

Disciple



February 2024

The mission of Anchor Bible Church is to love God, love people,
and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

A Matter Of The Heart

God's grace and peace to each of you. We enter the month of February having made it through a difficult strand of Iowa winter. Even though winter isn't over yet we can see that spring is upon the horizon. In all of the changing seasons God remains good!

He continues to bless and work through Anchor Bible Church to make disciples who are anchored in the Gospel for the transformation of the world. I don't know about you, but I believe God has called each of us to such a time and such a season as this. Let us lean into His goodness and grace, no matter the circumstance.

Perhaps you have been in a season witnessing the fruit of your faithfulness to the Lord. Or maybe you have been in a season of trials and temptations. In either case, God is not swayed but remains good and works at the heart of each believer. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us keeping our eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1)

As many of you are aware we have been journeying through the Gospel of Mark. Jesus helps us see what we believe by the condition of the heart. Jesus states in Mark 7:20, it is what comes out of a person's heart that makes them unclean and unholy. Let us ask God to search our hearts, forgive us of our many sins, and cleanse us in His righteousness. May we be clean and holy through the blood of Jesus.

This teaching from Mark 7, of course comes in the context of the religious leaders questioning Jesus' disciples going against their traditions. As Valentine's Day comes around the corner, may we be reminded that these worldly traditions have no eternal value. While the world reduces love to a heart-shaped box and a date-night, our Father in heaven created true love, agape love and an eternal inheritance through the blood of Jesus. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

May it be true in each of us that our faith and hearts would not be watered down or compromised by what's happening on the outside or some kind of tradition. But to be faithful, authentically centered, and true to the Lord in all that we do in the coming seasons.

I want to invite each of you to actively pray for God's movement in our hearts as a church. That we would be swept up by the power of the Holy Spirit, set afire for God's glory. For deep intentional discipleship, active prayer, movement in missions, caring for the least of these, and hearts that love the Lord and their neighbor.

May God Bless and Keep You,
Pastor Andrew Happ

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What's UP?

February 2024

- Feb 3: No Regrets Men's Conference 7AM-1PM
- Feb 4: Confirmation Class 11:30AM-1PM
- Feb 4: Co-op Info Meeting 4-5:30PM
- Feb 7: D6 Family Night 5-8:30PM
- Feb 8: Mission Meeting 6:30PM
- Feb 11: New Members Class 11:45AM-2PM
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Service 6PM-NO D6 FAMILY NIGHT
- Feb 18: Confirmation Class Field Trip to Murdoch 12-2PM
- Feb 21: D6 Family Night 5-8:30PM
- Feb 23-24: Youth Event - Winter Weekend
- Feb 28: D6 Family Night 5-8:30PM

ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am - 12Noon

Worship Times: 9am and 10:30am

*Please call or email the office
to have events and information
included in the newsletter.*

Vision Statement:

*Leading our community to become Christ-centered
disciples who are anchored in the the Gospel.*

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,
firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary
behind the curtain.*

Hebrews 6:19



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb 14 at 6pm
in the Worship Center.

Join us as we journey through Lent
in a service of repentance.



Reminder!!
If the activities of CPU School
are canceled due to weather
conditions,
there will be no church
activities that evening.

We will use email, facebook &
Channels 2,7 & 9
to make announcements
regarding Sunday worship service
cancellations.

Prayers

Please Join Us *as we Pray*



Brothers & Sisters in Christ Serving in the Military:

(Our list contains those in full time military duty)

Sam Vick

husband of Chelsea (McEvoy) Vick

Chris Butterfield

husband of Lindsay Butterfield

Kaitlyn Murphy

*daughter of Karri Murphy
Stationed in Ramstein, Germany*

Allison McEvoy

daughter of Mike & Tammy McEvoy

Ethan Parrott

husband of Allison McEvoy

Clark Schoch

son of Chad and Jamie Schoch

Jacob Snakenberg

son of Randy & Laurie Snakenberg

We will continue to lift those who are in the Reserve or a part-time basis when we pray for our Nation and those who serve our country.

