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**MARCH 2025**

**FBC**  
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**For all American Baptist Women and girls  
Grade 3 and up!**



**WHEN: Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm**

**WHERE: First Baptist Church Ottawa  
410 S. Hickory St. Ottawa, KS 66067**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Intergenerational activities (come be a “grandma” for a day – the girls need to see you are interested in them)
- Celebrate the spring! “Plant” some memories!
- Grow as we dig into in God’s word
- Enjoy yummy food (made by our girls)
- Let the girls serve and pamper the women

# CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

## On-Going Calendar Events

**M-W-F—3:00 PM-4:00 PM—Hundred Acre Woods Walkers**

**Every Monday—AA Meeting—7:00 PM**

**Every Wednesday—LHS Cats For Christ—7:50 AM**

**Every Wednesday—Youth Group—6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

**Every Wednesday—1st Service Praise Team—7:00 PM**

**Every Thursday—AWANA—6:15 PM-7:50 PM**

**Every Saturday—Women's United Prayer Group—  
various times and locations**

**Every Sunday—Community Choir Rehearsals—4:00 PM**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—

**8:15 AM—WORSHIP**

**9:45 AM—SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES**

**(YOUTH & ADULT ELECTIVES)**

**11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS' KONNECTION**

**12:15 PM—Deaconess Meeting**

## MONDAY, MARCH 3

**12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Crafter's Corner—FLC**

**1:00 PM—ADK Sorority (southeast corner classroom)**

**6:30 PM—Building Committee**

**6:30 PM—American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5—BEGINNING OF LENT

**9:00 AM—LMA Pastors' Prayer**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 7 & SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**Kami at ABWMCR Board Meeting—Herrington FBC**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC**

**BEFORE GOING TO BED, SET YOUR CLOCKS *AHEAD* 1 HOUR**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see March 2)**

## MONDAY, MARCH 10

**6:30 PM—Deacon Meeting**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 11

**7:00 PM—Christian Ed & Trustee Meetings**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see March 2)**

**MARCH 17 - MARCH 21—USD 416 SPRING BREAK  
NO YOUTH GROUP ; NO AWANA THIS WEEK**

## MONDAY, MARCH 17

**6:30 PM—American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 18

**11:30 AM—Koinonia Cluster Pastors' Prayer**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

**DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

**8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see March 2)**

## MONDAY, MARCH 24

**6:30 PM—Building Committee**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25

**9:30 AM—Luther Rice ABWM Board Meeting—DeSoto FBC**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

**9:00 AM-1:00 PM—AB GIRLS Spring Fling—Ottawa FBC**

**9:00 AM-2:00 PM—F. Kelly Family—FLC**

## SUNDAY MARCH 30

**5TH SUNDAY OFFERING TO BENEFIT AGAPE FOOD PANTRY**

**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see March 2)**

**5:00 PM ECA 5th Sunday Gathering at FBC Overland Park  
Games & Snack Night**

## MONDAY, MARCH 31

**6:30 PM—5th Monday - AHG Tenderhearts at FBC**

March Madness is upon us. (No, I'm not talking about basketball.)

In our **Kingdom of God** series, we are heading into one of the most quoted sections of scripture. It's busting with knowledge, wisdom, and (highly) applicable teachings. We are headed into *The Sermon on the Mount*.—Matthew 5-7.



It's madness, because it will be difficult to cover so much in such a short time.

In fact, I have preached about "The Sermon on the Mount" before. [Go watch it on the website.]

This time, however, we are looking from a different angle. As we follow Jesus' example, he has clearly defined what this looks like. He has shown us the qualities of a kingdom builder.

#### **Qualities like:**

- **Love**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Anger**
- **Lust**
- **Etc...**

If we take our faith seriously, we will bear these fruits in our lives. (Not my words; Jesus' words.)

#### **Something else to expect this month: The next mini-series.**

We will finish the Fasting series on Wednesday, March 5th. After which, we will take a short break before diving into the next topic: Evangelism. Which is a perfect topic as we prepare for Easter.

