

Disciple



July 2024

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

Personal Holiness

I pray for each one of you with a thankful heart in the growth and work of your faith as Anchor Bible Church. It is our mission to love God, love people, and make disciples. We live this mission out in the vision of leading our community to become Christ-centered disciples who are anchored in the Gospel.

Where does all of this start? It starts with you. It starts with the individual who has been transformed by the saving grace of Jesus Christ that comes together with other Christians as a body, i.e. the Church.

Our foundation of Christian faith is in the life of Jesus Christ, and Christ alone. It is here upon the foundation of Jesus that we are called, equipped, built up, and sent. It is also important to clarify something vitally important.

Faith, your personal faith, or as John Wesley put it, “your personal holiness” cannot go to the wayside. It is easy to do “church things” but a different story to live out your personal holiness as the church. The chief goal of our lives is to glorify God in all that we do. That is every part of us, not just a selection of what we are comfortable with.

I offer this quote from John Wesley, “My one aim in life is to secure personal holiness, for without being holy myself, I cannot promote real holiness in others.”

Personal holiness as Christ lived by showing, teaching, and calling each of us into can be complex yet it is very simple, becoming more Christlike everyday. In the words of the Apostle Paul in Philipians it is a “pressing toward the goal.” That goal is salvation. It is true that we are not saved by our works. But we are saved by faith. Faith alone in Christ is one of the core doctrines of our Christian faith. From our faith kingdom work happens (see the book of James!)

This brings me to this point. In the weeks to come we are going to focus on “Personal Holiness.” It is my prayer that each of us would dig deep in knowing and growing in our faith. That there would be fruit of our work, not in word alone but in deed as well.

God Bless and Keep You,
Pastor Andrew Happ

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What's UP?

July 2024

- July 3: Youth Trivia Night 6-7:30pm
- July 8-12: Summer Games in Grinnell
- July 14: New Members Class 10:30-noon
- July 17: Youth Movie Night & Late Night Games 7-10pm
- July 19: North Iowa Tractor Ride
(Anchor Bible is afternoon stop)
- July 23: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- July 24: Youth Palo Lake Outing 6-8pm



We believe "the Word of God is Alive and Active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

"We would LOVE anyone interested to join us in a **Summer Bible Reading Plan**. This reading plan is only 1 Chapter a day with a break on the Sabbath where you can catch up if you get behind. Each daily reading should be about 5 minutes.

Search Facebook for "2024 Summer Bible Reading"



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
275 Green Street West / PO Box 283
Center Point, IA 52213

ph: **319-849-2518**

email: office@anchorbibleia.org

facebook: Anchor Bible Church

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am - 12Noon

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME: 9AM

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
Nathan Geater
Stan Hepker
Jevin Johnson
Lynn Lafler
Gary Montague
Judy 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
Darla Gerdes, Ann Jacobs' sister-in-law
Mary Warren, Terry Warren'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
Carol Callahan's family: Corey, Athena and baby
Conor
Jason, Diana Smith's son
Oliver Dake, Austin & Jodi Covington's nephew

Prayers of Bereavement for:

Matt & Allison Traynor and family in the passing of Matt's dad, Tom Traynor

Jennifer & Brandon Crowley and family in the passing of Jennifer's brother, AJ Gensler



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)

Gospeler by Willie Robertson
a 6 week study beginning May 29

Turning Darkness into Light
One Conversation at a Time

When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and make disciples, he invited all his followers—including us—to join his work in the world. As followers of Christ, we have the best news that everyone needs. But are we sharing it? In this six-session series, author and businessman Willie Robertson encourages us to embrace our identity as "gospelers," ready and able to share the good news of Jesus. We don't need to preach to share the gospel; we simply need to have meaningful conversations.



Come & See What You are Missing!

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



Confirmation

Are You Called to Be a Mentor?

**Can I be a Confirmation Mentor?
Maybe God is nudging you to be a
mentor in 2024-2025**

Think for a moment about a person who had a significant impact upon your growth in faith when you were younger. Picture his or her face. Recall what this person said and did that made a difference in your life. They were a mentor to you!

As a Mentor you are called to:

Be a Friend – A mentor is a friend and a guide.

Be an Example – To be a mentor to a young person in the Faith is to allow him or her watch you live out your faith day by day. This doesn't mean that you have to be a super Christian.

Be Open – Sharing your life journey with a confirmand means being open about your past, your present, and your future.

Be a Listener – A mentor is more willing to listen than to talk.

Be Encouraging – A mentor tries to recognize and affirm the best in his or her young friend.

Be Caring – Caring often involves more than words it's caring with action.

