

Disciple



November 2024

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

Drawing Lines

God reveals his truth all the time and in various different ways. I was blessed to have time in October to be off to help on the family farm and get a few things around the house done before the busy winter season begins. On one of these days I sat down with the girls and we were coloring pictures. Magdalene with excitement in her eyes brought me a paper with a bunch of lines scribbled all throughout. "Here dad, I made this for you."

As I thanked Magdalene for her picture of scribbled lines that she proudly made while two things came to mind. First, we all draw lines in life. Second, are the lines we draw kingdom lines? Let me expound on these two points.

"We all draw lines" came to mind as Magdalene drew these lines on a page in how she pictured them to make sense and she was proud of them. Like ourselves, we too can make decisions that we see as right and find ourselves wrapped in a stance of pride because of them.

Have you ever stopped to think about your lines? We use them each day, whether it's in the workplace, at home, and so on. Right now a heightened place of lines happens to take place in the presidential election that will be here November 5th. While we are all inundated with political commercials the candidates are communicating lines by which they draw.

We all make choices each day that represent lines. Lines in how to interact in the world. Going a step deeper we would call these lines the "ethic" by which we live. Ethic, describing what is right and what is wrong. Jesus, the Son of God Himself came to reveal God's ethic to us in how we are to live as redeemed disciples in a broken world.

Are the lines we draw ones that are for the Kingdom of Heaven or the world? Here's what I mean. In Matthew 16:24 "24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" The way we interact and respond to the world (if we are in Christ) must be done while carrying our cross. The reminder that we are not of our own but in Christ.

My prayer is that each of us pay attention to our lines and make sure the only ones drawn are those that are made by dragging our cross along this journey we call life. Then on the day we stand before our Father in heaven, He would see that our lines were of the Kingdom and not of self.

*God Bless and Keep You,
Pastor Andrew Happ*

What's UP?

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November 2024

- Nov 3: All Saints Sunday
- Nov 3: New Members Class 11:30am-1pm
- Nov 3: Confirmation Field Trip Bowling 12:45-3:45pm
- Nov 6: D6 Family Night
- Nov 6: Operation Christmas Child Boxes due
- Nov 9: Dare to Share @ Faith Bible Church 9am-4pm
- Nov 10: Church Charge Conference 5pm
- Nov 12: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- Nov 13: D6 Family Night
- Nov 17: Confirmation Class 10-11:30am
- Nov 20: D6 Family Night
- Nov 27: NO D6 Family Night
- Nov 28-Dec 1: Office Closed



New Members Class
Sunday, November 3 from 11:30am-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.



Charge Conference

Church Charge Conference
Sunday, November 10th at 5pm
at Anchor Bible Church

Everyone is welcome to attend our yearly meeting. Church goals, committee lists and accomplishments are celebrated. We will be hosting 10 other churches from our district.

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

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



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
- Jim Carver
- Leonard & Karen Chapman
- Darlene Denison
- Doris Dufoe
- Beth Dunkel
- Keith Gatrost
- Nathan Geater
- Stan Hepker
- Lynn Lafler
- Gary Montague
- 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
- Darlene Squires daughter, Julie
- Glenda Allen's mom, Donna Brown



Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer
No date set yet

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

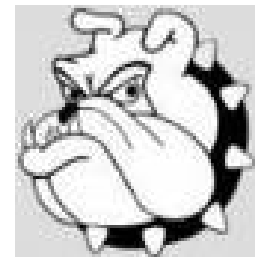
When: 5:45-7am, Wednesday Mornings

Contact a Bulldog to find out how to join!

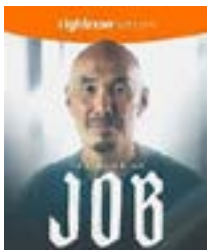
Russ Brandt (319-329-9703)

Can you help the Bulldogs with GYM?

“Christian Brotherhood” of the Bulldogs is reaching out to families in need this Holiday Season through GYM (Give Your Most). We are asking for donations, either cash or checks, made out to Anchor Bible Church with “GYM” in the memo or thru Vanco. These funds will show the love of Christ to local families. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please contact Russ Brandt (319) 329-9703



*Collection dates will run from
October 20 through December 8*



The world teaches us to revolve our actions, thoughts, and beliefs around ourselves. “It’s all about you!” we are encouraged to think. In the world’s philosophy, we become the author and hero of our story. But the Bible teaches a different view, one where another hero—the actual Author of life—takes center stage. In the book of Job, God asserts his preeminence and displays his power. Join Francis Chan in this eight-session series on Job as he explores the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise.

Come & See What You are Missing!

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	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

Confirmation Class of 2023 Confirmands & Mentors

Sophia Arnold ~ Jordan VanVors	Cynlee Otto ~ Vicki Anderson
Ryker Berns ~ Tim Whitehead	Owen Schalk ~ Bill Filter
Remington Boesenberg ~ Rob Milota	Ryin Shonka ~ Jennifer VanGorder
Parker Covington ~ Brandon Mize	Zaddek VanGorder ~ Landon Tweeton
Ally Filter ~ Britni Graham	Bayla Walters ~ Amy Rechkemmer
Audri Graham ~ Amanda Mize	Cora Werning ~ McKenna Rawson
Jack Mallie ~ Philip Klett	Ashlyn White ~ Lindsey Otto
Elin Newman ~ Sarah Eikenberry	Jessen Whitehead ~ Doug Berns