(Easter is late this year: April 20th—For those who might not know)

# Jesse

Hello March- and WELCOME! I am ready for Spring and the warmer temperatures! Working with the youth and children, I know they welcome this time of year, too, but for another important reason- SPRING BREAK!



They look forward to having time off to do as they please: relax, enjoy leisure time, travel, whatever! The point is they choose!

You may feel the same way, longing for a break to rest and renew your Spirit. I definitely recommend a change in routine, but what if instead of kicking back, we use this time to "Spring" into action?

There is no better way to give your energy a boost and lift your Spirits than taking the focus off your own tiredness, sadness or challenges and looking to those around you. There is something about bringing joy to others that gives us the greatest joy of all. Perhaps that's why Jesus said:

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

This is not a call to find as many "good deeds" to do as you can. That is your planning, not God's. Instead, let God lead you to the ways you can "Love your neighbor" just as Jesus commanded us to do.

Here are some opportunities available right now. If you have another idea, go for it! If FBC can help you get started, PLEASE ASK!

- AB Girls Spring Fling (Ladies come impact the future! March 29)
- ABW Summer conference- AB G.I.R.L.S. Auction (June 6-7)
- Agape Food Pantry Donations (every 5th Sunday)
- OCC Boxes (online all year long - at FBC website!)
- Prayer - Women's intercessory prayer, men's breakfast
- AWANA Missionaries always needed
- Cards or visits to shut ins, widows or widowers (Life changing!)
- VBS staff and donations needed (VBS June 9-13)
- Sponsor Summer events: Mission Trip/ Summer Camp
- Just let someone know you care! You'll see it if you look for it!

Let's "Spring" into action and love Louisburg!

Kami

2025—Our Bible Reading Plan will again be coming from *The One Year® Bible* published by Tyndale.

*The One Year® Bible* daily reading plan consists of passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. This arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day's 15-minute reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible's larger message. No other "through the bible" plan presents the entire bible in such a user-friendly format.

Purchase your own copy of *The One Year® Bible* or just follow along in your own Bible.

