

JANUARY 2026

**LOVE GOD, LOVE LOUISBURG, SERVE THE WORLD**

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**CELEBRATING  
KANSAS DAY  
JANUARY 25, 2026**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY 10:00 AM**

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
11:30 AM**

**KANSAS DAY DINNER AT NOON**

**SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM MEETING FOLLOWS MEAL**

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28	Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (youth & adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Connection 11:00 am	29	NO L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - Christmas Break 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 7:00pm AA Meeting	30		31	3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	1	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL - NO AWANA</b>	2	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel	3	deacons - Christmas teardown
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Remember: you can also view the calendar on the church website – [louisburgfiratbaptist.org](http://louisburgfiratbaptist.org)



## JESSE'S JOURNAL

### New or Old. Which is better?

January is all about **new**.

- **NEW** Year
- **NEW** you
- **NEW** resolutions
- **NEW** start...

You get the idea.

But what if new isn't what we need?  
What if something **old** is really what we need?

### That's the premise for our "new" direction in 2026.

For the last few years, we've centered each year around **one focus**—our "one thing" as a church.

- **2025:** the **Kingdom of God**
- Before that: **Neighboring** (being a neighboring church)
- And before that: **Called and Equipped**

There's a clear progression: we've been **called and equipped** to be a **neighboring church**, and everything we do is in and for the **Kingdom of God**.

**This year our focus is ON PURPOSE—learning how to live intentionally, and live the life God designed.**

And here's the best part: this isn't new at all.  
It's ancient—rooted in why God created us in the first place.

So I'm excited to start the year **On Purpose**.

And that's not the only exciting new old thing coming in January.

Since we're living **On Purpose** this year, we're also starting something **On Purpose** in January — not a program... more like a shift.

A simple practice that can change the feel of our church, strengthen our connections, and make it easier for people to take a next step into community.



## KAMI'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year...**PLUS!**

Isn't that the latest trend? There's...

**Paramount+** and **AMC+** for movie lovers,  
**Disney+** and a toy company called **Plus+Plus** for kids,  
**ESPN+** for sports fans, and  
**Shopify+** for all you shoppers out there!

**And that's not all!**

**Google+** helped me find all these examples!

So **WHY** the plus? What's the **big deal**?

Plus means... **something added... an improvement to the original**

**Greater Value**  
**Higher Quality**  
**More Variety**

Usually this is a **good thing... USUALLY.**

But God's plan is **anything but usual!**

There is **no "plus" in God's plan.**

**NO NEED** to improve on the original!

**You are of great value** (He paid the highest price for YOU)  
**You are an original masterpiece** (Of highest quality, created by THE Master)  
**You are one of a kind** (The variety is delightful and beyond comprehension)

So, this year, **don't let the New Year's culture get you.**

You **DON'T NEED** a **NEW YOU** in the New Year!

God **NEVER ASKED** for one!

All He asked for is **YOU.**

Just as you are  
With your faults and failures  
Allowing Him to guide you

So welcome 2026, **We are in good hands!**

And **THAT'S** a **PLUS!**





**DINNER THEATRE:** Don't miss out on this special event! Make plans to attend the Community Youth production of BE THE LIGHT. A catered meal will be served at 5:30 on February 13, followed by the musical performance. On February 14, a dessert buffet will be served at 2:00 followed by the performance. You don't want to miss THIS!

**BAPTISM:** On November 23, our church family celebrated with Haidyn and Jaidyn Lake as they took part in Believer's Baptism. Jaidyn has been part of AWANA and shares her talents on the drama team. Haidyn is in Youth Group, and has a lead part in the upcoming Dinner Theatre production "Be the Light."

**KIDS KONNECTION** has had an "Incredible Christmas" season! We studied the Christmas story and found there was Incredible Trust (Mary and Joseph), Incredible invisibility (Shepherds), Incredible power (THE king among kings), and Incredible Grace (the gift of Jesus).

**YOUTH GROUP:** The youth are studying the book of Revelation. They requested this study and are finding there is a message for us today, even from a book written to an audience so long ago.



**Rose (Turnley) Flinn**

International Student Ministry, Muslim Outreach, Hospitality Ministry  
Youth With a Mission  
Madison, Wisconsin

**Discipling the Nations in Madison and Beyond**

Before a flyer arrived for DTS (Discipling the Nations) with the motto, "To Know Him and Make Him Known," I had been meditating on the verse, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." In response, I prayed, "I want your kingdom to grow in me but also in the world around me." God was directing me! I joined YWAM in Tyler, TX, September 1976. In 1981, I attended the School of Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland, followed by a year at Weyerhaeuser, WI, and Kona, Hawaii before coming to Madison, WI in 1986 with Warren and Gayle Keapproth.

My focus is the international community associated with the University of Wisconsin, with whom the gift of hospitality provides a welcome into my home and God's Kingdom.

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## in person **ATTENDANCE**

	8:15am	11:00am
Dec. 7	60	49
Dec. 14	78	48
Dec. 21	60	55
Dec. 28	53	49

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES**

January 19—Deadline for February Newsletter



**READING THE BIBLE DAILY** is important for spiritual growth, offering guidance, comfort, wisdom, and strength by helping believers understand God's will, deepen their relationship with Him, find peace amidst chaos, and equip themselves to fight temptation and live a purposeful life. It acts as a guide for decisions, provides hope, fosters a closer connection to God, and transforms perspectives, leading to better choices and a more resilient spirit.

