

THE OAK LEAF

First Baptist Church of Aurora

June 2025

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

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What's Happening

During the month of June, we would like to thank our Employee Relations and Nominating committees. On the Employee Relations Committee we have Jeremy Andersen (chair), Richard Watts, Deanna Walker, Kurt Hall, Doug Varney, and Diane Moncrief. This group is a liaison between the employees and council. They meet when needed to discuss what the church can do to help each employee succeed in their position. The nominating committee consists of Crystal Rees and Phyllis Gates. This committee reaches out to all the committees to help fill all the volunteer positions, both chair and non chair positions. We are also currently in need of a chair person for this committee. So if you would like to join this committee or any other committee please see Doug Varney.

Thank
You

Scrapbooking Night

Join us every 3rd Wednesday from 6-8 for a fun night of scrapbooking! Our next scrapbooking night is June 18th! Bring your own supplies and a snack to share if you'd like. Contact Rebecca Hanson with any questions..



Ladies Lunch

Our Ladies Lunch will now be meeting quarterly. The next lunch will be in August. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information to come soon!



What is SonSurf Beach Bash? During the hot days of summer, there is only one place to go...THE BEACH! Just think of it: days filled with digging in the sand; floating in the cool waves; and picking up shells along the shore. This trip will bring you something else. The SonSurf Beach will bring you daily encounters with Jesus, through games, crafts, snacks, and stories about Jesus. You will find answers to 5 big questions. Who is Jesus? Why can I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus help me? What does Jesus want me to do? So grab your gear and join us for a special trip to the beach with Jesus. Find the form to sign up on the following page, and see Kathy Gaddis with any questions.

VBS REGISTRATION JULY 7 TO JULY 11, 2025

Fill out the registration form and return it along with your payment to the church office or to the registration booth set up on Sunday mornings.

FEE: \$12.00 PER CHILD; \$20.00 PER FAMILY

The fee is to offset the cost of VBS materials and supplies.

NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: : _____ GRADE IN FALL OF 2025: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: : _____ E-MAIL: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: : _____

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL: _____

OTHER INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

TRANSPORTATION

IS TRANSPORTATION NEEDED? YES NO

AM PICK-UP: M T W TH F PM DROP-OFF: M T W TH F

IF YES, WHAT ADDRESS SHOULD WE PICK UP YOUR CHILD:

RESPONSIBLE ADULT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

IF YES, WHAT ADDRESS SHOULD WE DROP
OFF YOUR CHILD:

RESPONSIBLE ADULT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AS TO THE APPROXIMATE PICK-UP IN THE MORNING
AND DROP-OFF TIME AFTER VBS

PICTURE PERMISSION:

☐ I give permission to take pictures of my child for crafts, activities and VBS presentation

☐ I give permission for my child's picture to be put on church website (no names will be posted)

☐ I do not give permission for my child's picture to be taken for crafts, activities, VBS presentation

☐ I do not give permission for my child's picture to be put on the church website.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

Children are encouraged to bring friends for the "Boys-vs-Girls Friend Challenge!"
Though it is not required; we will be collecting money for our mission project..

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD

You may contact the church office OR Kathy Gaddis (630-254-4060 or katgad@aol.com) if you have additional questions.



Donations needed bibles and other Christian literature. Love Packages.org

Collection start April – June 2025

MATERIALS NEEDED

Bibles, Reference material, Books, Magazines, Daily devotionals, and tracts, Sunday School materials, CS's, DVD's, Blu-Ray's, puppets, Nativity sets, etc.

There is a bin in The Gathering Place for all donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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.

Saturday, June 7th: The youth will be going to the Blackhawk Camp cleanup day. We will meet at the church at 7:30 to be there at 9:00. We will also eat lunch as a group after working.

Let a leader know if you plan on attending this event.

Quest

The youth group will be attending Quest the week of **June 22nd**. The cost is \$75. Quest is for students who have completed 6th grade thru 12th grade. If you have a student who wants to attend please contact one of the leaders or text/call Jeremy at 630-450-7021.



Get ready for Blackhawk Baptist Camp 2025 season! The new schedule is out and our clean up day is planned. See the next couple pages for more information on both! We hope to see you soon!





**Blackhawk
Camp
2025
Clean-up/Work/Fun
Day**

**4491 West Henry Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061**

WHEN: Saturday, June 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

WHO: ALL ages, men, women, families, youth groups, children

WHAT: Clean cabins, rake leaves, clear trails, weed flowers, wash windows, paint cabins, clean pool, trim trees, cut firewood, clean kitchen equipment, clean playground equipment. We have specialized work available too: mechanical, electrical, and plumbing. Bring a church group. It is a great team building activity.

R.S.V.P to Cheryl or Mike Henson 785-338-2161 or 785-338-2162

Email: pastorcherylfbcb@gmail.com

WHY: Serve God, make friends, enjoy nature and have fun!

Coffee and morning snacks available, **no noon meal provided.**

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the camp trails afterwards!



BLACKHAWK CAMP 2025

4491 W Henry Rd., Oregon, IL 61061

815-496-0732

Please register early to help us manage supply purchases!

Camp	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time	Cost
Sr. High Camp 9th-12th Directors Jessica Henson and Karen Weeks	July 6 th @ 5 pm Sunday	July 10 th @ 10 am Thursday	\$280
Slumber Party (K-5) Director Maggie Spring	July 11 th @ 7 pm Friday	July 12 th @ 10 am Saturday	\$25
Day Camp (K-5) Director Maggie Spring	July 12 th @ 9:30 am Saturday	June 12 th @ 3 pm Saturday	\$35
Junior High Camp 6th-8th Directors Bob and Stacy Gorbold	July 13 th @ 5 pm Sunday	July 17 th @ 10 am Thursday	\$280
Little's Camp (Infants to 5 years with parents/guardians) Director Melissa Bachelder	July 19 th @ 10 am Saturday	July 19 th @ 3 pm Saturday	\$40
Elementary Camp 2nd-5th Directors Bruce and Bobbie Rose	July 20 st @ 5 pm Sunday	July 23 rd @ 3 pm Wednesday	\$200
Twilight Camp 6th -12th Director TBD	July 25 th @ 7 pm Friday	July 27 th @ 10 am Sunday	\$140

Campers may attend the camp according to the grade they will be in school in fall of 2025 OR may attend for the grade they just finished.

Register for camp online at www.blackhawkcamp.org or call
Manager Cassie Buhlig 816-813-4925

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.

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.

5 Week New Membership Class (Beginning June 4th, 6:30-7:30)

Whether you're just looking to learn more about the church, or you're ready to become a member, or you've been a member for a long time, we want to invite our whole church to mark their calendars and plan on joining us. Beginning Wednesday, June 4th, we plan to pause our study in the book of Colossians to host a 5-week New Membership Class. We will meet in the Heritage Room from 6:30-7:30 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.

Prayer

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the Prayer Chain at dbrun10589@aol.com or 630-292-0601.

Giving

If you have a financial need or concern, please contact Melissa at 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



Celebrating with our church family!

Happy Birthday!

1st Deborah Brunelle

4th Joy Varney

11th Blanca Rodriguez

12th Linda Leonard

14th Karen Griffin

14th Laura McAnelly

18th Cole Aguinaga

19th Mikayla Hanson

23rd Josh Witte

23rd Robert McAnelly

24th Judson Guest

24th Denny Hughes

27th Tyler Griffin

27th Diane Moncrief

30th Nicole Jager

30th June Wolter

Happy Anniversary!

1st Robert & Tiffany Lee

1st Dave & Raquel Eno

17th Mike & Linda Leonard

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.