## MARCH

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	Leviticus 24:1-25:46	Mark 10:13-31	Psalms 44:9-26	Proverbs 10:20-21
□ 02	Leviticus 25:47-27:13	Mark 10:32-52	Psalms 45:1-17	Proverbs 10:22
□ 03	Lev. 27:14-Num. 1:54	Mark 11:1-26	Psalms 46:1-11	Proverbs 10:23
□ 04	Numbers 2:1-3:51	Mark 11:27-12:17	Psalms 47:1-9	Proverbs 10:24-25
□ 05	Numbers 4:1-5:31	Mark 12:18-37	Psalms 48:1-14	Proverbs 10:26
□ 06	Numbers 6:1-7:89	Mark 12:38-13:13	Psalms 49:1-20	Proverbs 10:27-28
□ 07	Numbers 8:1-9:23	Mark 13:14-37	Psalms 50:1-23	Proverbs 10:29-30
□ 08	Numbers 10:1-11:23	Mark 14:1-21	Psalms 51:1-19	Proverbs 10:31-32
□ 09	Numbers 11:24-13:33	Mark 14:22-52	Psalms 52:1-9	Proverbs 11:1-3
□ 10	Numbers 14:1-15:16	Mark 14:53-72	Psalms 53:1-6	Proverbs 11:4
□ 11	Numbers 15:17-16:40	Mark 15:1-47	Psalms 54:1-7	Proverbs 11:5-6
□ 12	Numbers 16:41-18:32	Mark 16:1-20	Psalms 55:1-23	Proverbs 11:7
□ 13	Numbers 19:1-20:29	Luke 1:1-25	Psalms 56:1-13	Proverbs 11:8
□ 14	Numbers 21:1-22:20	Luke 1:26-56	Psalms 57:1-11	Proverbs 11:9-11
□ 15	Numbers 22:21-23:30	Luke 1:57-80	Psalms 58:1-11	Proverbs 11:12-13
□ 16	Numbers 24:1-25:18	Luke 2:1-35	Psalms 59:1-17	Proverbs 11:14
□ 17	Numbers 26:1-51	Luke 2:36-52	Psalms 60:1-12	Proverbs 11:15
□ 18	Numbers 26:52-28:15	Luke 3:1-22	Psalms 61:1-8	Proverbs 11:16-17
□ 19	Numbers 28:16-29:40	Luke 3:23-38	Psalms 62:1-12	Proverbs 11:18-19
□ 20	Numbers 30:1-31:54	Luke 4:1-30	Psalms 63:1-11	Proverbs 11:20-21
□ 21	Numbers 32:1-33:39	Luke 4:31-5:11	Psalms 64:1-10	Proverbs 11:22
□ 22	Numbers 33:40-35:34	Luke 5:12-28	Psalms 65:1-13	Proverbs 11:23
□ 23	Numbers 36:1-Deut. 1:46	Luke 5:29-6:11	Psalms 66:1-20	Proverbs 11:24-26
□ 24	Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29	Luke 6:12-38	Psalms 67:1-7	Proverbs 11:27
□ 25	Deuteronomy 4:1-49	Luke 6:39-7:10	Psalms 68:1-18	Proverbs 11:28
□ 26	Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25	Luke 7:11-35	Psalms 68:19-35	Proverbs 11:29-31
□ 27	Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20	Luke 7:36-8:3	Psalms 69:1-18	Proverbs 12:1
□ 28	Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22	Luke 8:4-21	Psalms 69:19-36	Proverbs 12:2-3
□ 29	Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32	Luke 8:22-39	Psalms 70:1-5	Proverbs 12:4
□ 30	Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23	Luke 8:40-9:6	Psalms 71:1-24	Proverbs 12:5-7
□ 31	Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20	Luke 9:7-27	Psalms 72:1-20	Proverbs 12:8-9



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION is **OPEN**.

"TRUE NORTH" Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 9-13, 2025. You will find registration forms for Volunteers as well as Child Registration at [myvbs.org/louisburgfirstbaptist](http://myvbs.org/louisburgfirstbaptist) (or use button on midweek or website.) This year the registration form for volunteers lists many options for before, during, and after VBS, so volunteer forms are especially important! Sign up NOW!

February 3, marked six years since Pastor Jesse became our **LEAD PASTOR**. This church has been BLESSED with such a spirit filled leader.

FBC IS AMAZING!!!! Louisburg Agape Food Pantry will carefully manage your generous **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** donations -\$1304.37- to provide grocery relief to local families in need. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

**MYKOLA SEMENOV** (Lidiia Kasych's brother) shared briefly about his ministry with Strong Faith Church, a church plant of the Philadelphia Church ministry in Ukraine, during both services on Sunday, February 23.

New **DEACON UNDERSHEPHERD** lists have been assigned according to last name.

Deacon Scott Margrave—serving last name A-Cl...  
Deacon Mike Bergman—serving last name Co...-G  
Deacon Steve Parscale—serving last name H-K  
Deacon Alex Prettyman—serving last name L-O  
Deacon Fletch Kelly—serving last name P-Se...  
Deacon Brian Gray—serving last name Sh...-Z

### 5 biblical ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. *"To answer before listening — that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13)*
2. Speak without accusing. *"Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).*
3. Give without selfishness. *"The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).*
4. Pray without ceasing. *"We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).*
5. Answer without arguing. *"Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).*



**MONDAY,  
MARCH 3  
12:00 -5:00 PM**

**CRAFTER'S CORNER  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (or just come and chat). Contact Debbie Randolph for more details.



**Love God, Love Louisburg, Serve the World**



**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 9  
DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
BEGINS**

Before going to bed on Saturday night remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29  
9 AM-1 PM**



For all girls 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up! (And all their friends!)



