

Caring

VISITATION:

Hospital, Homebound & Nursing Home

Contacts: Lurene Ladd (678-8446, lurene.ladd@gmail.com),

Bonna Zimmerman (383-2421, bzimmer104@aol.com)

Visit church members who are unable to come to the church.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact: Gay Barton (673-2098, gsbarton@gmail.com)

Meets every other month on Monday afternoon to provide prayer support.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM

Contact: Candy Lacy (868-3038, lacycandy@comcast.net)

Promotes within the church a caring ministry and healthy lifestyle.

Parish Nurse: Lurene Ladd (678-8446, lurene.ladd@gmail.com)



Dear Friends,

Thanks for your interest in First Baptist Church. I'm very excited about the many opportunities for spiritual and personal growth we offer. Sometimes it seems like getting involved in a church is really complicated. How do I know where a group meets? How can I find one that's right for me or my kids? Who do I contact if I have any questions? This booklet gives details on the activities of each group, as well as the contact information of the leader in case you want more information. We offer a wide variety of experiences to choose from: music groups, bible studies, local service groups, youth and children's groups, senior activities, and more. We've arranged the groups into different sections so you can more easily find the group you need.

If you ever have any questions or need more information, feel free to call or e-mail the group's contact person. If you're still having trouble, contact the church office at office@fbcpeoria.com or call **309-682-5491**. I wish you all of God's greatest blessings in the coming year as we all grow towards greater faith.

Pastor Jim

Small Groups

GOURMET GROUPS

Gourmet Group I

Contact: Marti Atwater (231-4948, atwaterm@yahoo.com)
An opportunity for people to enjoy gourmet food and fellowship.
Meets monthly after preparing a gourmet meal or dining out.

Gourmet xFour

Contact: Marti Atwater (231-4948, atwaterm@yahoo.com)
Meets four times a year to collaborate on cooking a "gourmet" meal.

Dining Out Group

Contact: Jen Dusek (231-6389,
the_j_family@yahoo.com)

Meets monthly on the 4th Friday of the month to dine out at a moderately priced restaurant. Guests are welcome.



MOST UNUSUAL GROUP STUDY (MUGS)

MUGS I

Contact: Gay Barton (673-2098, gsbarnton@gmail.com)
Discusses current books on issues relevant to faith in the modern world. Meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at church.

MUGS II

Contact: Marti Atwater (231-4948, atwaterm@yahoo.com)
Meets Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Panera's on North Knoxville. They read and discuss books that strengthen their faith and challenge them to look at their spiritual walk in new and exciting ways.

ABW/Circle of Friends

Contact: Zene Baker (243-5160)
Meets monthly on Tuesday afternoons at church.

ABW/Evening Literature Circle

Contact: Pat Sheikh (472-5023, nama1997@hotmail.com)
Meets monthly on Tuesday evenings in homes.

PRIME TIMERS

Contact: Garland Criswell (643-9749, criswellgarland@gmail.com)
Ministers to older adults (50+) in the church and provide fellowship and activities. First Tuesday of each quarter. Potluck lunch and program at the church.

HINES ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Contact: Karen Pilgrim (369-2431, khpilgrim@comcast.net)
Offers support to the students of Hines Elementary School by tutoring, mentoring, providing supplies, etc.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Contact: John Dusek (472-9575, John.Dusek@cyient.com)
Provides a service to the community through work projects. Held in April of each year.



ESL TUTORS

Contact: Lori Paton (692-7859,
paton5@yahoo.com)

Provides tutoring for persons where English is their second language.

Community/Service

YOUTH GROUP

(6th – 12th grades)

Contact: Michelle Carlson (213-4040, firstbap1@juno.com)
Fosters Christian community, mutual support, outreach, and service among youth of the church. Bi-weekly meetings.

YOUNG ADULTS

Contact: Mark Grizzard (310-9927, markg@mtco.com)
Fosters relationships among young people.



AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN

Contact: Dick Gillaspie (692-5320, gillasr@netscape.net)

Provides fellowship to men of the church and provides service and support to the church and community. Monthly Saturday meetings.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Contact: Carolyn Ihnken (685-1388, csimk@comcast.net)

Provides educational, mission-minded, social and service events for women of the church. Open to all women of the church. Monthly Saturday brunches.

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

HEARTWARMING HATS

Contact: Beryl Fredell (685-4136)

Meets the second Monday of the month to make hats for cancer patients and premature babies.

CINEMA LOVERS

Contact: Bob Ryan (444-1936, watbob@itv-3.com)

Meets the first Thursday of the month, every other month, to discuss classic and current movies.



Music

Contact: Mark Grizzard (310-9927, mark@fbcpeoria.com)

PRAISE BAND

Provides worship music from contemporary Christian artists and bands. Rehearses regularly.

YOUTH BAND

Rehearses and performs contemporary Christian music. Rehearses twice a month.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Worship through the rehearsal and performance of choral music in services. Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00pm.

CHANCEL BELLS

Contact: Leigh Wiedelman (847-754-8580,
Leigh.Wiedelman@gmail.com)

Rehearses and performs handbell music in worship services for the glory of God. Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30pm.



HIGHER GROUND GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Contact: Sally Tiessen (676-8284,
sjjt1@comcast.net)

Rehearses and performs vocal/guitar music in services and for special events. Rehearses Wednesdays at 5:15pm.

MELODY MAKERS

Contact: Mandi Dyke (360-2672, mkd0929@mtco.com)

Encourages children to worship through music. The children rehearse during the second half of the worship services. They usually perform monthly during worship.

Learning



HIGH VOLTAGE

(Kindergarten – 4th grade)

Contact: Diane Tomsovic (691-1451,
didahame4@att.net)

Provides Bible-based Christian teaching to children in a fun, supportive, atmosphere. First ten weeks will be, **10 for Life...10** weeks of lessons that teach kids the importance of memorizing God's Word FOR LIFE! Includes Videos, PowerPoint slides, games, skits, object lessons, and more. Sunday mornings, & Wednesday evenings

JR./SR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

(5th – 12^h grades)

Contacts:

Barb Petroski (693-0718, petrockqm@comcast.net) for Jr. High & Lisa Austin (362-0062, lisa.austin.73@gmail.com) for Sr. High Gives teenage students guidance, fellowship, and instills Christian values. Both classes use *LinC: Living in Christ*, an up-to-date, internet-based ecumenical youth study that deals with cutting-edge issues.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contacts: Pastor Jim Carlson (922-8098, jim@fbcpeoria.com), Richard Heller (922-1665, rpheller13@comcast.net), Bernie Drake (692-1201, bdrake@mtco.com)

Provides theological study and educational outreach to the adult church community.

For the Fall: "Current Issues in Christian Faith." **Pastor Jim Carlson, Bernie Drake, & Richard Heller, leaders, in the Parlor.**