



FBC Focus

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Upcoming Events

VBS Practice Starts, April 3
Awana Fun Fair, April 13
Happy Wanderers Booth
Brothers Concert, April 15
Parent/Student High School
Missions Trip Meeting,
April 17
Awana Awards Night,
April 20
Youth Game Night, April 23
Service Day, April 30
Youth Group Gym Night @
Oskey Christian, May 4
Senior Sunday, May 22
Camping Outing, June 3-5
VBS, June 13-18
Middle School Missions
Trip, June 26 - July 2
High School Missions Trip,
July 31 - Aug. 6

Fellowship Bible CHURCH

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Service day planned

A church service day is planned for Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, with lunch to follow.

Individuals and families of all ages are invited to invest some sweat into our community. There will be projects at the homes of FBC widows and senior saints, along with some projects at FBC and New Hope Community Inc. The

jobs will range from small to large, and will include some of the following: washing windows, yard clean up, small paint projects, and other spring cleaning tasks. If you have a project suggestion, please talk to Pastor Georgie.

Please save the date and look for sign-up sheets in the near future.

— Pastor Georgie Filber

Dive into the VBS ocean

By Sarah Willey, VBS Director

Imagine you're standing on the beach with your eyes closed. Can you hear the waves gently washing against the shore? Do you feel the soft sand between your toes? Is there a smell of freshness in the air and a taste of salty sea mist on your lips? Open your eyes and gaze upon one of the most amazing places on Earth — the ocean.

Then get ready to road trip with us as we head out for the newest AnswersVBS — *Ocean Commotion*, where we'll dive into Noah's Flood and learn important life lessons from Noah, such as:



June 13 - 17
8:45 a.m.—Noon

- Standing for God (even if it means standing alone);
- Obeying God (no matter what);
- Trusting God (He's a life saver);

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Summer Sunday School for the family

By Rick Johnson, Christian Education Deacon

Once again this summer, we will give our faithful Sunday School teachers a break and have Family Sunday School in the main sanctuary.

Parents, this is your chance to be involved with your children (Pre-school through 5th grade) in a vital, spiritually invigorating, learning experience using the *What's in the Bible?* DVDs. For those who have seen the series, take note! This is the *Church Edition*, not the Home Edition. It contains materials not in the Home Edition, as well as fun learning activities. The continual emphasis throughout is that God is all about rescuing us from sin and its effects. Even adults will find this Good News refreshing and encouraging. The time spent could well lead into discussions with your child about their need for rescue and God's wonderful rescue plan in Jesus!

With that in mind, I hope you will nudge

this opportunity up on your summer priority list. Attend as many sessions as possible. Then, talk about the truths with your kids, and see how God might work in their hearts — and in yours!

We will also need help from involved parents to set up tables and chairs for the class (right after church service); to interact with their children during the lesson time; to help with the crafts and activities (especially the younger kids!); to distribute materials during the sessions; and just to show your kids that learning vital spiritual truths can be exciting and enjoyable!

We hope you will make plans to attend the sessions beginning June 5th and running through most of August. This summer we will be covering the first five books of the Bible — which lay a foundation for understanding the rest of the Bible and God's Great Rescue Plan!

Children to learn about Noah at VBS

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- Thanking God (in everything);
- Fearing God (taking Him seriously).

Fellowship Bible Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 13-17 from 8:45 a.m. to Noon. It is for students entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade. With all that's in store, it "shore" is going to be fun! So "water" you waiting for? Let's dive on in!!

We are currently looking for adult volunteers to serve in the following areas:

- Craft Coordinator; 2 Craft Helpers
- Decoration Coordinator
- Snack Helper
- Preschool Teachers
- Nursery Helper

Please contact Sarah Willey at (515) 490-8520 or saselby@gmail.com if you would be interested in serving or volunteering. Thank you!!

VBS Practice for Youth Group

All current Middle and High School students are invited to help serve at VBS again this year.

Practices will be held on Sundays from Noon-2:30 p.m. beginning in April, with lunch provided. At the first practice, students will be asked to volunteer to provide lunch for one week of practice.