- Jodi Beck
- Mike Beck
- Abbie Boies
- Mark Boies
- Mark Callahan
- Karen Chapman
- Darlene Denison
- Beth Dunkel
- Barb Ellson
- Keith Gatrost
- Roger Goodall
- Don Lala
- Dusty & Jayne Rhoads
- Crystiona Mae Soukup
- Krista Stepanek
- Whitey Weyant

Continued Prayers for:

- Corliss Streinz, Angie Streinz's mother
- Brian Lage, Linda Marlow's nephew
- Renea, Jamie Schoch's mom
- Sheryl Nejd, Linda Sweeting's sister
- Darla Gerdes, Ann Jacobs' sister-in-law
- Mary Warren, Terry Warren's mother
- Grace Kubik, Melea Willson's mother
- Judy & Dean Gleason, Christina Lahr's parents
- Ken Burmood, Alyssa Newman's grandpa
- Wayne & Sheila Demmel,
Jodi Weber's parents
- Donny, Linda Sweeting's brother
- Elsie Payton, Mary Vang's friend
- Norma, Mary Vang's sister-in-law
- Teresa Baumgartner, Tracy Milota's mom
- Duane, Kelly Shuniak's dad

Prayers of Bereavement:

Tracey and Mike Taylor & family
in the passing of Tracey's mother,
Charlotte Kephart



Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Madison VanVors & Kole Tupa
July 20, 2024

Raynie McKee & Jacob Opfer
September 14, 2024

Jaida Trout & Kaden Neal
No date set yet

BULLDOGS

Since 2006



Who: the MEN of Anchor Bible Church & Surrounding Communities

What: Men encouraging men through understanding God's Word.

Where: Anchor Bible Church, 275 Green St West

When: 5:45-7am, Wednesday Mornings

Contact a Bulldog to find out how to join!

Russ Brandt (319-329-9703)



The Gospel of Mark's Background

Name: John Mark

Occupation: Missionary, Evangelist, Historian in the early church

Gospel Origins: Mark was most likely in his teenage years during Jesus' life. It is a high probability that he listened to Jesus first hand. Mark was a great companion of multiple apostles. He was with Paul on his first mission (Acts 12:25-13:13) Later on Mark became Peter's most trusted attendant and scribe (1 Peter 5:12-13) This is where we get the original manuscript of the Gospel of Mark. Mark wrote down Peter's apostolic testimony.



Key Themes:

- To present the person, work, and teachings of Jesus.
- Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel.
- Follow Jesus or oppose Him.
- Servanthood Miracles Spreading the Gospel



No Regrets Men's Ministry exists to empower the local church to develop its men into an army to reach the world for Christ. Live-streamed to hundreds of Host Sites and Small Groups across the globe, this annual event offers world-class teaching on topics relevant to men from top speakers and thought leaders; live worship, challenging stories and group discussion.

We will be streaming this live event at Anchor Bible Church.

Event is on Saturday 2/3 - 7am - 1pm

We want to invite all Men to come and join the Bulldogs for the conference. No cost to attend. Contact Russ Brandt (319-329-9703) if interested in attending.



Confirmation

Anchor Bible Church Confirmation 2023-2024 Working Program Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
Sunday	2/4	11:30-1:00	Youth Room (Rom. 3,5,10)	Discipleship/Evangelism
Sunday	2/18	12:00-2:00	Murdoch Funeral Home	Life After Death
Sunday	3/17	11:30-2:00	Sanctuary (Eph. 2-4)	Prep for Holy Week
Sunday	3/24	11:30-1:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Wed	3/27	5:15-7:00	Sanctuary	Confirmation Holy Week Presentation
Sunday	4/14	10:00-11:30	Youth Room (Gal. 3,5,6)	Living Like Jesus/ Theology Q&A
Friday	4/26	5:00pm	Ridge Haven Overnight	1 Pet. 1, 2 Pet. 1, Hebrews 12
& Saturday	4/27	12:00pm end	Ridge Haven Overnight	
Saturday	5/4	5:00	Fellowship Area	Confirmation Dinner
Sunday	5/5		Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday

