

Disciple



May 2024

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

Real Connection

Have you ever stopped to think about the connections you make? Our connections with the world and with other people and especially God are often overlooked. We are connected via wifi, email, phones, social media, tv's, even new vehicles of the day are so technologically advanced some drive for you.

With so many connections there is also a deep reality of our ability to disconnect from God and others. My prayer each week is that we would connect with God outside and inside the church body. These kinds of connections are different from the rest as they do not require a wifi, password, or electronics.

Real connection can be instantaneous or gradual. More often than not we approach God with an instantaneous view. We want the answer now, we want the miracle, the sign, and so on. I don't think it's a stretch to say we want things, even in our spiritual lives, "the easy way."

However, real connection isn't always neatly packaged or assessed with a password. Jesus tells us this in Matthew 11:28-30 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." NIV.

I love how Jesus wants to connect with us. There is no filter needed, no prerequisite, just an extravagant invitation, "Come to me." Oftentimes we see our sins as disqualifiers into Jesus' words and without knowing it, we believe the lie that what Jesus said was for the other person. The person who has it together. Here is the newsflash, no one has it all together.

If you have been looking for a sign or a word to connect with God may it be right here for you. God's desire is to be the Lord of your life. To lead and guide you. To cleanse you from your sins and bring you to life everlasting.

Where is it today, this week, this month, year, and rest of our lives that we can disconnect from the ways of this world and connect with God? Here are three starting points to connect with and stay with.

1. Read His Word. Stop making excuses and start reading your Bible. How can we know God without listening and knowing what He says? Hebrews 4:12 NIV
2. Pray. We are not too busy and we surely aren't too important to talk to God through prayer. Matthew 7:7-12 NIV
3. Connect in His Church. God brings the believers together in the assembled body. We are to be the body of Christ, the bride of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12 NIV

My prayer for each of us in the month of May is that we would take Jesus at His word, live it out, and help others to know how God intentionally wants to connect with them too.

May God Bless and Keep You,
Pastor Andrew Happ

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What's UP?

May 2024

- May 1: D6 Family Night
- May 4: Confirmation Dinner 5pm
- May 5: Confirmation Sunday
- May 8: **LAST** D6 Family Night for the school year
- May 19: Senior Sunday Recognition
- May 21: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- May 29: Child Evangelism Fellowship Training 6-7:30pm

June 2024

- June 2: Beginning Summer Worship of One Service at 9am
- June 13-15: GMC Conference in Sioux City, IA
- June 16-22: Mission Trip to Atlanta, GA



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 or email Rod Peyton at: rodpeyton.cef@gmail.com

ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
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ph: **319-849-2518**

email: office@anchorbibleia.org

facebook: Anchor Bible Church

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



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.

- Abbie Boies
- Mark Boies
- Tim Boies
- Mark Callahan
- Leonard & Karen Chapman
- Darlene Denison
- Doris Dufoe
- Beth Dunkel
- Keith Gatrost
- Stan Hepker
- Lynn Lafler
- Don Lala
- Gary Montague
- 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
- Carol Callahan's family: Corey, Athena and baby
Conor

Prayers of Bereavement for:

- Russ & Elizabeth Brandt and family in the passing of Russ's mother, Muriel Brandt
- Ron & Jennifer Schnoebelen and family in the passing of Ron's father, Terry Schnoebelen
- Mike & Kristine Ellson and family in the passing of Mike's mother, Barb Ellson



Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

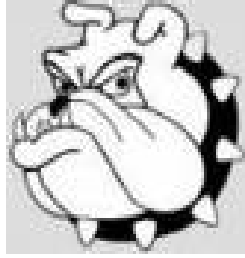
Madison VanVors & Kole Tupa
July 20, 2024

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	
Saturday	5/4	5:00	Fellowship Area	Confirmation Dinner	
Sunday	5/5		Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday	
			<i>Summer Games University</i>	<i>Confirmation students</i>	<i>July</i>

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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

	MARCH 2024	MARCH YTD 2024	MARCH YTD 2023
INCOME-General Contributions	42,354	88,599	79,733
Pastors, Benefits and support	15,331	41,694	40,234
Directors - childrens & adult	1,562	4,686	6,576
Connectial Giving	781	2,343	-
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,082	12,236	13,216
Administrative & Office Costs	818	1,960	3,894
Worship activities	(103)	670	799
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	881	2,045	319
Ministries & Outreach	(255)	1,407	4,224
Facility costs	<u>1,780</u>	<u>6,895</u>	<u>9,573</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	24,877	73,936	78,835
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	17,477	14,663	898
General Fund bank balance		72,180	46,634
		BUILDING FUNDS	
Building Cash		38,017	46,634
Building LOAN		(431,138)	(472,695)
		OTHER FUNDS	
Savings - Not Earmarked		27,525	34,848
Savings - Earmarked Funds		55,497	81,402
Memorial Fund		31,102	25,717
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		372,258	286,729
Endowments - investment Vanguard		11,407	45,563

Building Fund Giving	2024	2023
January	3,451	6,335
February	13,588	3,397
March	<u>7,006</u>	<u>3,184</u>
Total YTD	24,045	12,916
Loan Payments	(33,528)	
Building Fund Cash	38,017	
Building Loan	(431,138)	

MARCH 2024

March's General Fund contributions were \$42,354, one of the biggest months we ever had! This brought our YTD to \$14,663 exceeding our expenses. Building Fund giving was \$7,006. On Easter Sunday our attendance was possibly the largest at 460. Praise God! One big project we have in front of us is designing and funding our Anchor Bible Church signage at the road.