WHEN: Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm

WHERE: First Baptist Church Ottawa  
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**ALL WOMEN INVITED TO THE  
SPRING FLING**

The girls want to serve and pamper the adult women of the church. See Kami for more details



**TO BENEFIT**



**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 30  
5TH SUNDAY  
OFFERING TO  
BENEFIT AGAPE  
FOOD PANTRY**  
Just mark your check or offering envelope for Agape Food Pantry.

# Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked)  
using letters found in the words



See! The winter is \_ \_ \_ \_ ; the rains are over  
and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season  
of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no  
part of it \_ \_ \_ \_ , it will be just as full of light as  
when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your  
fingers, the moon and the \_ \_ \_ \_ , which  
you have set in place, what is mankind that you  
are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD  
has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but  
you are fellow citizens with the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
and members of the household of God.  
(Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answers: past, dark, stars, astray, saints



**SUNDAYS**  
(SECOND SERVICE ONLY)  
**KIDS' KONNECTION**  
**KIDS K THRU 5TH GRADE**



**YOUTH GROUP**  
(GRADES 6-12)  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

Don't miss food, friends and fun  
as we explore what the Bible  
has to say to us today.



**AWANA**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**6:15 PM-7:50 PM**  
**KIDS AGE 3 THRU 6TH GRADE**  
A VBS like experience every  
Thursday evening  
Fun, Bible Lessons,  
Bible Memorization

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!**  
Check with Pastor Kami to see  
where you can help 816-916-  
**KAMI (5264).**

## FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it in to the church office. Thanks.

Pi Day is a celebration of the mathematical constant  $\pi$ . Pi Day is observed on March 14 since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of  $\pi$ . So, with that in mind, enjoy a slice of this very simple, very tasty refrigerator pie.

### SUNNY DAY NANA PIE

from the kitchen of Hope Anderson

2 bananas

1 graham cracker pie crust, 9-inch

2 cups milk

8 ounces cream cheese, softened

1 package (3¼ ounce) instant vanilla pudding mix

1. Slice bananas into crust.
2. Gradually add ½ cup milk to softened cream cheese, mixing until well blended.
3. Add remaining milk and pudding mix; beat slowly 1 minute.
4. Pour into crust; chill for about two hours.



## ABW Bible Book of the Month

### Ezekiel

The Book of Ezekiel is a prophetic book in the Old Testament that records the visions and messages of the prophet Ezekiel, who was among the Israelites exiled to Babylon in the 6th century BCE. The book is known for its vivid imagery, symbolic actions, and themes of judgment, restoration, and the glory of God.

The book can be divided into three major sections:

#### 1. Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem (Chapters 1–24)

- **Call of Ezekiel (Ch. 1–3):** Ezekiel has a vision of God's glory in a storm with four living creatures and a chariot-like throne. He is called to be a prophet to a rebellious Israel.
- **Prophecies of Judgment (Ch. 4–7):** Ezekiel performs symbolic acts to illustrate the coming siege and destruction of Jerusalem.
- **Vision of the Temple (Ch. 8–11):** Ezekiel sees the abominations in the temple, God's glory departing, and judgment on the corrupt leaders.
- **Allegories of Judgment (Ch. 12–24):** Ezekiel uses parables and symbolic acts to warn about the certainty of destruction due to sin, idolatry, and corruption.

#### 2. Oracles Against the Nations (Chapters 25–32)

- Prophecies against Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon, and Egypt, emphasizing God's sovereignty over all nations and their judgment for opposing Israel.

#### 3. Future Restoration and Hope (Chapters 33–48)

- **The Watchman's Role (Ch. 33):** Ezekiel is reminded of his duty to warn the people.
- **The Good Shepherd (Ch. 34):** God condemns corrupt leaders and promises to shepherd His people.
- **Restoration of Israel (Ch. 36–37):** Includes the famous "Valley of Dry Bones" vision, symbolizing Israel's revival.
- **Gog and Magog Prophecy (Ch. 38–39):** A symbolic battle between God and the forces of evil.
- **The New Temple and Renewed Worship (Ch. 40–48):** Ezekiel sees a detailed vision of a restored temple, land, and the presence of God returning.