Summer Games University Confirmation students July



Confirmation Class of 2023 Confirmands & Mentors

Makaila Arnold ~ Jennifer VanGorder
 Hadyen Covington ~ Philip Klett
 Alex Ditch ~ Landon Tweeton
 Jon Dufoe ~ Brandon Mize
 Jordynn Fink ~ Ashlee Wyant
 Kaycey Fink ~ Candy McBurney
 Parks Grennan ~ Rich Loy
 Henley Hahn ~ Sarah Tritle
 Grady Jones ~ Scott Millikin
 Isabelle Katcher ~ Lisa Millikin
 Grady Klett ~ Casey Estling

Nolan Lammers ~ Matt Schalk
 Caleigh Lewis ~ Kim Schildroth
 Bryer Loy ~ Matt Grennan
 Kenna Miller ~ Mary Beth Maloney
 Eli Mize ~ Nate Graham
 Knoxin Schweer ~ Ken McGraw
 Adelyn Stien ~ Kristy Schweer
 Harper Tritle ~ Monica Hahn
 Zoe Ritter ~ Jennifer VanGorder
 Alaina Wilhelmi ~ Karly Millikin

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	DECEMBER 2023	DECEMBER YTD 2023	DECEMBER YTD 2022
INCOME-General Contributions	35,331	310,770	311,202
Pastors (2)	10,466	125,595	119,192
Benefits - (1) and support	2,199	30,820	35,201
Directors - childrens & adult	1,502	21,819	26,586
Connectial Giving	521	3,127	
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,826	49,963	48,491
Administrative & Office Costs	(380)	13,066	13,160
Worship activities	692	4,859	13,734
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	(1,003)	8,956	8,451
Ministries & Outreach	910	12,192	13,852
Facility costs	5,733	31,497	30,248
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	24,466	301,894	308,915
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	10,865	8,876	2,287
General Fund bank balance		57,614	48,738
	BUILDING FUNDS		
Building Cash		47,500	42,143
Building LOAN		(460,445)	(476,766)
	OTHER FUNDS		
Savings - Not Earmarked		26,666	25,558
Savings - Earmarked Funds		52,174	60,172
Memorial Fund		31,102	25,467
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		336,753	266,758
Endowments - investment Vanguard		11,158	43,157

Building Fund Giving	2023	2022
January-Oct	33,937	53,260
Nov	3,163	5,244
Dec	9,743	2,939
Total YTD	37,100	61,443
Loan Payments	(34,112)	
Building Fund Cash	47,500	
Building Loan	(460,445)	

DECEMBER 2023 END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Calendar 2023 was financially a good one for Anchor Bible Church. Our General Fund giving was \$310,770. That was \$8,876 more than our expenses. That's a big AMEN when I can report a gain in the checkbook balance. In June we were able to pay our disaffiliation fee to depart from the United Methodist denomination. Another accomplishment thanks to your generous giving.

Our budget for 2024 is \$331,000, a 6% increase over '23 giving. We continue to increase our ministries and youth program areas. Our D6 Diner costs were up quite a bit this year with increased grocery costs, but we celebrate that too because we increased the number of people we fed each week. I'd like to mention some other areas where we have giving that we earmark for that specific ministry. Our Memorial Fund had \$5,635 added to it from loved ones that passed. The summer FLY program added \$754 from the live nativity free will offering. And Vans for Christ was given \$18,000 that helped 20 families with vehicles or mechanical repairs. The Bulldog's GYM was blessed with over \$5,000 that helped 18 families during the holidays.

Outside of our General Fund, we have our Building Fund that you generously gave \$46,790 to cover our \$34k of loan payments. We were also able to carpet the second floor classroom. Our loan balance is still \$460,000, so continue to keep the Building Fund in mind each week to give separately to.

