

# Disciple



September 2024

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

## The Body of Christ

One of John Wesley's favorite passages relating to the nature of the church comes in Ephesians 4:7-16. The vast wealth apparent in the city of Ephesus cannot be overstated. Archaeology shows that the streets of Ephesus were lined with beautifully ornate buildings, sculptures, and social gathering areas such as amphitheaters and bathhouses. As a highly populated port-city, Ephesus was a vibrant Roman metropolis that provided residents and visitors with many of life's joys. Because of this, the pursuit of pleasure had become more important than anything in life, including treatment of others.

Ephesians 4:7-16 focuses on the unity of the body of believers necessary in order to achieve Christ-likeness. Paul then goes on to list out a number of different leaders who are tasked with helping the believers, referred to as "the body" grow into unity and Christ-likeness (4:10-16). Interestingly, there are two anatomical metaphors being used in these verses. The first metaphor uses the process of maturing as a picture for the growth of the collective believers so that they may attain "the fullness of Christ" (4:12-14). The mature or grown personhood that is achieved by unity in the body of Christ is contrasted to the immaturity of a child. Children are said to be easily tossed around by the waves, an appropriate picture for a port city, that represent human deceit. The second metaphor portrays communal growth in opposition to false teaching as a body that is properly connected at its joints and "grows into him who is the head" (4:15-16). Both of these pictures use human growth as a metaphor for the growth Paul desires to see in the body of Christ. Love, unity, and resiliency are all things that he claims can be used to reach the apparent goal of growing to be more like Christ. The opposite of the spiritual maturity on display in verse thirteen is paralleled in fourteen by the depiction of children as unable to withstand the pressures of false teaching. The implication is that not only do unity and knowledge lead to a maturity that is necessary for the spiritual growth of the body and its members, but that a lack of these things will be detrimental to the body's health in the face of cultural pressure.

The language Paul uses to describe the false teachers is not light-hearted, and holds similarities to his treatment of false teaching in his other writings. These false teachers are portrayed not as those who are themselves uneducated or misspeak accidentally, but as those who deliberately and deceitfully attempt to lead God's people astray for demonic purposes. Children, or those who have not grown in the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, are easily deceived by the cunningness of these false teachers. On the contrary, maturity in knowledge and unity gives strength to weather the storms of these deceivers and to stay the course for the callings presented in verse twelve. Unity and knowledge together are important for growing into the fullness of Christ. It is crucial for believers to recognize that this passage holds significance not only for first century Christians, but for the Christians of today as well. In Acts 20, Paul can be seen speaking directly to the leaders in Ephesus about how false teachers, deceivers, will come upon them (Acts 20:29-30). False teachers will exist until the day of Christ's return, and Paul's words hold as much importance for the modern reader as they did for the Ephesians.

In the midst of all the forces that seek to pull us every which way in modern life, unity and maturity in the body of Christ are as important as ever, and this fall we will spend time focusing on the ways that God has called us to live into our role as the Body of Christ.

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# What's UP?

## September 2024

- Sept 4: D6 Family Night
- Sept 8: Confirmation - Getting Acquainted 1-3pm
- Sept 11: D6 Family Night
- Sept 15: New Members Class 11:30am-1pm
- Sept 18: D6 Family Night
- Sept 22: Confirmation Class 10-11:30am
- Sept 25: See You at the Pole
- Sept 25: **No D6 Family Night- due to Homecoming**
- Sept 27: Homecoming Breakfast 7-8am
- Sept 27: After Football Party 9pm-midnight
- Sept 27-28: Youth Retreat in Wyoming, IA



### 2024 Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist in Costa Rica ~ September 20-26, 2024

We are excited that Jerry Rozeboom will be attending as voting delegate for the Upper Midwest Conference.

We ask that you start to pray once a day for the General Conference as it approaches and during the conference. Pray for safe travel and good health for all the delegates and that God blesses their time together to do all the business that needs to be handled at the conference.

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**Worship times: 9am & 10:30 am**

*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*



New Members Class  
Sunday, Sept 15 from 11:30-1pm.

This is for anyone who has questions  
or would like more information about our church.  
A light snack & childcare will be provided.  
To sign up contact the church office 319-849-2518 or  
email us.

# 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.

- Mike Beck
- Mark Boies
- Tim Boies
- Mark Callahan
- Leonard & Karen Chapman
- Darlene Denison
- Doris Dufoe
- Beth Dunkel
- Keith Gatrost
- Nathan Geater
- Stan Hepker
- Lynn Lafler
- Gary Montague
- Diana Smith
- Krista Stepanek
- Terry Voss
- Whitey Weyant

### Continued Prayers for:

- Corliss Streinz, Angie Streinz's mother
- Brian Lage, Linda Marlow's nephew
- Renea, Jamie Schoch's mom
- 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
- Vicki, Kelly Shuniak's mom
- Carol Callahan's family: Corey, Athena and baby
- Conor
- Jason, Diana Smith's son
- Oliver Dake, Austin & Jodi Covington's nephew

