

# First Baptist Church

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## HIS News

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### 2024 Special Offering

Deacon's Fellowship Fund — 1st Sunday of each month

March -- America for Christ      June -- One Great Hour of Sharing  
October -- World Missions      December -- Ministers and Missionaries

#### *Message from the Deacons*

Do you know the deacons for First Baptist Church Emporia? Let me introduce you. Our current Deacon board is made up of Beverly Long, Barb Weaver, Karen Wilson, Jane Symmonds, Deb Fields, Doug Coffman and Jeff Cope. Our Deacon ministry is here to serve you and support your spiritual growth and needs. We coordinate with the other ministries through the Church Council to encourage, nurture and support the spiritual growth and healthiness of our congregation. The Deacon board will also serve as the Pastoral Relations Committee, supporting the pastor and his ministry to the church while also supporting the congregation and their concerns, needs, praises and joys.

You may have been contacted by your Deacon by now; but if not, you can reach out to the church office or go onto the Church Directory and look up your profile; your assigned deacon is listed there. You can also reach out to any of the above deacons to express a need, concern, or joy. If you are new to the church and have yet to be assigned a Deacon, please reach out to Bev Long. Bev Long is the chair this year and is also the author of the First Baptist Church Email Prayer Chain. For a prayer request or praise you wish shared; or to be added to the group email list, please reach out to her at (620) 341-2076 or by email: [belong4good@gmail.com](mailto:belong4good@gmail.com). Let us know how we can serve YOU!



#### *About the New CarePortal*

We have such a generous and caring church. Many of you were actively involved in supporting Family Promise of the Flint Hills when it was active in our community. We were very sad to see it close operations due to loss of grant funding but we also rejoiced in the number of families that were served and impacted by this ministry. We have another opportunity to serve our community that is less complex and yet just as important to help families with children be more successful. Our church has joined the CarePortal program that is an online resource exchange for churches and agencies to partner to support families. Judy Edie will be our contact/point person for this project. She will monitor needs and reach out to individuals that might be willing to partner in this ministry to fill needs/requests. Requests could be as simple as towels or sheets, or maybe children's clothing, and could be as large as help in finding a bed or couch for the home. Gently used or new items will be accepted in response to an expressed need. There are many options for ministry in this program. If you are interested in this ministry outreach, please see Judy and she will get you signed up for notifications of needs. Judy will have a sign up sheet during church or you can email her at [ediejudy@yahoo.com](mailto:ediejudy@yahoo.com).

# Happy Anniversary!

4-16 Mike & Cindy Kraft  
4-17 Edd & Cheryl Fuller



# Happy Birthday!

## April

4-01 Katie Ayer  
4-06 Sharon Myers  
4-10 Heath Kraft  
4-11 Cindy Haberkorn  
4-15 Bryar Nelson  
4-19 Bev Long  
4-20 Tanner Burenheide  
4-21 Rowean Nelson  
4-22 Frank Burkett  
4-23 Carolyn Weeks  
4-27 Lori Edie Cline  
4-29 Edd Fuller Jr.



If you cannot join us in person, please join the service by "live-stream" each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Go to our website at [www.emporiafbc.com](http://www.emporiafbc.com) and "Click Here" on the home page. Missed a service? Past services can also be viewed.

If our website is experiencing technical issues, go to YouTube.com and search for "Emporia First Baptist Church". Click on the "One By One" logo and join the service.

Average attendance for March was 87.

# APRIL Volunteers

| Date | Nursery Volunteer | Children's Church/Nursery | Children's Sermon | Worship Leader |
|------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 4/07 | Debbie Peck       | Nicole/Alexis             | Nane Weaver       | Nane Weaver    |
| 4/14 | Kathy Dalton      | Nicole/Alexis             | Nane Weaver       | Nane Weaver    |
| 4/21 | Kathy Pearson     | Nicole/Alexis             | Nane Weaver       | Nane Weaver    |
| 4/28 | Shera L Schwindt  | Nicole/Alexis             | Nane Weaver       | Nane Weaver    |

The Deacons Fellowship Fund Offering will be taken on April 7.

The collection plates are on the tables at each entrance.

## March Statistics

| Date | Offering | Electronic Giving | Missions | Bldg. Fund | Youth | America For Christ | Deacons Fund |
|------|----------|-------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| 3/03 | 2,431.00 | 477.49            | 10.00    | 149.40     | 2.50  |                    | 110.00       |
| 3/10 | 3,114.70 | 424.74            | 10.00    | 5.00       | 2.50  | 220.00             | 10.00        |
| 3/17 | 3,658.00 | 737.49            | 10.00    | 5.00       | 2.50  | 125.00             | 5.00         |
| 3/24 | 1,694.48 | 699.74            | 10.00    | 5.00       | 7.50  |                    | 10.00        |
| 3/31 | N/A      |                   |          |            |       |                    |              |



For Communion, we are using sealed prefilled cups with wafer and juice during the service. Please pick one up at either entrance as you enter the church.

### Electronic Giving is Available

To give online, go to our web page at [EmporiaFBC.com](http://EmporiaFBC.com) and click on "Giving". Complete the form and submit. OR give by cell phone: In the Apple store or Google Play store, search for the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app. Download and install the app. On the Search Organizations screen, enter **First Baptist Church of Emporia**. Log in with your Vanco user name and password. First time users will need to create a profile and log in.

Becky Wells will be the communion preparer for Sunday, April 7.



**Potluck Lunch  
and Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 7 11:30 a.m.**

(to follow Second Hour)

Main dish will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.



Men's Coffee Group meets at  
8:00 a.m. at Braum's, 2120  
Industrial Road, every  
Monday,  
Wednesday,  
and  
Friday.



**Ministry Teams**

**Tuesday, April 9**

(\*Note time changes on the 9th)

- 5:15p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. \*Stewardship Meeting\*
- 6:00 p.m. \*Council Meeting\*



**Choir Practice**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**7:15 P.M.**

*"Sharing your  
Faith"*

*Presented by  
Pastor Rob*

**TUESDAY NIGHT**

**April 2 and 9**

**6:30 p.m.**



New Study starts  
Tuesday, April 23  
6:30 p.m.  
"Psalm 23"



**FELLOWSHIP  
BIBLE STUDY**

**EVERY  
THURSDAY  
6:30 p.m.**

*The Grief Support Group for  
Family and friends of FBC and the  
community will meet on Thursday,  
April 11, at 9:00 a.m.  
You are welcome to attend.*

**WEDNESDAY**



**April 24  
9:30 am**

**AND  
OVER**

LADIES  
**NIGHT**  
OUT

Monday, April 15 - 6:00 p.m.

At Bruff's

*Homestead Assisted Living  
Worship Service*

**WEDNESDAY, April 24  
3:00 pm**



Each month, we will be collecting specific items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. For **April**, we are asking for **Boxes of Cereal, Pop-tarts, and Pancake Mix**. Please bring your donations anytime during the month.

**THANK YOU!**





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*Return Service Requested*

**Office Hours**

**Pastor Rob:  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Church Office:  
Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Items for the May  
newsletter are due to  
the church office by  
April 19**



Church Cell Phone number:  
620-794-6932.  
This is a direct number to  
Pastor Rob.

Clausen Home  
Phone:  
620-343-0946

