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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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EABC MINISTRIES-IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Church Activities

SUNDAY

Library Open.....9-9:30 A
Sunday School 9:30 A
Morning Worship ... 10:45 A
Handbells.....4:00 P
Youth Choir.....6:00 P

WEDNESDAY

Children's Ministry.....6:30 P
Youth Group 6:30 P
Bible Study / Prayer7 P
Sanctuary Choir 7:50 P

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY:
9 AM - 3:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://eastathens.org/livestream>
(Livestream of the Sunday Morning Service and Previous Services)
<https://eastathens.org/calendar>
(Happenings at the Church)
<https://eastathens.org/contact>
(Guest Information)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nVw1a3wrtc8ZK67dqV4Xw>
(YouTube Channel)

OCTOBER

- 6—Brotherhood
- Women's Bible Study
- 7—Church Council
- 12—Finance Committee
- 14—Game Day
- 15—L.I.G.H.T./WMU Business Meeting
- 20—Women's Bible Study
- 21—Game Day
- 26—Missions
- 29—Fall Festival



Dr. Brian Trapp
Senior Pastor

Fall is here!!! This is one of my favorite times of the year. I am ready for cooler temperatures, leaves to change color, and all the fun activities this season brings. East Athens will have its Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 29, from 6p-8p at our campus. I want to encourage you to invite your family, neighbors, and friends to this event. We will have games, food, and loads of candy to give away. If you would like to donate candy for the Fall Festival you can place them in the plastic tubs outside the church offices. What a blessed opportunity for us to love our community well and share what God is doing at East Athens. If you have helped with the Fall Festival in the past, thank you for all you have done and come back and help this year!!! If you have never helped, I would ask that you would prayerfully consider volunteering. If you are not physically able to help, we need your prayers!!! Remember, we are called to be disciples and make disciples. This is an opportunity for our church to engage with the community on our home turf. I am excited about what God is going to do in and through the Fall Festival. Come and be a part of the Great Commission as we reach out to our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



Hello from the Corn Fields!

It is nice to be able to get to write to our church family again! My name is Pastor Wayne Stowers. I am the former Family Pastor of East Athens, and current Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Kiron, Iowa. Pastor Brian asked me if I would like to write an update for you all, and I could not skip out on an opportunity to say hello to y'all and share what God is doing up here in rural Iowa.

Kiron has only 250 residents, and I am not exaggerating to say that there is a cornfield across the street from my house. We are in the middle of nowhere, but God has been active here. We can talk numbers all day long, and I can tell you how in 5 years this church has gone from 40 congregants on a Sunday to 150 on average on a Sunday. I can tell you how our Children's Ministry runs 80 kids and 30 volunteers every Wednesday during the school year, and how our Youth Ministry, The Shed, runs 100 high schoolers. I Can tell you about the number of Bible studies that are being ran throughout our community by our church members, and how we have seen 45 people follow Christ in believer's baptism in the 2 years I have been here. The numbers have been a blessing to be able to reflect on, but the part that I want to share with you the most has nothing to do with the numbers.

What I have seen as the most impactful and powerful thing to happen in our church in the last 2 years has been the altar getting filled with people seeking prayer and giving their lives to Christ. Every Sunday, I offer an altar call and for months no one moved. I found myself being discouraged at times, because I would be faithful to preach it boldly and I would pray that God would move people with His Word. Yet, no one would move. I was reminded that the work I was wanting done in the lives of the believers and unbelievers in our congregation was not my work to be done, but the work of the Holy Spirit, so I gave it back to God where it rightfully belongs. Then, the first person moved. Then the second. I found myself needing a prayer team up on Sunday Mornings, because everyone was asking for prayer.

The one request that shook me to my core was one of our littles in the church, she is 7, came up asking for prayer for her mother and brother who were on a mission trip, but she missed them. So, I knelt and prayed with her, and you could see the weight of the world just lift off her shoulders. It was not a big prayer to me, but it meant everything to her. We had the chance to go to the Father together, and lift her needs up to the Lord. It reminded me that there is never something too small for God. We get caught up on letting God handle the big things, but the small things we hold on to like we can handle it, but what happens when the small things wear us out? Go to the Father and find rest!

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” -Matthew 11:28-30

Kaylee and I are doing great! We are blessed beyond measure. We have a church family that loves us, cares for us, calls us to grow deeper in our faith, and keeps us accountable to Christ. I am thankful for the blessing it was to be your Family Pastor, for there are a lot of lessons and skills I am able to bring to the table that I learned from y'all. We covet your prayers, and know we are praying for you as well! As East Athens enters a time of transition with Pastor Mike's retirement, let me leave you with one thing, come to the altar and pray! Cover this transition with prayer. Cover the Dannels in prayer as they step into the next chapter of their lives. Cover the transition team and the new candidate in prayer, whoever God would have for you all. Finally, pray for Pastor Brian, Richard, Makala, Belinda, and Thomas, as they go through this transition.

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You,
Pastor Wayne Stowers
Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church, Kiron, IA.

Music
News

Sanctuary Choir:

Special Music



RICHARD HARRILL
Youth Director

STUDENT
MINISTRY!

YOUTH FALL RETREAT
SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS
OCTOBER 3RD-5TH

2- BARRY TOOMEY
3- ELLIE WHALEY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7- JAMES SCARBROUGH
7- JULIA SCARBROUGH
7- DEBRA DEJARNETTE
9- AARON AMMONS
11- EMMA KATE TRAPP
12- SHAN MILLER
14- CHARLES GARDNER

15- KIM TOOMEY
17- RICK BRIGHT
17- JANET MORRIS
20- JAMEY MCCORMICK
21- FRANKIE PIERCE
21- LEVI JONES
23- BARBARA PATTERSON

25- EUGENE WILLIS (100)
27- LARRY PATTERSON
27- JUDY BARNETT
28- DON BRADFORD
30- MILDRED BURRIS (100)
31- LYNDA LEWIS
31- STACEY WADE

10- NATHAN/ALYSSA ODOM

27- LARRY/BECKY PATTERSON

Happy
Anniversary!



Deacons of the Week and Hospitality Team

October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Rodney Ammons	Hoby Toomey	Joe Knox	Jason Bush
Debo Toomey (Front Entrance)	Jamie McConkey (Front Entrance)	Steve Bridges (Front Entrance)	Darrell McCormick (Front Entrance)
*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	Phil Hadorn (Nursery)	*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	*Need Volunteer (Nursery)
Donny Anderson (Family Life Center)	Nathan Odom (Family Life Center)	Sue McDonald (Family Life Center)	Rodney Ammons (Family Life Center)