



The Trumpeter May 2024

**First Baptist Church
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Fire and Calling

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

“The angel of the Lord appeared to [Moses] in flames of fire from within a bush.” --Exodus 3:2

As Ascension Day and (soon) Pentecost Sunday focus the attention of the church calendar this month, we can make connections from these events to other Bible passages.

God has always been at work in developing and redeeming a people. From the story of Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 50), we see how God protected a fractured family--Israel--and provided food for them in the midst of a famine. But after several generations, the tables turned, and the people of Israel became slaves to the Egyptians. God heard the cries of His people, however, and would lead them out to the Promised Land.

The unlikely leader for this mission was a murderer, Moses. He killed an Egyptian to protect someone from getting a beating and then ran away (Exodus 2:12-15). Then, some years later, out in the wilderness, Moses received God's call by way of a bush that was on fire but did not burn up. As Moses drew closer to this holy ground, God declared that He had heard the cries of His people and wanted Moses to bring them out of slavery. Fire and calling.

As Moses was called into God's service through holy fire, that event anticipated the day when the Holy Spirit of God would be poured out, in tongues like fire (Acts 2:3), on all who would be messengers of hope and love to a world crying out in despair and anger.

Prayer: Lord, You call us to be Your people and tell others about Your mighty acts. May we also find comfort in knowing that we can trust Your promises to be with us. Amen.

See you in church!
--Pastor Dave



MISSION NEWS: JUMP for Kids

Journey Up Mentoring of Pella is...

Reaching out...

Touching lives...

Making a difference...

One child at a time...

One hour a week.



What if on life's journey you committed to spending one hour a week to make a lasting positive impact in the life of a child? Would you do it?

JUMP is about changing lives, one child at a time, one hour at a time. Mentoring offers you the opportunity to build warm relationships, nurture life skills, laugh and feel young again, as you make a lasting impact on a child. That's the gift of mentoring.

Come alongside youth, be part of developing tomorrow's leaders, help kids understand the value of education and learning, be that listening ear--all that and so much more is the joy of mentoring.

Come join the journey with youth in the Pella community.

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The following "Blessings of 2023" and "Dreams for our church in 2024" from various FBC members during the January 2024 opportunity to participate is below:



"Thanking Lovena Van Haaften for all she has done for me. 2023 was very uplifting."

"God was with me when it went well or bad time also. He is great!"

"My son always shovels my walks and driveway!"

"Thank you to FBC Pella for your warm welcome. We love this church!"

"A close church family!!"

"A new pastor and his family come to our church."

"The war will come to peaceful terms. Israel will be restored."

"Off street parking on the north off Independence Street similar to front parking."



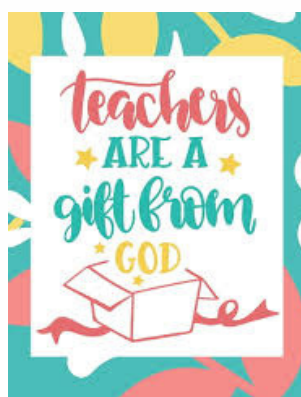
Randy Sikkema has decided to hang it up as our Church Treasurer. Please join us on **Sunday, June 2** after church to thank Randy for his **32 years** of faithful service as our Church Treasurer.



The “Good Grief” group will meet this month on **Wednesday, May 15** and **Wednesday, May 29** at 10:00am in the Church Parlor. Anyone is welcome to come for one time or whatever is needed in your life. Sometimes we just need to vent or share with others without being judged or fixed. This small group is facilitated by Sonja VanDusseldorp.



Our Nursery Workers are nearing the end of their school year. The Christian Education Board is asking our congregation to support our youngsters during worship by volunteering to help. We are initiating soon a “JOY (*Jesus, Others, You*) Kids” time during worship. Plans are to have a more structured time for the children instead of just play time for an hour. A schedule will be implemented and posted in the room and should be very easy to follow. Please contact Faye Dieleman (712-621-4151) or Lona Bandstra (641-780-2135) to volunteer. Thank you for your consideration to serve in this area!



The Christian Education Board thanks our Sunday School Teachers for their time, dedication, and leadership. Our weekly Sunday School time is enhanced by your teaching and enables our congregation to continue to learn more about being Christ’s disciples, as well as growing in our faith and knowledge of God’s Word. Please join us in thanking our stellar teachers: **Dennis Dingeman, Ken Hoksbergen, June Hoksbergen, Shannan Duenwald, and Kathy DeVos.**

We will honor and recognize our Sunday School Teachers on **Sunday, May 19.**




News Happenings: the **Search and Grow Women’s Group** made May Baskets for the residents at Fair Haven East:



May 2024

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PELLA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</u> 9:30AM Morning Worship 10:30am Coffeetime 10:45am Sunday School	29 <u>PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:</u> Wednesdays 9:00am - 3:00pm	30 <u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:</u> Mondays - Thursdays 8:00am - 1:00pm	1	2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  TULIP TIME	3  TULIP TIME	4  TULIP TIME
5 CINCO DE MAYO Communion	6	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study	8	9 7:00pm Search & Grow	10	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 8:00am Christian Ed & Trustees Board Meetings	13 10:00am Ladies Coffeetime in the Parlor	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study	15 10:00am Good Grief in the Parlor	16	17	18 ARMED FORCES DAY
19 PENTECOST SUNDAY Last Day of Sunday School Teacher Recognition Graduation Recognition Sunday	20	21 8:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Council of Chairs	22	23	24	25 3-7pm Teresa Hudson Rental for Graduation Reception
26 8:00am Diaconate Bd Mtg 10:30am Prayerime for the Future	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study	29 10:00am Good Grief in the Parlor	30	31	1
2 2-Craig/Judy Buitenwerf 2-Dennis/Jane Dingeman 3-John McConeghey 5-James Tietjens 5-Sonja Van Dusseldorp	3 8-Betty Landgrebe 8-Emily Hagens 9-Alan Naaktgeboren 10-Alan Parnell 10-Kay Parnell	<u>BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES :</u> 10-Ron/Amy Vander Weerd 10-Kaleena Van Haaften 11-Mary Carson 11-Linda Ward 13-Deb Ochoa		19-Tim Lucas 20-June Hoksbergen 20-Jan Petersma 21-Jackie Harvey 22-Teri Buitenwerf 24-Zara Pippel	26-Chuck/Linda McDonough 26-John/Faye Dieleman 27-Mike/Sheryl Lubberden 28-Alan/Teri Buitenwerf 28-Jeff/Mary Lanser 31-Dennis Blanke, John/Carolyn Scharff	