Our 2024 financial challenges we have in front right now are a) our permanent Anchor Bible Church sign down by the road b) our muddy parking lot c) engaging our congregation to be in ministry outside of our church walls d) our crowded classrooms and of course, e) getting that loan paid off.

We are so Blessed at Anchor Bible because of your faithful giving! I can get choked up really easy thinking about what we have been challenged with in recent years, how some congregations struggle to make ends meet and especially when I reflect on 2023, how putting all finances aside, how spiritually this congregation has remained faithful, firmly anchored in our Lord.

Ways to Give

“...God loves a cheerful giver” - 2 Corinthians 9:7b

The image displays four vertical banners, each with a colored circular icon at the top and a corresponding title and description below. The banners are: 1. 'In Person' with a yellow icon of a box, stating that offering boxes are located on either side of the sanctuary doors. 2. 'Online' with a green icon of a computer monitor, featuring a QR code and the website www.anchorbibleia.org/give. 3. 'Mail' with a blue icon of a lightbulb, providing the mailing address: PO Box 283, Center Point, IA 52213. 4. 'Vanco App' with a purple icon of a speech bubble containing a 'V', instructing to download the app and search for Anchor Bible Church.

Donate your Stuff to help the building fund!

Take your stuff to Stuff Etc. at 252 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, Cedar Rapids
Drop off times: Tuesday-Saturday 10-6pm
Anchor Bible Church's consignors number: 18846



- Enter the far door on the back side of the building
- Enter our number #18846 in the computer, it will print a tag
- Staff will give you one red tote to fill, place the tag inside
- Furniture is taken separately at the side of the building
- Anchor Bible will receive 50% of the amount the item is sold for
- You can call 373-2380 or use <https://www.shopstuffetc.com> to look up items currently accepted and restrictions.

All money raised from your stuff will go to our Building Fund.

Life Groups

SUNDAY

Storm Shelter 7:00PM
Lynn Klett

MONDAY

Amazing Grays 9:30AM
Linda Marlow

Young Adults 6:00PM
Hannah & Nathan James

New and Bold 6:30PM
Ann Stender/Cindy Graham

CARE Group 6:30PM
Nathan Schnell

TUESDAY

Kingdom Disciples 5:30PM
Angie Streinz

WEDNESDAY

Bulldog's Men's Group 5:45AM
Russ Brandt

D6 Adult Class 6:00PM
Pastor Andrew Happ

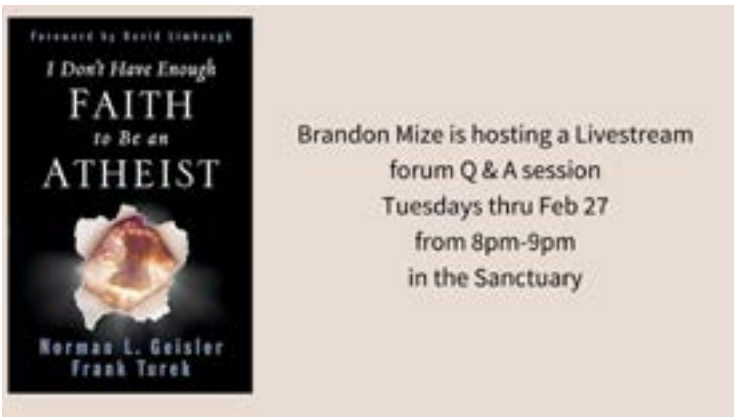
THURSDAY (2ND OF THE MONTH)

Women of Grace 6:30PM
Ashley Rambo

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ADULT MINISTRY OR LIFE GROUPS FEEL FREE
TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (319) 849-2518 OR office@anchorbibleia.org

Events

Today at 4pm we are having a Co-op Informational Meeting here at the church. We would like to invite families currently homeschooling or considering homeschooling, who would like to learn more about a new co-op starting this fall.



