

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA
Serving as the hands and feet of Christ

the service. We will follow with a wonderful potluck. We ask you to prepare a bit extra for the meal as we are anticipating extra guests. We also encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors.

THE BAPTIST BOOSTER

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Here is a bit more about Westward Road:

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Westward Road Sunday, May 4th
10:30am
Potluck to follow

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- 2 Henry Pollard
Irene Lee
Griffin Peebler
- 3 Scott Stowell
- 4 Mike Herrick
Christina Schell
Travis Clark
- 6 Ian Omvig
Thomas Reynolds
- 8 Chad Johnson
- 9 Leah Bloem
- 10 Melissa Murphy
- 13 Joleen Vale
Addison Gustin
- 18 Deanna Eaves
Vicki Siders
- 19 Joshua Bouk
- 23 Kathryn Reed
- 27 Rose Jones
Cameron Breon
- 28 Steve McCoy
Cara Vale
- 30 Ryan Bourdan



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Randy & Fran Watson
- 20 Jeff & Sherrill Rasmussen
Jim & Jody Malloy

MEMBER'S DEATH: MARY HOFFMAN



Member Death: Mary Hoffman:

Mary Hoffman passed away peacefully on February 28, 2025, at the age of 90 years. A graveside service with Pastor Janell Bloem

officiating took place on March 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Mary was buried in Squire Boone Cemetery, Boone. Arrangements by Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Memorials can be sent to Mary's family. Remember, please, Mary's family at the time of this loss for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters and Scripture Readers: We more greeters for the east door of the church between Sunday school and worship service and scripture readers for April are needed. Can you help out? Thanks for volunteering.

Lent Season Giving Project: During the season of Lent, from March 5th through April 20th (Easter Sunday), we encourage you to save your pocket change. On April 20th we will gather all of the change and give it to a cause to be announced.

Westward Road: On Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., the family trio of Scott Roberts, Kelli Roberts, and son Garrett will be at our church. The trio provides a "unique blend of gospel and modern worship music..." that "takes audiences into the presence of God in a powerful way." A free will offering is requested with a potluck

meal occurring after the worship service in fellowship hall.

Correction: Witmer Missionaries: The family of Kyle and Debbie Witmer will be with us in worship service (10:30 a.m.) on Sunday, June 29 (not May) to talk about their ministry in the country of Thailand. More information will be put out later.

Ice Cream Social @ Boone Band

Concert: The ice cream social for our church to do at Herman Park's municipal band concert is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th.

Plastic Containers & Lids – Kitchen Use:

Donated containers for use in the kitchen are needed from larger plastic ones (gallon, half-gallon size), cottage cheese size, and salad sized ones, or large butter dish sized. Please, no small ones such as individual sized yogurt ones (very small). Save and bring to the kitchen, please. Thanks!

Greeters and Scripture Readers:

Greeters for the east door of the church for all of April and scripture readers for part of April are needed.



Free Community Spring Picnic & Kids Fest

Place: Cobblestone Inn Event Center, Boone

Date & Time: Sunday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free Meal: Smoked Ham & Pork with all the fixings

Activities: There will be lots of activities for kids.

Easter Bunny: Present from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. & free professional photos

Contact: Jacquie @ (563) 599-2790 or jacquie@feedingthe5000.org

April 13: The next quarterly business meeting is on April 13 with the Church Board providing the treats for fellowship time.

Church Board: Please turn your quarterly reports (January, February, and March) into the office by April 4. Thanks.

Dayton Oaks: We will have a camper fun day on Saturday May 31st from 10am-1pm at the camp. Lunch will be served. Bring your friends, family and especially camper age children. We'd love for you all to see what's going on at the camp. There will be a dunk tank & when we meet our fundraising goal of \$10,000 there will be unlimited chances to dunk Matt that day. We have many new things we are working on to enrich the lives of our future campers. Come see what's new at Dayton Oaks Camp.

Dayton Oaks: We also have a spring work week coming up on Monday April 7- Saturday April 12th. We will be working on several projects to get ready for the summer camp season. Call the camp at 515-547-2417 or email us at mabcamp@lvcta.com to let us know if you can make it to the work week for a day, or two or more.