If you need help choosing a reading plan, contact the church office for assistance.

The Board of Christian Education hit it out of the park again this year with their **ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!** Everyone came together during the Sunday School hour to enjoy a delicious breakfast, fellowship and a meaningful teaching and discussion based on Lou Giglio's video series "Waiting Here for You". The Board also provided a companion book of "Waiting Here For You, - An Advent Journey of Hope" with daily readings for the season.



### All-Church Advent Bible Class

Sundays at 9:45am  
November 30 thru  
December 21

Breakfast &  
Bible Study



Children of all ages were able to follow the story of Geoff and his friends during the advent season. Once again, this year, Pastor Kami wrote and published an amazing Advent devotional book, **"THE GIFT"**. As Geoff struggled to fit in with his classmates, endure taunting about his hobby and find a new friend, he learned how Jesus has already given us the best gifts – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

- "O Holy Night" presented by the Holiday Choir
- "Away In A Manger" performed by Handbell Choir
- Final Advent reading and lighting of the Christ candle
- Pastor Jesse presented an inspirational Christmas Eve message
- The Light is passed – through our candles and through our lives
- "Silent Night" closed the service

**Merry Christmas!**



## A banner with the text "UPCOMING EVENTS" in large, bold, yellow capital letters on a blue background. To the right of the text, there is a burst of colorful confetti and small white squares containing numbers (1, 14, 5, 24, 10, 31, 3, 30, 19, 10, 7, 25, 28, 2, 22) and question marks, suggesting a festive or celebratory theme.



## BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Sunday, January 4 - 12:15 PM - Deaconesses  
Tuesday, January 6 - 6:00 PM - Building Committee  
Monday, January 12 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting  
Tuesday, January 13 - 7:00 PM - CE & Trustees meeting  
Wednesday, January 14 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS –

January selection –

"SANCTUARY" by Beverly & David Lewis

NIGHT OWL CAFÉ GROUP will meet on Monday, January 12 at 5:30pm – RSVP to Debbe Apple for location

BOOKWORM CAFÉ GROUP will meet at NOON at the church on Tuesday, January 13



## BREAKFAST GROUPS

8:00 AM on Saturday, January 17 &  
8:00 AM on Saturday, January 31

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

**11:30 AM**

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

We will vote on the Finance Committee's recommendation of the 2026 Church Budget.

(Board chairs - please have your 2025 year-end reports turned in to the office by Wednesday, January 7. Thanks.)



All are encouraged to attend (non-members also welcome.), as this is where you can hear updates from the boards, review the church's financials, and share your voice on matters discussed at the meeting.



January 1	Monty Bond
January 5	Debbie Randolph
January 7	Melissa Vest
January 9	Brooklyn Davey
	Kendra Gray
January 10	Rosalind Johnson
January 11	Melissa Southard
January 13	Ava White
January 17	Luke Gerard
January 23	Debbie Apple
January 30	Brock Davey
January 31	Todd Morris

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.

#### FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

*Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it into the church office. Thanks.*

#### CRANBERRY JELLO SALAD

from the kitchen of Julia Stegeman

- 2 large pkg Red Jello - cherry, raspberry or other
- 2 C Hot Water
- 1 C Cold Water
- 1 pound Cranberries, whole - about 4 C - chopped or shredded
- 2 C Sugar
- 3 Oranges, peeled/chopped to bite sizes
- 3 Apples, peeled/chopped to bite sizes
- 1 14oz can Crushed Pineapple
- 1 C Pecans, chopped

Boil water; stir in Jello until dissolved completely. Add cold water. Let stand while chopping ingredients.

Place crushed pineapple in a large bowl and stir in sugar. Add other ingredients as chopped, mixing well with each addition. Stir Jello into mixture until well mixed.

Chill until firm or overnight. Keeps well for days.

\*can be divided into 2 serving dishes or cut in half to make a half recipe.



*Barbara & Lanny Smith - January 7*  
*Dorothy & Mark Gardner - January 20*  
*Connie & Monty Bond - January 24*  
*Marcia & Grover Manning - January 26*



#### NEW BABIES

\*Del Jo Broadrick would like to announce the birth of her great-nephew Linus Lamar Broadrick. Linus was born on Sunday, December 7, 2025, 6 weeks early! He weighed only 4 pounds. He is greeted by parents Patricia & Blake Broadrick, three siblings, Grandparents Linda & Bruce Broadrick and great grandmother Mary Jo Broadrick.

\*Kaylee & Koraline would like to announce the birth of their new baby sister! Klara Kai Parscale was born on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 9:37am. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19.25 inches long. Klara is welcomed by parents, Kitana & Kyler Parscale, doting grandparents Alethea & Steve Parscale and great-grandmother Frances Parscale.

\*Suede Robert Davis made his appearance into the world on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 2:41pm. He weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Suede is welcomed by big sister Dallie, parents Danielle & Cole Davis, grandmother Vicky Davis and great grandmother Barbara Roberts.

