

# Disciple



April 2024

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

## What Happens Next?

April is here and we have faithfully journeyed through the life of Jesus according to Mark's Gospel. Over the past 16 weeks we have been able to dive deep into Jesus' life and ministry. My prayer is that each of us has grown and will continue to grow not only in your knowledge about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit but also in your relationship with God!

I believe it is fitting that we have come to this spring season where everything that has been dormant begins to come to life. Some would say spring is a season where things come to life and reveal their true nature and colors. With this kind of mindset we, as a church body, are heading in the same direction.

As God continues doing His work in and through us, I believe we are being called deeper into what it means to be a disciple of Christ, not only as individuals but as the body, the church. Through prayer and reflection, I believe God is calling us into a season of spending our time learning from Christ's resurrection.

In the coming weeks we will be spending our time together focusing on the forty days of Jesus' life before His ascension into heaven. We will examine the eye witnesses of the empty tomb, Jesus appearing to the disciples, the two men on the Emmaus road, and so much more. It will be a time, prayerfully, that we will come alive as disciples in Christ to know and live into the truth of Christian faith.

Once we spend a duration of time examining these forty days we will see the purpose of Jesus' ascension and the pentecost. Which leads directly into the early believers' lives and how God assembled His church. During this journey we will look at the early church then and church today.

In all of this, my prayer is that we would live into the faith of Jesus Christ and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. To therefore live unashamed for the Gospel in our prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness together as His Church.

May God Bless and Keep You,  
*Pastor Andrew Happ*

# What's UP?

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## April 2024

- April 3: D6 Family Night
- April 5-6: Chainsaw Team Safety Training
- April 7: Camp Breakfast 8am until noon
- April 9: Planning Ahead Seminar 6:30pm
- April 10: D6 Family Night
- April 14: Confirmation Class 10-11:30am
- April 16: Blood Drive 4-6pm
- April 16: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- April 17: D6 Family Night
- April 20: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am
- April 24: D6 Family Night
- April 26-27: Confirmation Overnight 5pm-noon
- April 28: Mission Trip meeting noon-1pm



**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Sunday, August 11 through  
 Wednesday, August 14  
 More details to follow

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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*



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Would you like to learn how  
 to knit or crochet  
 or learn more about this ministry?  
 Please join us!

Saturday, April 20 at 9am

**At the church**

**For info:** Linda Sweeting: 849-1391

# 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*

**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
- Doris Dufoe
- Beth Dunkel
- Barb Ellson
- Keith Gatrost
- Lynn Laffler
- Don Lala
- Gary Montague
- Joanie Opfer
- Crystiona Mae Soukup
- Anne Stender
- Krista Stepanek
- Whitey Weyant

### Continued Prayers for:

- Corliss Streinz, Angie Streinz's mother
- Brian Lage, Linda Marlow's nephew
- Renea, Jamie Schoch's mom
- 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
- Elsie Payton, Mary Vang's friend
- Norma, Mary Vang's sister-in-law
- Teresa Baumgartner, Tracy Milota's mom
- Duane, Kelly Shuniak's dad
- Haley, Carma Almandinger's granddaughter
- Samantha Morris, Linda Sweeting's granddaughter



### Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

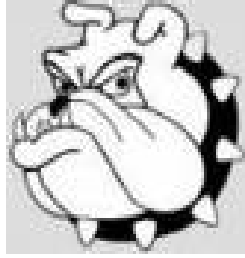
Madison VanVors & Kole Tupa  
July 20, 2024

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

## Come & See What You are Missing!

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."



# Confirmation

## Anchor Bible Church Confirmation 2023-2024 Working Program Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
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
<i>Summer Games University    Confirmation students    July</i>				



### 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

	FEBRUARY 2024	FEBRUARY YTD 2024	FEBRUARY YTD 2023
<b>INCOME-General Contributions</b>	<b>27,858</b>	<b>46,245</b>	<b>53,724</b>
Pastors, Benefits and support	13,322	26,363	26,663
Directors - childrens & adult	1,562	3,124	4,384
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Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,981	8,154	8,873
Administrative & Office Costs	708	1,142	3,223
Worship activities	37	773	815
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	981	1,164	(133)
Ministries & Outreach	514	1,662	1,997
Facility costs	<u>2,631</u>	<u>5,115</u>	<u>5,426</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,517</b>	<b>24,542</b>	<b>51,248</b>
<b>NET INCOME(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>(2,814)</b>	<b>2,476</b>
General Fund bank balance		54,703	51,215
		<b>BUILDING FUNDS</b>	
Building Cash		33,853	46,161
Building LOAN		(432,718)	(474,155)
		<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Savings - Not Earmarked		27,251	35,165
Savings - Earmarked Funds		55,774	63,098
Memorial Fund		31,102	25,717
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		360,663	276,581
Endowments - investment Vanguard		11,164	44,283

<b>Building Fund Giving</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
January	3,451	6,335
February	<u>13,588</u>	<u>3,397</u>
Total YTD	17,039	9,732
Loan Payments	(30,685)	
Building Fund Cash	33,853	
Building Loan	(432,718)	

### FEBRUARY 2024

February General Fund giving of \$27,858 covered our expenses of \$24,518. BIG NEWS! – We were able to make an extra payment on our Building Loan. Due to extra year end giving and a large \$10,000 gift in February, we made a principal payment of \$25,000. Praise God! Our Building loan balance is now \$432,718.