Church Directory Changes Due April 6:

The copy of the Church Directory on the table outside the elevator doors will be picked up by me on April 6 so I can complete the project for this year and make copies for the congregation. Vivian

Easter Insights

Did you know the word *Easter* never appears in the Bible? It may be a variant of the name Eostre, a pagan fertility goddess who symbolized rebirth and spring. *Eostre* stems from the Proto-Germanic word for *dawn*, which Christians connect to Jesus' victory over darkness.

The ancient tradition of Easter baskets also has ties to Eostre, whose symbol was a rabbit. Christians likely adapted the practice of bringing eggs and seeds as an offering to Eostre. Some Orthodox Christians continue a tradition of having a priest bless baskets of Easter food on Holy Saturday. Items usually hold special symbolism, such as Paska bread, cured meats, colored eggs, salt, horseradish and lamb-shaped butter.

(From: *The Newsletter, Newsletter*, April 2025)

One Pair of Hands

(Sung by Carroll Roberson on the album "Carroll Roberson Sings Gospel Favorites")

One pair of hands formed the mountains
One pair of hands formed the sea
One pair of hands made the sun and the moon
Every bird, every flower, every tree
One pair of hands formed the valleys
The ocean, the rivers and the sand
Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong
Put your faith in the one pair of hands

One pair of hands, healed the sick
One pair of hands raised the dead
One pair of hands calmed the ragging storm
And thousands of people were fed
One pair of hands said I love you
And those hands were nailed to a tree
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Written by: Mann Curtis, Billie Campbell
Album: Carroll Roberson Sings Gospel Favorites
Released: 2012
Lyrics provided by [Musixmatch](#)

Creation Care

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts, asked troop members to "leave this world a little better than you found it." For Christians, that aim is rooted in Scripture.

Using a Bible-like parable, biology professor Michael Duncan writes: "Imagine you owned a property and rented it out to tenants for a period of time. Upon move-in, the tenants found the place clean and in perfect working order. As the owner of the property, it is your desire to see that the tenants regard the condition of the property and live in such a way that does not destroy the house. This is the mindset that we should adopt as tenants living on the earth."

Almost five centuries ago, John Calvin encouraged creation care too. "The earth was given to man, with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation," he wrote. "Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may not suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence, but let him endeavor to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. Moreover, that this economy, and this diligence, with respect to those good things which God has given us to enjoy, may flourish among us; let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses."

(*The Newsletter, Newsletter*, April 2025)

#100daystoraise fundraiser

Dayton Oaks Camp

Below you'll find a QR code made specifically for Dayton Oaks. When you scan the QR code with your smart phone, a Give Now window will appear on your phone with a link to our kindred giving page. It will have our 2025 camp theme (Rooted in Christ) at the top. Our goal is \$10,000 for the Dayton Oaks camping ministry. When we meet our goal the campers (& adults) will get to dunk Matt in the dunk tank at camper fun day on Saturday, May 31st. Make sure to choose the sub fund 100 Days to Raise to donate to this fundraiser. Help us meet our goal of \$10,000. AND we get to see Matt get dunked over & over & over. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dani at 515-547-2417. Please share this with others.

Thank you so much for your support.



Scan QR code with your smart phone to donate to camp today.

You may also donate to the #100 days fundraiser by mailing a check to the camp at 3717 Taylor Ave, Dayton, IA 50530.

Please make sure to note that your donation is for the #100days fundraiser. All donations for #100days fundraiser must be postmarked on or before May 12th.

(From: Dayton Oaks Camp flyer on March 26, 2025, Dayton, Iowa)

Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

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- Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4
- Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8
- A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13
- These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
- A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
- Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

(Note: In the original image, some letters in the lines are circled: J, E, F, F, G, G, I, N)

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____ !

Answers: rain, egg, chick, flower, butterfly, mud, Jesus said, ... I am ascending to my Father and you are going to my Father and you love me, but you do not love me because I said the truth.

Pastor's Doings

(Cont'd from p. 1) leader and nation charting songwriter, and his wife, the talented and award-winning vocalist, Kelli Roberts. Their son, Garrett Roberts completes the superbly gifted musical family with his smooth vocal tones.