#### Key Themes

1. **God's Sovereignty** – God rules over nations and history.
2. **Judgment and Sin** – Israel's sins led to exile, but judgment is just.
3. **Hope and Restoration** – God promises to restore His people spiritually and physically.
4. **God's Presence** – His glory departs due to sin but will return in the future.

Ezekiel's prophecies shaped Jewish thought and Christian eschatology, influencing apocalyptic literature and visions of God's kingdom.



February 2025

## Becky & Larry Stanton - ABC Global Servants in Hungary

We are so proud of our daughters! They all did very well last semester in school and we are continually amazed by their hard work and dedication. Now as we begin a new semester our older two, Maggie and Ruth, continue to grow in both their studies and service. Hungarian high school students are required to complete a number of volunteer service hours before graduating and last year Ruth found a meaningful way to give back – by offering free English lessons at our local library on Saturdays. It quickly became a popular program drawing students and parents, and even some adult learners who were eager to practice their English. In this part of Hungary opportunities to converse with native English speakers are rare, so people truly appreciate the time and effort the girls give.



This year, Maggie, now a freshman in high school, is joining Ruth in tutoring sessions one hour with adults, another with kids, while Ruth continues offering private lessons for those who sign up. Because both girls speak Hungarian, they can explain concepts clearly, making the sessions even more valuable for their students.

We are so thankful that our daughters not only excel in their studies, but also embrace the opportunity to serve. Their willingness to share time and talents is a beautiful reflection of God's love in action. Please pray for them as they continue this work that they would be a blessing to their students and grow through the experience as well. Ruth will accompany Larry on his next visit to Serbia, visiting friends and serving as his interpreter. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our family and ministry!



# MARCH

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 8 Ivan Valihun  
 March 9 Emily Gerard  
 March 11 Jana Johnson  
 March 12 Kim Manson  
 March 14 John Adams  
 Zoey Smith  
 March 15 Del Jo Broadrick  
 March 16 Emily Bovaird  
 March 22 Colton Gray  
 March 25 Kaylee Gray  
 Harper Gerard  
 March 27 Gary Plumb  
 March 28 Mary Jo Broadrick  
 Vicky Davis  
 Jordan Smith (Emma's husband)  
 March 29 Jesse Smith

*Debbie & Pat Apple - March 10*

*Marla & Jim Atkinson - March 19*



*Ava & Keith White*

*were married on March 5, 1967.*

*Keith passed on June 3, 2020.*

*They shared over 53 years together.*

*Merilyn & John Kelly*

*were married on March 8, 1952.*

*Merilyn passed on November 27, 2024.*

*They shared nearly 73 years together.*

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES**

March 19—Deadline for April Newsletter

in person  
**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>73</b>



**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**  
12:15 PM—Deaconesses

**MONDAY, MARCH 3**  
6:30 PM—Building Committee

**MONDAY, MARCH 10**  
6:30 PM - Deacons

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11**  
7:00 PM - Christian Education &  
Trustee Boards

**MONDAY, MARCH 24**  
6:30 PM—Building Committee

Finance Committee scheduled as needed

**WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?**

Wouldn't it be great to keep the Operation Christmas Child spirit going all year long? We can! It's simple. It's convenient, and it's relatively painless! All you do is set your mind up to build online boxes each month all year long! They only cost \$25 (the price of one meal out or a few treats at the movie) and you don't even have to shop or pack the box!

Think about it. Would you truly miss \$25 each month? I know I spend that much on silly things, things that don't last, all the time. The impact of these boxes is eternal.

So, I challenge you to join me this year in sending at least one box each month. Use this QR code or the link on the church website to get started. ~KAMI

(As of 2/26, as a church we have done 14 boxes towards the 2025 goal of 100 boxes; can we do even more?)



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