Be Prayerful – Finally a mentor is someone who prays and trusts in the Lord.

If God is calling you – call us! Let the office know at 319-849-2518 of your willingness to serve as a mentor for our upcoming confirmation class.

The Confirmation Class meets two Sundays each month during the school year. In addition to the Sunday meetings, a mentor would need to commit to field trips and our confirmation overnight in May 2025.

Parent/Mentor/Student meeting is Aug 25 at 10:30am in the sanctuary.

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	MAY 2024	MAY YTD 2024	MAY YTD 2023
INCOME-General Contributions	20,138	138,814	132,444
Pastors, Benefits and support	13,074	66,240	70,877
Directors - childrens & adult	1,562	7,810	7,510
Connectial Giving	781	3,905	-
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,440	21,379	22,318
Administrative & Office Costs	791	3,179	4,494
Worship activities	285	1,463	2,499
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	2,770	4,563	3,547
Ministries & Outreach	2,426	3,798	6,864
Facility costs	<u>1,712</u>	<u>10,545</u>	<u>13,369</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	27,841	122,882	131,478
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(7,703)	15,932	966
General Fund bank balance		73,451	49,703
		BUILDING FUNDS	
Building Cash		34,943	46,386
Building LOAN		(414,310)	(469,910)
		OTHER FUNDS	
Savings - Not Earmarked		29,767	33,168
Savings - Earmarked Funds		58,032	114,271
Memorial Fund		31,102	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		374,730	292,447
Endowments - investment Vanguard		11,446	45,203

Building Fund Giving	2024	2023
January-March	24,045	12,916
April	9,818	1,905
May	<u>6,794</u>	<u>2,664</u>
Total YTD	40,657	17,485
Loan Payments	(53,214)	
Building Fund Cash	34,943	
Building Loan	(414,310)	

MAY 2024

May General Fund giving was a little light at \$20,138, falling short of our \$27,840 in expenses. Several families were helped with funds from Bulldogs and our Help Others ministry. Expenses were higher due to children, youth and confirmation end of year programs. Due to recent extra giving to our Building Fund, an extra loan principal payment of \$14,000 was made! The Building loan balance is now \$414,310.

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. In Person (yellow icon of a box), 2. Online (green icon of a computer monitor), 3. Mail (blue icon of a lightbulb with a dollar sign), and 4. Vanco App (purple icon of a speech bubble with a 'V').

- In Person**
The offering boxes are located on either side of the sanctuary doors.
- Online**

www.anchorbibleia.org/give
- Mail**
Checks can be mailed to:
PO Box 283
Center Point, IA
52213
- Vanco App**
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](#)



FLY Juice Box Drive

CPU FLY is in need of juice boxes/pouches.
Juice can be dropped off at 275 Green St West
between the set of double doors thru July 14th.
We have extended the drive for an additional 2 weeks!

Youth Activities

JULY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3 Trivia Night 6-7:30 PM	4	5	6
7	8 Summer Games University	9 Summer Games University	10 Summer Games University No Dis	11 Summer Games University	12 Summer Games University	13
14 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	15	16	17 Movie Night & Late Night Games 7 PM	18	19	20
21 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	22	23	24 Palo Lake Day 6-8 PM	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 No Dis	1	2	3

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFO. UPDATED 06/13/24

D6 Middle School and High School July 2024 Newsletter

Wednesday July 3rd – Trivia Night

Students are invited to join us for a night of snacks and trivia as we battle it out for the trivia night crown!

Wednesday July 17th – Movie Night & Late Night Games

Bring popcorn and blankets as we watch Jesus Revolution and students are invited to stay late to play Underground Church!

Wednesday July 24th – Palo Lake Day

Join us for hotdogs and fellowship at Palo Lake! Families are encouraged to join in the fun, this event is open to the whole church family!

Summer Games 2024 Registrations

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



Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is a great way for children to hear and learn the Gospel on their level, plus fellowship time with other children. Join us every Sunday at 9:00am after the children's message! Please sign up to help here:

[Sunday School Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Please reach out to Randina Johnson with any questions
319-573-6645 or Randina@anchorbibleia.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 11th 3:00-5:00pm

August 12th-14th 9:00-11:15am

Please register online: [Vacation Bible School 2024](#)

Registrations are due August 1

VBS is offered to children 3 years old (potty trained) through 5th grade, fall of 2024

D6 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

D6 Wednesday Night Ministry

If you are interested in helping with the children during our Wednesday night program beginning August 28, 2024, please contact

Randina Johnson by email or phone.

Randina@anchorbibleia.org

319-573-6645