Their "out of the box" take on worship and gospel music paired with their God given ability to communicate the Good News takes audiences into the presence of God in a very powerful way. They have performed for audiences in large theaters and for intimate settings in rural churches, festivals and fairs.

A Westward Road concert leaves you uplifted by their message of hope and encouraged to live a life of trust in God. Their inspiring style of music along with their smooth family harmonies and ability to lead God's people into His presence through worship will have audiences of all ages falling in love with this fun and energetic trio.

You can find more information about their music and ministry as well as access to their music by visiting their website at www.westwardroad.com

Something new is happening: Feeding the 5,000-food rescue and distribution ministry

We are happy to share that Jacquie Frick will be making use of the two smaller classrooms on the lower level on the south side of the building. She has a passion for helping people who have limited resources in this unique way. Restaurants, grocery stores as well as individuals who have food that is getting close to expiring donate their food. Occasionally she will do a food drive, inviting people to go through their cabinets and donate items that they are not using. She will pick these items up and will bring them to our building. She will put the

word out and food pick-ups will be available on a specific date and time until the food has been distributed. This is a new ministry. We are learning with her what will work and what challenges we may face. We are communicating the church calendar with her to avoid schedule conflicts. We are excited to see how God will use this ministry to bless our community. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, you can contact Jacquie by emailing her at jacquie@feedingthe5000.org

Preparing for Sabbatical

There are many things in the works as we prepare for my sabbatical this summer. I will be gone from June 16-August 10. A good portion of that time will be in Wisconsin and North Carolina. My focuses for rest and connecting with God are: solitude, nature and creativity. I am rejoicing at the grace of God, and the generosity of people and organizations that are making it possible for Brian and I to enjoy places of rest and refreshment at no cost. My prayer and I ask that it be yours as well, is that God will use this time to restore my spirit and empower me to return strengthened and energized for the next phase of our ministry together.

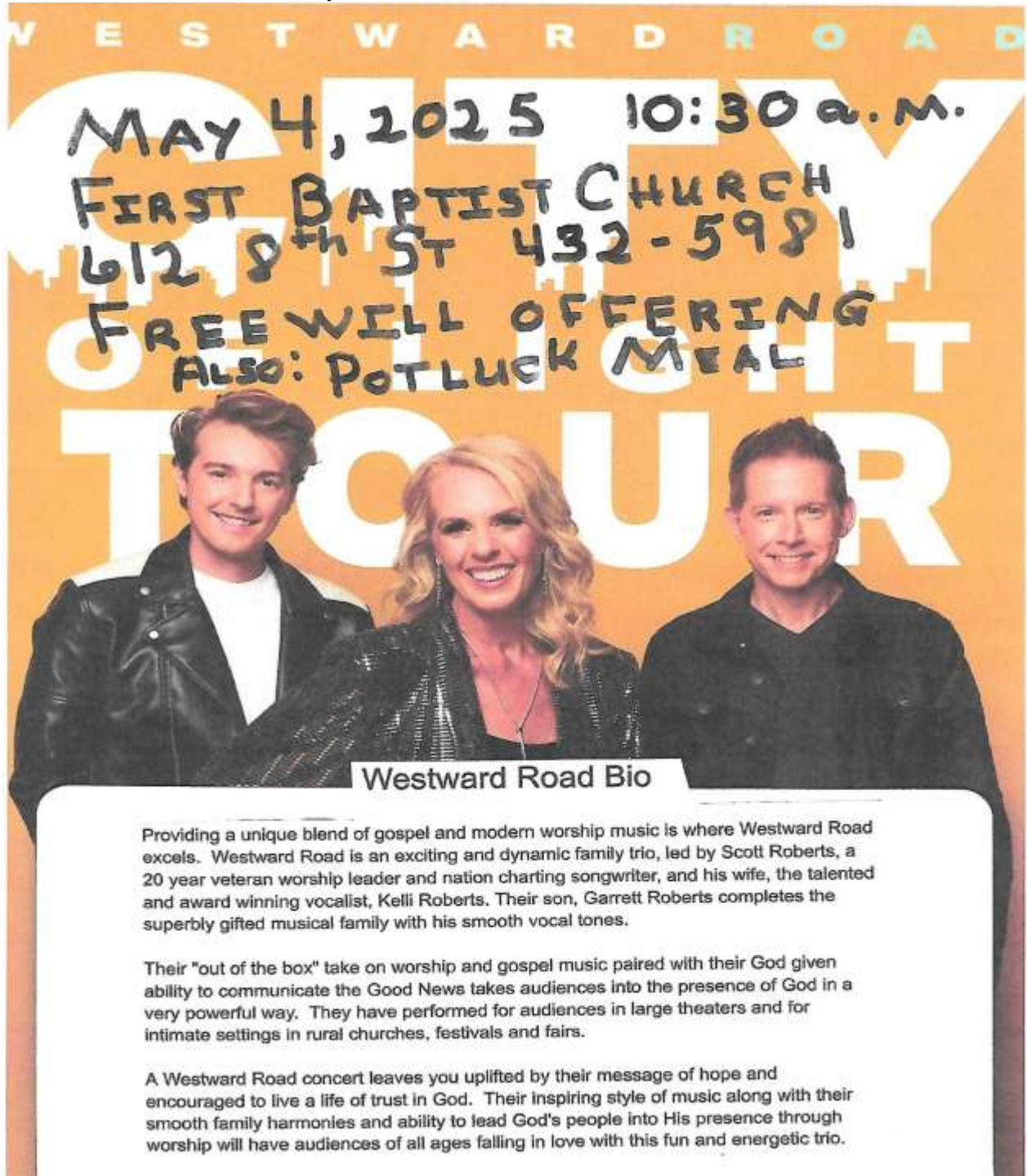
We are still creating a schedule for our guest preachers, but I can tell you that we have some wonderful ones who have already agreed to preach. Of course, our Region Executive Minister, Rev. Jacqueline Saxon will preach. Also, Rev. Gary Martin, Rev. Brenda Stahlbaum Martin, our good friend, Jim Ott will be preaching, and our ABC missionaries, Kyle and Debby Witmer are on board. We also have some people from within the congregation who will share some of the preaching and worship leadership responsibilities as well.

