

# **The VISITOR**

September 2024  
"Beautiful Space for Grace"

The ongoing vibrant mission of loving God, loving others and serving the world is manifesting in a myriad of beautiful ways here at First Baptist Church, Ottawa. Immersed in the love of Christ in worship, we are increasingly known as a church that serves this community with the same love we have experienced. We have even been named "best place to worship" by the Ottawa Herald for the second year in a row. (This year alongside Hope Anthem)

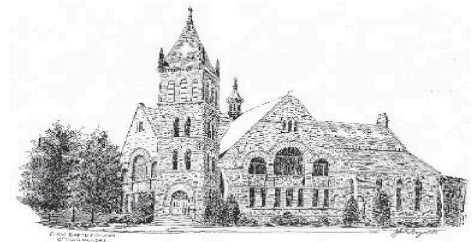
As the vibrant mission thrives, the sacred space of our building is being maintained, protected and enhanced. The painting of the exterior is ongoing and is absolutely fabulous. I see it as an outward manifestation of the spiritual vitality of our life together. In support of the ongoing mission of the church including the painting, we are asking for over and above gifts that can be designated "beautiful space for grace" that will go towards this needed and exciting work of maintenance and renovation.

As I write this, we are also reminded that as the body of Christ we are a place that "rejoices with those who rejoice, and weeps with those who weep." On the evening of August 29, beloved Cathy Brown passed away suddenly while out walking. We are indeed weeping with Steve and her whole family as well as grieving our own loss of such a friend and faithful saint who served the church with her whole heart.

In light of all the good happening here at FBCO and all the good we cherish about Cathy Brown, may we all live generously, compassionately, embracing life to the fullest and caring about others with the love of Jesus. Let us listen well, walk with purpose, love unconditionally and give of our time, talent and treasure with the assurance that all that is done for Lord, all that is done in love, will last eternally.

Pray, love, serve, walk, give, listen and pray some more.

Grace, peace and love,  
Pastor Tiger



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**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
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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 September 1st**  
Celebrating the Lord's supper.

Those of you worshipping 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.**



## **Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for the **October** newsletter is **September 20th**, 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.

**Youth group will meet September 7th at 7pm  
at Fusion Alley**



**PRAYER TIME: Wednesdays at 12:30 EH.** If you have a prayer request for Wednesday let Pastor Tiger know or call or email the church office.

**PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

Bob Lovett (Kim Randel's father); Norma Coble (Dana Coble's mother); Glenda Schmidt; Nathan Ball; Shelly Frank; Tom Lantis (Kelli Ball's father); Mattie Willhite; Mason Sweeney; Janet Wolken; Bill Kern; Carol Fenton (Janet Wolken's sister)

**Shut-Ins:** Betty Bloomer; Dana Coble; Doris Grogan; Sylvia Starky; Bev Hughes; Golden Peterson; Gloria Terrill; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Gene Bromert

**Military Service People:** Sgt. Nate Plaschka-Fort Hood Texas; Brad Davis-Kuwait (Bill & Janice Kern's grandson); PFC Aaron Bigge-Fort Meade, Maryland (Sandy Holbert's grandson); Lt. Matt Ashwill in Kuwait (Melissa Ashwill's son); Mathew Caryl, Gulf Port, Mississippi

*We make every effort to keep this list updated. Please inform us when there are changes.*

**TITHE ONLINE**

*It's simple!!*

Through First Baptist's website (fbcottawa.org)



you now 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.



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

spaghetti sauce, noodles or pasta, pancake mix, pancake syrup

\*No longer needing plastic containers

**Radio Ministry**

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.**

Our next Thankful Thursday gathering will be **September 26th from 5-6:30pm**

**Men's Group**

We look forward to seeing you by the fireplace in Elliott Hall 1st Saturday of each month 9-10am.

**Church Leadership**



**Fellowship Committee**

Meeting is September 9th, 9:30am EH

**Outreach**

Meeting is September 11th, 6:30pm



Church Council meeting is September 17th, 7:00 p.m. EH

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



September 14th at 9:30am in EH, there will be time to fellowship with one another and discuss the book we have been reading. Everyone is welcome to come join us! If you have any questions please contact Jordan Fritz at 785-342-0539.

**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.**

**Labor Day**

There will be no fellowship on Sunday September 1st. The office will be closed on Monday September 2nd.



There are many different ways to get to our live stream of our services.

1. Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchottawa/>
2. YouTube on TV or computer. Look for FBC Ottawa Kansas, or First Baptist Church, Ottawa Kansas. Here's also a shortcut <https://youtube.com/@fbcottawa?si=lhwl5HrPKmuPRqZ8>
3. Links to Facebook and YouTube can also be found on our website <https://www.fbcottawa.org/worship>



## REVELATION

Revelation 1:1 “...God gave Jesus Christ the revelation to show his servants what must soon take place. He sent his angel to John, who testified to everything he saw-the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

John wrote all he saw and was told. The story resembles something out of science fiction imagination. Pay attention to cross references and footnotes in your study bible. The imagery of Revelation 2:17 “**hidden Manna**” the bread from heaven for the Israelites is a symbolic picture of Jesus Christ; “**white stone** with a new name written on it”, symbol of a reward from God.

John had witnessed the seven churches in Asia Minor, Jesus sent His angel to John to dictate letters to the churches. Each letter began with a praise BUT then a warning. All letters end with, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.....and more.....”

Revelation 12:10

**v. 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven (u) say:**

**“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers (v) and sisters. Who accuses them before our God has been thrown down.**

**(u) Rev. 11:15** “The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven..”

**(v) Job 1:9-11** Is God and Satan’s conversation.

**Zechariah 3:1** Satan presents Joshua to God tattling on him of sinning. God showers Joshua with Grace. Victory over Satan. Satan’s freedom to visit heaven is coming to a close.

### Footnote:

12:10 Death and resurrection of Christ is the basis for all victory over Satan. Therefore, children of God need not fear the ultimate death-separation from Him (also referred to as “the second death” 20:6)-for their salvation is secure.

**“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take it to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”** Rev. 1-3 NIV

Read Genesis for OT History and Revelation for what is to come. The Truth.

ABWM Lilly Coultis

## ABWMinistries

ABWM will meet Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 am in Elliott Hall. Miriam Lemp and Jane Smith are hostesses. Bible Study Lilly Coultis

Local mission project-Life Care Center.

Questions, call Jane Smith, 785-214-2936



## FBC Library

Carolyn Kimbrel is actively working in the library as we have new books coming in. Please come in to find some new books to read this fall.

## WMO

Upcoming World Mission Offering in October. We'll have the more detailed article in the October issue



## Mobile Clinics in Rural India Provide Much-Needed Care and Awareness

**Access to medical care is one way to spread hope and provide people with the needed tools to improve their physical well-being. Many rural communities in the hills and villages of northeastern India do not have this kind of access. Children suffer from malnutrition and other preventable diseases because there is a lack of training and awareness about health issues.**

**When you partner with IM in this project, you'll provide medical supplies for nine hospitals, clinics and mobile medical units in India. This project aims not only to care for people with serious medical concerns in remote parts of the country, but also to raise awareness so that individual lives can be changed and generations set on a path towards healthy living.**

**A gift of \$100 provides medications and vitamins for one mobile unit and a gift of \$500 provides not only medication and vitamins but also IV sets, disposable needles, cotton, gloves, adhesive, gauze, plastic sheeting, syringes and deworming pills!**

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