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 an offering 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.'

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
Kelsey & Landon Tweeton

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

FLY

Feeding Lunches to Youth

Summer lunch program for CPU students and families
Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY) serves sack lunches
Monday through Friday
beginning **Friday, May 31**
and running through **Thursday, August 22**

Lunches are prepared and delivered each day by
volunteers from the community.

FLY is supported by several financial supporters, congregations, and many volunteers.

The purpose is to provide a lunch for students throughout the summer months.

Lunches are available Monday through Friday from
noon until 12:30pm during June, July, and August
(when schools are not in session) at the following sites:

Center Point Public Library
720 Main Street
Center Point, IA 52213
(Parking lot across the street)

Urbana Legion Hall
204 W Wood Street
Urbana, IA 52345 (Pavilion)

The main mission is to serve lunch to children.
Adults who request a lunch may be served
at 12:25pm if any lunches remain.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call **(319) 849-2518** or send an
e-mail to **centerpointurbanafly@gmail.com**
Link to sign up to volunteer: [FLY Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Youth Activities

MAY							2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
28	29	30	1 Image & Idolatry MS 6-7:00 HS 9:00	2	3	4 Confirmation Dinner 5:15 PM	
5 Confirmation Sunday	6	7	8 End of Year Party MS 6-7 HS 7:00-8:30	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15 No D6	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22 No D6	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29 CEF Training 6-7:30 PM	30	31	1	

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFO. UPDATED 04/22/24

D6 Middle School and High School May 2024 Newsletter

Wednesday May 1st – Image & Idolatry

This is the final week of our Spare Parts series. There will be no high school D6 on 5/1 due to the 5th-12th grade music concert.

Wednesday May 8th – End of Year Party

Students are invited to join us outside for our end of the year party, complete with inflatable games, yard games, 9 square, gaga ball, and an ice cream bar!

Wednesday May 29th – Child Evangelism Fellowship Training

CEF will be bringing their team of face painters, puppeteers, and balloon artists to teach our students these skills and how they can be used to share the Gospel!



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

Last Night is May 8

"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](#)

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



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

Graduation 2024



Anchor Bible Church Graduates
Class of 2024
Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 26, 2024

Tyler Bark
Cole Baumgartner
Brayden Beck
Elizabeth Eikenberry
Daniel Grieff
Bradley Jones
Casey Kirtz

Isaac Larson
Ava Maloney
Madeline Pestka
Josephine Remington
Aydra Trout
Drake VanGorder
Addison Weber
Jack Witte

The church family is invited to attend the following Graduation Open Houses:

Saturday, May 25

Bradley Jones: 2-5pm
Anchor Bible Church, Center Point

Drake VanGorder: 5-8pm
4933 Blue Creek Ct, Walker

Ellie Eikenberry: 5-8pm
330 Harrison Dr, Center Point

Monday, May 27

Casey Kirtz: 12-3pm
Anchor Bible Church, Center Point



Celebrations

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



- May 1 Russ Brandt
Rachel Ries
Robin Lees
- May 2 Grant Goebel
Donna VanHorn
- May 3 Shane Fuessley
- May 5 Kyle Coppess
- May 7 Samuel Leedom
Evelyn Steffeck
- May 8 Ellson Sankey
- May 9 Andrew Lahr
Christopher Happ
Eadi Graham
- May 10 Chris Lammers
Brandon Crowley
Jon & Joni Bruce
- May 11 Paulina Sanders
Kora Katcher
Ryder Plein
- May 12 Shannon VanVors
- May 13 Taylor Henderson
Kurt & Kelli Chesmore
- May 14 Caleb Andrews
Isla Strum
- May 15 Alex Besick
- May 18 Pat Burrell
Shelby Folken
Rod & Christina Lahr
- May 19 Quinn Strabala
Dennis & Diane Clinton
Scott & Megan Goebel
- May 20 Elizabeth Brandt
Erica Estling
Brandon Hahn
Ryan & Lori Heins
- May 21 Carma Almandinger
Lynn Lafler
Jennifer Schnell
Madilynn Banes
- May 22 Becky Wright
Brian Praska
Mike & Tammy McEvoy
- May 23 Keith Gatrost
Mitchell McCauley
Mark & Joy Boies
- May 24 Brayton Brandt
Kelly Sagert
Andy Maloney
Kim Banes
- May 25 Parker Covington
- May 27 Abram Rhoads
Savannah Traynor
- May 28 Camron Sanford
Jason Andrews
Darren Besick
Darwin Sweeting
Bob & Diane Hollenbeck
- May 29 Jayne Rhoads
Ashlyn White
Trey Filter
Harley Henderson
Josh & Beth Dunkel
- May 30 Korey Johnson
- May 31 Denny Estling
Jim & Lois Wood
Jeff & Tayna Walters