# Ways to Give

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

The image shows four vertical banners, each with a colored circular icon at the top and a corresponding title and description below. The banners are: 1. Yellow banner with a box icon, titled 'In Person', with text 'The offering boxes are located on either side of the sanctuary doors.' 2. Green banner with a computer monitor icon, titled 'Online', with a QR code and the URL 'www.anchorbibleia.org/give'. 3. Blue banner with a lightbulb icon, titled 'Mail', with text 'Checks can be mailed to: PO Box 283 Center Point, IA 52213'. 4. Purple banner with a 'V' icon, titled 'Vanco App', with text 'Download the Vanco App and search for Anchor Bible Church.'

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## 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](mailto:office@anchorbibleia.org)



# Events



Come ready to eat on Sunday April 7th as our students will be cooking up some breakfast to raise money for camp! Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, and biscuits and gravy! Free will offerings are appreciated.



## Good News Club

Child Evangelism Fellowship partners with local churches to share the Gospel with young children and to connect them to the local church. Their primary means of accomplishing this goal is through their Good News Club, an after school, Sunday School style program. In our partnership with CEF we are looking for volunteers who are passionate about helping children meet Jesus, and who can volunteer one hour a week for 6 weeks (Good News Club runs for 6 weeks at a time, usually once in the fall and once in the spring).

The best way to register as a volunteer is on the website: [cefhawkeyechapter.com](http://cefhawkeyechapter.com) or email Rod Peyton at: [rodpeyton.cef@gmail.com](mailto:rodpeyton.cef@gmail.com)

# Easter Flowers

In Honor of:

Our Redeemer King, the LORD  
Jesus Messiah

Given by: Jerry & LuEllyn  
Rozeboom

In Memory of:

Dusty, our parents, and our siblings

Given by: Jayne Rhoads

Charolette Kephart

Given by: Mike & Tracey Taylor

Leo Thiele

Given by: Tim & Marsha Fannin

Bob Fannin

Given by: Tim & Marsha Fannin

John L. Hromidko

Given by: Chris & Lindsay Butterfield

Ruth & Raymond Attwood

Given by: Dan & Teresa Scheeler

Gerry & Jack Scheeler

Given by: Dan & Teresa Scheeler

Lois Ho

Given by: Schildroth Family

River Elliot Fuessley

Given by: Jordan & Terin Fuessley

Grandma & Grandpa Hoaglan

Given by: Opfer Family

Grandma & Grandpa Fowlkes

Given by: Opfer Family

Grandma & Grandpa Opfer

Given by: Opfer Family

Grandma & Grandpa Woodward

Given by: Opfer Family

Kimberly VanHorn Christianson

Given by: Gene & Donna VanHorn

David Pederson

Given by: Scott & Lisa Millikin

Jerry Johnson

Given by: Kelly Roseberry

Virginia Johnson

Given by: Kelly Roseberry

Dennis "Butch" Etzel

Given by: Lewis Family

Sheryl Lewis

Given by: Lewis Family



# Youth Activities

APRIL / 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3 Temptation - 1 Corinthians 10:13 MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	4	5	6
7 Camp Breakfast 8 AM - Noon	8	9	10 Prayer Night MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Relationships - 1 Cor. 7:14-5 MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Baptism - Rom. 8:1-7 MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	25	26 Confirmation Overnight	27 Confirmation Overnight
28 Atlanta Team Meeting 12 PM	29	30	1	2	3	4

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFO. UPDATED 03/25/24

## D6 Middle School and High School April 2024 Newsletter

Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> – Spare Parts

*This three-week series will focus on three topics that are regularly brought up or asked about over the course of the year at D6.*

Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Night

*Students will participate in a night of guided prayer using the A.C.T.S. of prayer method.*

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> – Camp Breakfast

*Come ready to eat as our students prepare breakfast for the whole church body to fundraise for camp scholarships. This event will include a free-will offering.*

Summer Games 2024 Registrations

*Registrations are now open for SGU2024! Visit [www.squ.camp](http://www.squ.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

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

Here's the sign up link for volunteers:

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

**Vacation Bible School**

**Save the Date:**

Sunday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 14

If you have any questions please contact Randina Johnson at 319-573-6645 or [Randina@anchorbibleia.org](mailto:Randina@anchorbibleia.org)

