



NOVEMBER 2025



The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST AURORA

Mike Galey Chili Cookoff & Annual Business Meeting

Join us Wednesday, November 19th and bring a chili to enter in the cookoff, or just bring your appetite and vote for the best chili! Chili dinner starts at 6:00 with the Annual Business Meeting following at 7:00. We will vote for incoming committee members at this meeting. See the ballot on the bulletin board. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to bring a chili. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help us decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season, please sign up on the bulletin board. Each poinsettia is \$13.87 and money is needed by November 23rd. You can pay cash or check by placing the money in an offering envelope and marking it "Poinsettia". You may also take the poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service. If you have any questions, please see Deanna.

Youth Group

All students 6th-12th grade can 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.



Unity Service

Sunday, November 9th is our yearly Unity Service with the two Hispanic churches that share our building. We will have a potluck after the service. The Hispanic churches will be making tacos, our church will bring side dishes and desserts. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend the potluck.

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.





Celebrating with our *church family!*

Happy Birthday!

1st Tyler Johnson

2nd Cindy Hall

7th Curt Simmons

17th D.J. Varney

18th Terry Lowry

29th Raquel Eno

Happy Anniversary!

20th Don & Rebecca Hanson

24th Adam & Kim Bliss



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

It is also available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble through a search of the book name and/or author Stephanie Lodor.