

# THE OAK LEAF

First Baptist Church of Aurora  
October 2025

*We are a community of Christ followers sharing the hope of Jesus.*

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# What's Happening



The CPR class was rescheduled and will now be meeting on Sunday, October 12th, at 12:30 in the Heritage Room. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested. The cost for the class is \$75. See Deb Brunell with any questions.

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## Scrapbooking Night

Join us every 3rd Wednesday from 6-8 for a fun night of scrapbooking! Our next scrapbooking night is October 15th! Bring your own supplies and a snack to share if you'd like. Contact Rebecca Hanson with any questions.

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## You're Invited! October 25th 1:00-4:00 Trunk or Treat

**Right here in our parking lot. Fun for all ages!**

**Bounce houses, popcorn, candy, treats, and more!**

**If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy or treats, please see Stephanie Lodor or Emily Stevens.**

**There is a box in The Gathering Place for any candy donations. Thank you for your support in helping make this a fun event for our church and community!**



# Join us November 8th from 1-4, at the church, for Stephanie Lodor's book launching party!

*At just 31 years old, she faced a life-shattering reality—widowed, parenting a two-year-old, and three months pregnant.*

But out of unimaginable loss came an inspiring journey of healing, faith, and emotional growth. *Grief through Grace* shares one woman's powerful story of navigating heartbreak while discovering renewed strength through God's promises and practical tools for emotional resilience.

Blending heartfelt personal experience with Biblical truths, this book is a testament to how faith and mindset can transform pain into purpose. Readers will find not only comfort but actionable guidance to face life's hardest moments and emerge stronger.

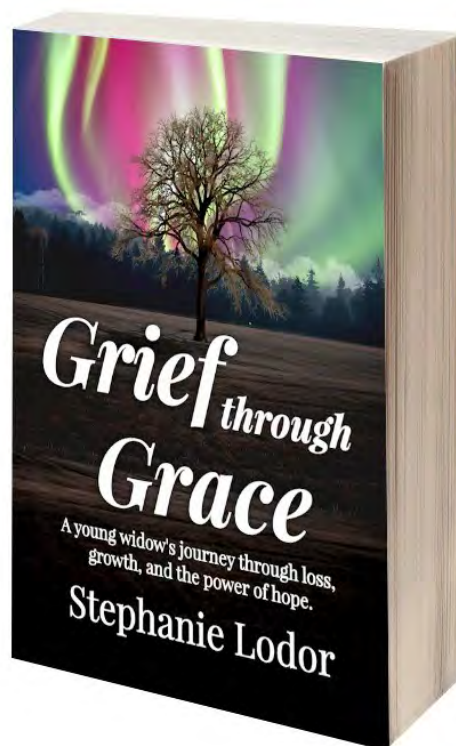
Whether you're grieving, supporting a loved one, or simply searching for hope in a difficult season, this book offers a path forward.

## **In this book, readers will discover:**

- How to navigate grief while parenting with intention and love
  - Key scriptures that bring peace and renewal in times of loss
  - Tools to grow emotional intelligence and spiritual resilience
  - The importance of community and asking for help
  - How God uses our darkest seasons to shape a deeper purpose
- This is more than a memoir—it's a lifeline for anyone seeking healing, hope, and grace in the face of life's hardest battles.

If you'd like to purchase a copy ahead of time you can find it online at

[dovechristianpublishers.com](http://dovechristianpublishers.com)





# Classes & fellowship

Everyone is invited to join us for Sunday School, at 9:15, before the service Sunday morning. We offer three adult classes, and classes for children and youth.

Come join us for a coffee social in The Gathering Place, at 10 am every Sunday. We have specialty coffee, brewed coffee, iced coffee, and tea.

Please join us for worship at 10:30 Sunday mornings. Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Kids Ministry is offered for ages 4 years through 3rd grade.

## Wednesday Bible Study (6:30-7:30)

Want to learn how to study the Bible and grow in your knowledge of God's word? Want to make some new friends and enjoy the fellowship of God's people? Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 for our weekly evening Bible Study as we go deep into the book of Colossians each week.

## Youth Group

All students 6th-12th grade are invited to join us for youth group at the church every Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00. Bring a friend and join us for games, a lesson, and snacks. See any of the youth leaders for more info.

All students in 5th grade may join us on the first Sunday of the month. On these Sunday's we meet at the church at 5:30 and head over to Blackhawk Park for a service project. We clean up the park, play on the playground, and then we head back to the church for youth group.



# Prayer

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the Prayer Chain at [dbrun10589@aol.com](mailto:dbrun10589@aol.com) or 630-292-0601.

# Giving

If you have a financial need or concern, please contact Melissa at [lundbergil@yahoo.com](mailto:lundbergil@yahoo.com) or at 630-370-3424.

There are 4 ways you can give to the ministry of First Baptist Church.

If you would like to give an extra offering to the Fellowship Offering, please indicate that on your envelope or check.

- 1) You can give during offering on Sunday morning or place in the box at the back of the sanctuary.
- 2) You can place your offering in the locked box outside the office, or the locked mailbox on the outside of the church.
- 3) You can mail your offering to First Baptist Church, 15 Oak Ave. Aurora, IL 60506.
- 4) You can also give through Subsplash using the QR code. You can also find a link to Subsplash under the "Give" tab on our website [www.firstbaptistaurora.org](http://www.firstbaptistaurora.org)





# Celebrating with our church family!

## Happy Birthday!

1st Doug Varney

2nd Henry McGraw

7th Vern Griffin

7th Nancy Huntington

21st Nancy Jones

22nd Phyllis Gates

22nd Bill Gaddis

23rd Jack Stevens

24th Shawn Harms

25th Brian Davenport

## Happy Anniversary!

30th Mark Lowe & Kelly Fisher

We apologize if we have missed anyone's birthday or anniversary. Please contact our office if you would like to be added to the list. You may also contact our office if you wish to unsubscribe from our newsletter.

Please contact the office at 630-897-9310, [worship@firstbaptistaurora.org](mailto:worship@firstbaptistaurora.org) or fill out a blue card located at the back of the sanctuary by the offering boxes if:

- You would like to be added to our phone directory
- Your address or phone number has changed