### Prayers of Bereavement:

- Jason & Emily Andrews and family in the passing of Jason's mom, Brenda Klein
- Brad & Ann Jacobs and family in the passing of their sister-in-law, Darla Gerdes
- John & Shari Kummerfeldt and family in the passing of John's dad, Melvin Kummerfeldt



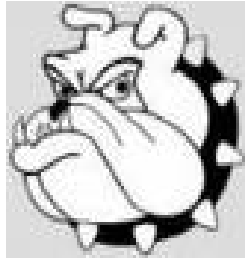
### Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Raynie McKee & Jacob Opfer  
September 14, 2024

Jaida Trout & Kaden Neal  
No date set yet

# BULLDOGS

Since 2006

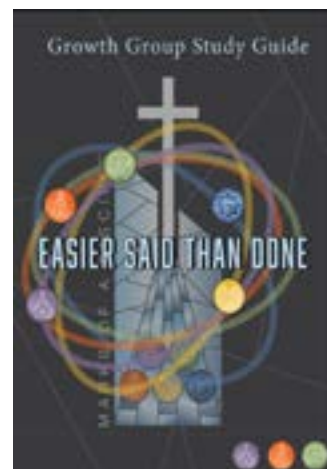


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**Who:** the MEN of Anchor Bible Church & Surrounding Communities  
**What:** Men encouraging men through understanding God's Word.  
**Where:** Anchor Bible Church, 275 Green St West  
**When:** 5:45-7am, Wednesday Mornings  
Contact a Bulldog to find out how to join!  
Russ Brandt (319-329-9703)

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The Bulldogs will be following along  
with the churchwide study  
"Marks of a Disciple"



## **Come & See What You are Missing!**

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



# Confirmation

## Anchor Bible Church Confirmation 2024-2025 Working Program Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
Sunday	9/8	1:00-3:00	Fellowship Area	Getting Acquainted- Why we are here/Cemetery
Sunday	9/22	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	10/6	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	10/20	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	11/3	12:45-3:45	Bowling	Field Trip
Saturday	11/9	9:00-4:00	Faith Bible Church	Dare2Share Live
Sunday	11/17	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	12/8	10:00-11:30	Library	
Friday	12/13	5:00-8:00	Fellowship Area	Live Nativity (6-8pm)
Sunday	12/15	5:00	Fellowship Area	Caroling/Christmas Party
Sunday	1/5	9:15-12:15	Candeo Church	Alternate Worship Experience
Sunday	1/19	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	2/2	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	2/16	12:00-2:00	Murdoch Funeral Home	Life After Death
Sunday	3/2	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	3/16	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	3/30	10:00-11:30	Library	
Sunday	4/6	11:30-2:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Sunday	4/13	11:30-1:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Wed	4/16	5:15-7:00	Sanctuary	Confirmation Holy Week Presentation
Friday	5/2	5:00 -	Ridge Haven Overnight	
& Saturday	5/3	12:00	Ridge Haven Overnight	
Saturday	5/10	5:00	Fellowship Area	Confirmation Dinner
Sunday	5/11	9:00 & 10:30 services	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday

Summer Games University    Confirmation students    July

Revised June 20, 2024

# Treasurer's Corner

## GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	JULY 2024	JULY YTD 2024	JUNE YTD 2023
<b>INCOME-General Contributions</b>	<b>21,730</b>	<b>185,096</b>	<b>175,699</b>
Pastors, Benefits and support	14,372	95,902	96,324
Directors - childrens & adult	1,562	10,934	9,763
Connectial Giving	781	5,467	525
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,509	30,146	30,672
Administrative & Office Costs	1,179	5,592	11,119
Worship activities	108	1,605	3,415
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	1,055	6,883	7,076
Ministries & Outreach	4,155	8,861	8,270
Facility costs	<u>1,679</u>	<u>15,325</u>	<u>18,529</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,400</b>	<b>180,715</b>	<b>165,292</b>
<b>NET INCOME(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(7,670)</b>	<b>4,381</b>	<b>(9,994)</b>
General Fund bank balance		69,571	38,742
		<b>BUILDING FUNDS</b>	
Building Cash		37,408	37,444
Building LOAN		(411,123)	(467,207)
		<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Savings - Not Earmarked		30,361	26,160
Savings - Earmarked Funds		56,406	55,914
Memorial Fund		31,327	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		392,878	320,912
Endowments - investment Vanguard		11,721	10,748

<b>Building Fund Giving</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
January-May	40,657	18,485
June	4,558	1,073
July	<u>3,591</u>	<u>3,015</u>
Total YTD	48,806	22,573
Loan Payments	(58,899)	
Building Fund Cash	37,408	
Building Loan	(411,123)	

**JULY 2024**

July General Fund giving of \$21,730 fell short of the \$29,400 expenses. Checkbook balance is still healthy at \$61,897. An extraordinary expense in July was \$5,000 for us to send a delegate to the GMC Worldwide General Conference in September. Building Fund donations of \$3591 exceeded the \$2,843 mortgage payment.



# Ways to Give

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

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

**Online**  
  
[www.anchorbibleia.org/give](http://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.