We do have specific needs for people to volunteer for various responsibilities such as running the livestream of our worship services on Sunday morning, being available to visit shut-ins or people who have been hospitalized, to help facilitate a Bible study and to people to welcome our guest preachers, give them the "lay of the land" and make sure they know the flow of the service. Please contact me if you

would be interested in helping in any of these capacities.

I do thank you from the very bottom of my heart for granting me this time of sabbath. Trusting God on this journey!

Love always!
Pastor Janell



WESTWARD ROAD

MAY 4, 2025 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
612 8th ST 432-5981

FREEWILL OFFERING
ALSO: POTLUCK MEAL

TOUR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	March 31	1 9:30 a.m. Dutch Oven Coffee Group 6:00 Book Study	2 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study	3 9:30 Book Study Noon Ministerial Mtg. @ Grace Episcopal Church (Janell out)	4 Office Closed	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Facebook 11:30 Fellowship 6:00 No Address Study	7	8 9:30 Dutch Oven Coffee Group 6:00 Book Study	9 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study	10 9:30 Book Study 5:30 Church Board	11 Office Closed	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Facebook 11:30 Fellowship/Qtily. Business Meeting (Treats: Church Board)	14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 9:30 Dutch Oven Coffee Group 6:00 Book Study	16 9:30 Bible Study 1:30 ABW Meeting 6:00 Bible Study is cancelled today	17 Maundy Thursday 9:30 Book Study 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service, FUMC 7:30	18 Good Friday Office Closed	19 Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Facebook 11:30 Fellowship	21	22 Earth Day 8:30 Dutch Oven Coffee Group 6:00 Book Study	23 Administrative Professionals Day 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study	24 9:30 Book Study	25 Arbor Day Office Closed	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Facebook 11:30 Fellowship	28	29 9:30 Dutch Oven Coffee Group 6:00 Book Study	30 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study	Pastor Janell out of office March 31-April 2 @ Prairie Pastor's Conference Dayton Oaks Camp work week April 7-12 Dayton Oaks, May 31: Camper Fun Day, 10a.m.-1p.m. Student Leadership Retreat @ FBC May 31-June 1		