The practice dates are:

April 3 (High School only), **10** (High School only), **17, 24**

May 1, 15

June 5, 12

There will be no practice on May 8 (Mother's Day), May 22 (Senior Breakfast), May 29 (Memorial Day weekend).

Any Questions? Talk to Pastor Georgie.

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Building project delays

The building project has been delayed a bit for a couple reasons. Initial bids have come in higher than estimated, and the architect and building project team are looking at ways to bring the costs down. The church is also appealing some requirements the city is asking be made in improving the lot apart from the addition.

As of March 28, the Building Fund Campaign has reached \$320,000, with \$180,000 being given to date and \$140,000 on hand prior to the campaign.

If you have any questions about the building project, please talk to Del Johnson, Mark Fincel or Alvin Westercamp.

FBC offers summer camp scholarships

FBC is again offering camp scholarships to all children who attend an approved Christian camp. The church provides \$100 for a week at camp and \$60 for a three-day camp.

Last summer, 27 children from FBC took advantage of the scholarship and spent time at East Iowa Bible Camp near Deep River. EIBC offers their own discounts. Campers who register and pay before May 1 can save \$50. They also offer discounts for sending three or more children from the same family, attending more than one week of camp and bringing friends.

Riley Coniglio will be serving as a counselor at EIBC again this summer. You can read about

the camp and register on their website, loveeibc.org.

Please contact Charlotte in the office if you plan to register your child for camp. She will send a check to EIBC (or another approved camp) for the scholarship amount. When registering through the EIBC website, you can change the amount you pay to reflect the scholarship and avoid overpaying.

East Iowa Bible Camp Schedule 2016

Mid Camp #1 (5th/6th grade)	June 6-11
Kid Camp (3rd/4th grade)	June 13-18
Jr. High Camp #1 (7th/8th grade)	June 20-25
Beginners' Camp (1st/2nd grade)	July 6-8
Mid Camp #2 (5th/6th grade)	July 11-16
High School Camp (9th-12th grade)	July 18-23
Jr. High Camp #2 (7th/8th grade)	July 25-30
Family Camp	Aug. 1-6

Student trips planned; H.S. meeting April 17

By Pastor Georgie Filber

All high school parents and students are invited to an informational meeting about the summer mission trip on Sunday, April 17, during Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

The High School trip will be to Camp Daniel in Green Bay, Wisconsin, from July 31 to August 6. The camp serves people of all ages with disabilities, and the students will be counselors to these campers.

During the meeting, Nick Sterry, an intern from Camp Daniel, will be informing us about all things Camp Daniel and answering any questions. The meeting will be held in the Youth Room, and refreshments will be provided to maximize our time together.

A Middle School Mission Trip is schedule for June 26—July 2 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Students will partner with The Community Warehouse, a non-profit, faith-based organization that offers affordable home and facility improvements to individuals and businesses. Nick Ringger, the speaker for Winter Blitz, is the CEO of Community Warehouse. You can read more about this organization a their website: www.thecommunitywarehouse.org.

Adult sponsors are needed for both trips. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Georgie.

Youth Group

Regular Meetings: Wednesdays 6:45 — 8:15 p.m.

Special Events (*Note change of date):

April 3 — Weekly VBS Practice Starts, 12:15 — 2:30 p.m. (High School Only April 3 & 10, Middle School joins April 17)

April 13 — Help with Awana Fun Fair

April 17— Parent Meeting for the H.S. Missions Trip, 9:45 a.m.

*April 23 — Student Game Night, 3:00—7:00 p.m. Meet at FBC. Pizza provided.

May 4 — Gym Night @ Osky Christian, 6:45 p.m.

*May 22 — Senior Recognition Sunday & Senior Breakfast

June 13-17 — Vacation Bible School

June 26-July 2 — Middle School Mission Trip

July 31-Aug. 6 — High School Mission Trip



The Awana year is coming to a close! Thank you for your involvement in making this year a success. We pray children and adults have grown closer to the Lord.

April 6 — Last Regular Meeting Night

April 13 — Fun Fair

April 20 — Awards Night

BIRTHDAYS

April

May

Please see the printed version of the newsletter for birthdays and anniversaries.

Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

April

May