Brandon Mize is hosting a Livestream forum Q & A session based on the book, I Don't Have Enough FAITH to Be an ATHEIST by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek on Tuesdays thru Feb 27 from 8pm-9pm in the Sanctuary. Questions contact Brandon Mize.

New Members Class~
Sun. Feb. 11 from 11:45am to 2pm
Anyone who would like to know more about our church or become a member of our church. A light lunch and child care will be available. Register by calling the church office.



If:2024 Women's Conference
Fri. March 22 (4:30-10pm) & Sat. March 23 (8am-4:30pm) here at Anchor Bible Church. Join us Friday night for light appetizers and Saturday for light breakfast and lunch. Meals are not included in the ticket price; we simply ask for a free will donation. You are encouraged to bring a friend. Our weekend is full of worship and thought provoking stories, rooted in Truth, that point us to a deeper relationship with Christ. Questions, please contact Ashley Rambo

Youth Activities

D6 Middle School and High School

Wednesday, February 7– Life in Community

Wednesday, February 14 – NO D6 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6PM (NO meal served)

Wednesday, February 21– Prayer Night

Friday, February 23-24 Youth Winter Weekend [Sign up link](#)

Wednesday, February 28 - Game Night

For the most up to date information on our middle school and high school ministries, please visit [D6 Middle School & High School Youth Group Calendar - January-February](#)

Summer Games 2024 Registrations

Registrations are now open for SGU2024! Visit www.sgu.camp to register.



D6 Wednesday Nights



**Join us at
D6 Family Nights
Wednesday Nights**

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

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| 5:00-6:30pm | D6 Diner (Come as a family and enjoy dinner together ~ free will offering) |
| 5:45-7:00pm | PreK to 5th grade |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Adult Group Study |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Adult Bible Basics Class |
| 6:00-7:15pm | Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) |
| 7:00-8:30pm | High School Youth Group (9-12 grade) |

Children's Ministry

[Volunteer Sign up](#)

This Volunteer Sign Up link is scheduled through the end of the school year. Take a look at your calendars to see when you are able to help with Sunday School and D6 Family Nights.

If you have any questions please contact Randina Johnson at 319-573-6645 or Randina@anchorbibleia.org

Celebrations

“The Lord has done great things for us & we are filled with joy!” ~ Ps 126:3



- Feb 2 Mason McCauley
Mary Beth Maloney
- Feb 3 Chelsey Voss
Hannah James
Jensen Thornton
- Feb 4 Charles Case
- Feb 6 Scott Zimmerman
Nolan Lammers
Gage Walters
- Feb 7 Natalie Kongable
Erica Roa Graham
Waylon Zimmerman
- Feb 8 Mark Boies
- Feb 9 Eli Mize
- Feb 10 Twyla Jenewein
Mike Taylor
- Feb 13 Linda Schultz
- Feb 16 Kacy Baumgartner
Mya Rawson
Mary Vang
Roger & Joni Goodall
- Feb 18 Jaime Whitehead
- Feb 19 Philip Klett
KC Tupa
Chris Toyne
Emily Fawcett
- Feb 20 Allison McEvoy
Rob Milota
Keri Scheeler
Taysom Boies
Kreslyn Toyne
- Feb 21 Connie Estling
Jeff Walters
- Feb 22 Mike Ellson
Donna Rilling
Macy Pitz

- Feb 24 Molly Sweeting
RaeAnn Schnoebelen
Mavrik Schweer
Killian Strabala
Brad & Amy Rechkemmer
- Feb 25 Sherri Squires
Diane Hollenbeck
Evelyn Munson
Jeff & Kaylene Squires
- Feb 26 Ben Upah
Jack Mallie
- Feb 27 Jennifer Crowley
Dave Leedom
Cynlee Otto
Allison Traynor



Tyler & Bailey Hungate
are the proud parents of a
daughter,
Amelia
born January 19, 2024