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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  
Landon Tweeton/Dillon Fawcett

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

CARE Group 6:30PM  
Nathan Schnell

## WEDNESDAY

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

D6 Adult Class 6:00PM  
Ashley Rambo/Pastor Andrew Happ

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)



# Youth Activities

## SEPTEMBER

/ 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	2 FCA Kickoff 7-8:30 PM	3	4 Walk the Walk MS 6 - 7:15 HS 7-8:30	5	6	7
8 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	9	10	11 Walk the Walk MS 6 - 7:15 HS 7-8:30	12	13	14
15 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	16	17	18 Walk the Walk MS 6 - 7:15 HS 7-8:30	19	20	21
22 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	23	24	25 See You At The Pole  No D6 Homecoming Parade	26	27 Homecoming Breakfast 7 - 8 AM  GMC Youth Retreat	28  GMC Youth Retreat
29 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	30	1	2	3	4	5

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFO.

UPDATED 08/22/24

### D6 Middle School and High School September 2024 Newsletter

#### Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> – FCA Kickoff

High school students are invited out to the Salows place for yard games, snacks, and fellowship as we kick off the 2024/25 school year in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

#### Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> – Walk the Walk

To kick off the year we will be doing a youth study that runs concurrently with the churchwide study discussing the marks of a disciple. Middle school meets 6-7:15 PM. High school meets 7-8:30 PM.

#### Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> – See You at the Pole

Students are invited to gather at the Fross Park flagpole to pray for our school, community, and nation at 7:45 AM. Afterwards students are invited to Anchor Bible for donuts, fruit, and juice before school.

#### Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Breakfast

High school students, and all district staff are invited to attend a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, fruit, and biscuits and gravy before school!

#### Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> - GMC Youth Retreat

We'll gather with youth from other GMCs for a weekend of worship, discipleship, and lots of fun. We will be staying overnight at Camp Bear Creek in Wyoming, IA. Contact P. Tyler for info on registering!

# Children's Ministry

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we shift to having two services again, we are in need of volunteers to step up and lead Sunday School classes!

Please prayerfully consider leading a Sunday School group.

Use the link below to sign up.

Thank you for serving God's children!

[Sunday School Sign Up](#)

Please reach out to Randina Johnson with any questions  
319-573-6645 or [Randina@anchorbibleia.org](mailto:Randina@anchorbibleia.org)

## D6 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Please join us for our Wednesday night D6 program. All children age 3 years old (fully potty trained) through 5th grade are welcome! Nursery is also available. We request that any family attending, volunteer once a month. Please use the link below to sign up. We also encourage you to stay, get connected, and join the adult bible study groups!

[D6 Wednesday Nights](#)

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# 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)

## **D6 Diner Food Donation Sign up**

Anchor Bible Church hosts a community meal each Wednesday night as part of our D6 Family Night. In a effort to keep costs down, we are requesting donations of specific items for the meals. Please see the link below for items to donate for the next 4 weeks:

[D6 Diner Donations](#)

The items may be brought to the church office Monday-Friday between 9-noon, when the church office is open or Sunday mornings. Donations need to be dropped off by the Monday before the meal is served. so we can purchase the remaining items.

*Thank you in advance for your generous hearts!*

# Celebrations

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



- Sept 1 Jennifer Kongable  
Lucas Snakenberg  
Jacob Snakenberg  
Maci Snakenberg
- Sept 3 George Coble  
Amaryllis Zimmerman  
Tyler Hungate
- Sept 4 Brennan Henderson
- Sept 6 *Tony & Katie Stadheim*
- Sept 7 Lynn Klett  
Chad Schoch  
Leah Banes  
*Mike & Kristine Ellson*
- Sept 8 Sean Taylor
- Sept 11 Ken Graham  
*Dan & Teresa Scheeler*
- Sept 12 Josie Dighton  
McKenna Rawson  
Michael Shuniak  
*Darwin & Linda Sweeting*
- Sept 13 Sue Sherman  
Sarah Tritle  
Robert Johnson  
Dave Even  
Clark Strum
- Sept 14 Ethan Sells
- Sept 15 Ann Jacobs  
Glenda Allen
- Sept 16 Jordan Fuessley  
*Doug & Josie Berns*  
*Jon & Haley Banes*
- Sept 17 Abbie Boies  
Kayla Squires  
*Nic & Cassi Zimmerman*

- Sept 19 Tim Whitehead  
Zoe Ritter
- Sept 20 *Doug & Deb Twedt*
- Sept 21 Braden Tweeton  
Hayden Covington  
Aliyah Anderson
- Sept 22 Adam Millikin  
Gary Montague
- Sept 23 Valerie Dufoe
- Sept 24 *Brandon & Jennifer Crowley*
- Sept 25 Stanley Marlow
- Sept 26 *Tony & Kylie Zimmerman*  
*Dave & Debbie Joosten*
- Sept 28 Mary Grieff  
Jodie Ries  
Kylie Zimmerman  
Sue Slauson
- Sept 29 Tracey Taylor  
*Keith & Cindy Gatrost*
- Sept 30 Josh Dunkel  
Jodi Weber