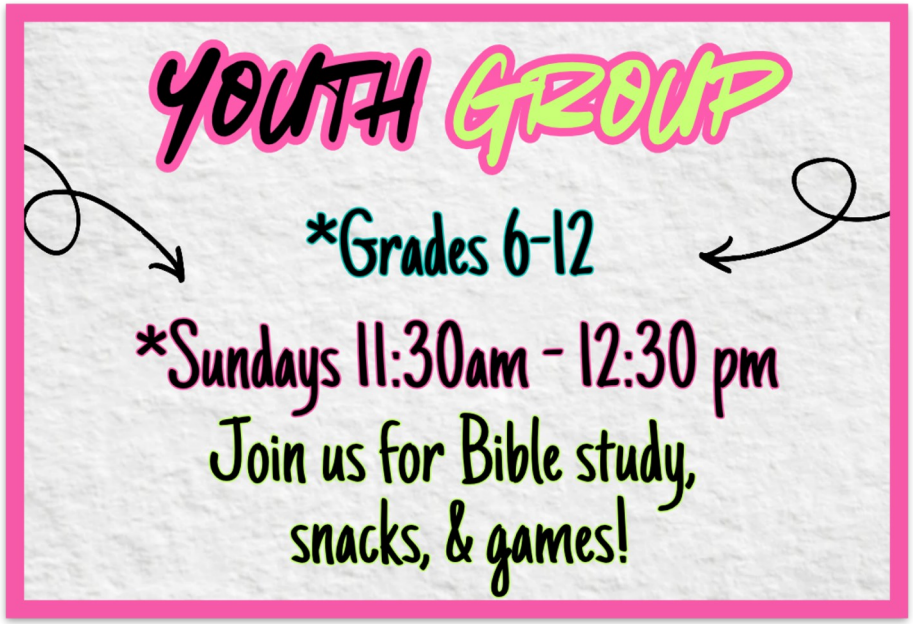
Mark your calendars for PoP!

(a Potluck of Perspectives)

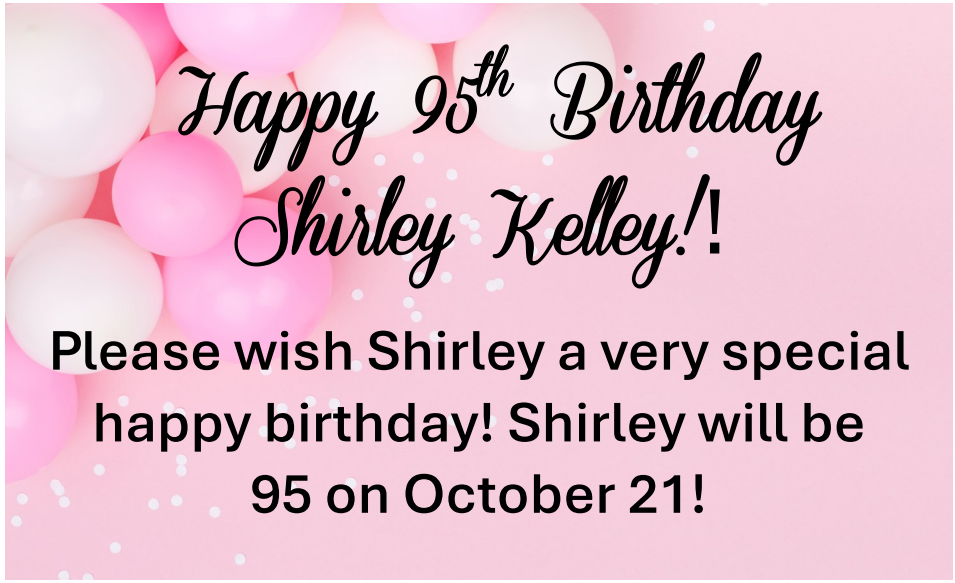
On Saturday, November 7th we'll be gathering at 4:45 pm to share a potluck meal together. If possible, bring something to share with others (either a main dish or side dish or desert).

At 6:00 pm we'll gather in the sanctuary to hear Pastor Paul report on his visits with FBC members and friends over the past 18 months. Please plan to attend as Paul shares what he has heard and what this might say about God's presence and leading in our congregation.

Please RSVP by signing up in the Narthex or by contacting the Church Office.







ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR ELECTION DAY

Monday, Nov 2 | 7:00 AM–7:00 PM

As our nation prepares for Election Day, you are invited to set aside some time to pray. On Monday, November 2, an ecumenical Prayer Vigil for Election Day 2026 will be hosted by Saint James Lutheran Church, 5665 Merle Hay Road in Johnston.

From 7:00 am, until 7:00 pm, we will pray for voters, election workers, candidates, and officeholders, asking God for wisdom, peace, and grace for the sake of our nation and world.

Participants may sign up for one or more 15-minute prayer times throughout the day. Come for 15 minutes or stay as long as you wish. Prayer resources will be available, and the church will be staffed throughout the 12-hour vigil.

At 7:00 pm, Pastor Bill Burneau of St. James will conclude the vigil with a brief lesson, prayer, and hymn.
Everyone is invited to attend this closing time of prayer, whether or not you participated earlier in the day.

You may choose one or more 15-minute prayer times by scanning the QR code, or clicking the link in your Wednesday Church email newsletter.