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	SEPT 2024	SEPT YTD 2024	SEPT YTD 2023
INCOME-General Contributions	26,926	238,165	220,880
Pastors, Benefits and support	13, 804	123,149	122,639
Directors - childrens & adult	1,562	14,058	13,518
Connectial Giving	781	7,029	1,564
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,419	38,933	38,534
Administrative & Office Costs	968	12,064	11,555
Worship activities	111	1,877	4,005
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	335	8,693	9,218
Ministries & Outreach	(1,525)	7,807	8,986
Facility costs	<u>6,424</u>	<u>23,834</u>	<u>21,811</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	26,880	237,444	231,830
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	46	721	(10,950)
General Fund bank balance		57,736	37,783
		BUILDING FUNDS	
Building Cash		31,816	40,648
Building LOAN		(400,567)	(464,534)
		OTHER FUNDS	
Savings - Not Earmarked		30,987	26,179
Savings - Earmarked Funds		43,021	52,985
Memorial Fund		30,225	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		410,967	301,532
Endowments - investment Vanguard		12,102	10,280

Building Fund Giving	2024	2023
January-July	48,806	22,573
June	4,271	3,373
Sept	<u>3,323</u>	<u>5,516</u>
Total YTD	56,400	31,462
Loan Payments	(72,084)	
Building Fund Cash	31,816	
Building Loan	(400,567)	

SEPTEMBER 2024

September General Fund contributions were 26,915 and expenses were 26,881. Two projects we've been working on for a while got started this month.

1. Installing two light poles along the driveway
2. Signage on the building and along the road. 2025 Budgets are being formulated as we discern where our needs will be next year.

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 text 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

Letter to the American Church 6PM
Laine Boesenberg/Jerry & LuEllyn Rozeboom

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

Events

**Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 3 at 2am.
Remember to set
your clocks back
one hour before
you go to bed Saturday night!**



All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 3

It is a time to remember friends & loved ones who have gone before us.
Those recognized:

- Barbara Ellson
- Brenda Klein
- Grace Kubik
- Donald Lala
- James "Dusty" Rhoads

CPU HIGH SCHOOL - VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

On Monday, November 11th at 9:00am, the high school will be hosting a Veterans Day assembly. Breakfast and coffee to follow. Please RSVP to Mrs. Fisher by phone (319-849-1102 ex. 9 1100) Please feel free to share with as many others as you can.



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.



A very special Thank you to our church family who has remembered us during Pastor appreciation Month. We have been blessed with cards, encouragement, gifts and prayers.

Pastor Andrew & Amy
Pastor Tyler & Bailey

Operation Christmas Child

Unsolicited Advice About Shoeboxes

by Katie Garrett, SIM Senegal

May 11, 2015

<http://garrett.with.sim.org/index.php/archives/1675>

First, I can't believe a year has already passed since we were part of giving shoebox gifts to the kids in our Sunday school last May! How is that possible?!

Second, let me say that I know that each of these gifts is prepared with love and given from hearts full of generosity, compassion, and a desire to share Jesus' love. And each one is SO appreciated! No matter what is inside the box, each child (and family) is excited and blessed to receive a gift, given with no strings attached. For the local kids here, this is so unexpected, so unusual... Kids here do not get presents on Christmas or on their birthdays (if they are even aware of those days!). And most are only rarely given new things or presents at all. So to receive a box of gifts like this is such a treat.

You may or may not be aware of how Samaritan's Purse runs this project. They partner with churches and missions who are involved in children's ministry. So in our case, a leader of the denomination of our local church attended the Samaritan's Purse training meeting a few months ago to learn the parameters and the process. He requested boxes for the children in our Sunday school and the request was granted. So this past Sunday we had the fun of giving each child a shoebox after church along with a booklet. The booklet is written in the form of a comic book, and it tells the story (in French) of some children learning about the greatest gift of all - Jesus! The booklets are well done and thoughtfully appropriate for our context - and super cool!

Now, given all that, can I offer some feedback to those of you who will prepare shoeboxes this Christmas? I can't remember how many times we have been involved, directly or indirectly, here in Senegal with the distribution of shoeboxes, but it is at least half a dozen times over the past 15 years. I have watched little people I know well open their boxes, ooh'ed and aah'ed with them over the contents, and answered their questions about some of the items. Every year, I have thought of giving some advice on this topic, but I don't want to seem ungrateful or critical. I just want to offer my advice, based on our experience in this one context:

BEST GIFTS:

- For any age boy here, what they really want is a soccer ball. So get the best quality mini soccer ball that you can fit into the box when it is inflated (or send a deflated ball with a pump) and you can basically forget about anything else! :)
- Brand new nice short-sleeved shirts (with no writing on them) for boys and girls. Kids here have few clothes and often wear old, ripped, hand-me-downs, so nice new shirts are really appreciated and will probably fit. (I don't know any obese Senegalese kids.)
- Small flashlight with batteries (Most families don't have electricity so a working flashlight is gold!)
- Good quality melamine plate, bowl, and/or cup (Practical and also special.)
- Soap AND a plastic soap dish that has a cover. When you bathe standing on a big rock in the dirt as kids do here, you really need the soap holder. And families never have enough soap. (Funny note: the kids didn't know what the soap was because it was in a box. I am sure they would have figured it out though, even without our help.)
- Toothbrush in a toothbrush holder. Again, the plastic case for the toothbrush is really great when you don't have a sink/counter/tiled bathroom but rather brush your teeth outside squatting over dirt and need to keep it in your room.
- Pencils, erasers, colored pencils, and sharpeners for all school-aged kids. And good quality pens for kids aged 10-14, in black, red, green, and blue. All of these are required for school and the ones from America last so much longer than the cheap ones available here.

Operation Christmas Child

GREAT GIFTS:

- Jump ropes
- Band-Aids
- Comb
- Hair elastics or head bands for girls
- Marbles
- Harmonica
- A simple watch for older kids
- A solar calculator for older kids
- Sunglasses for older kids
- Socks
- For the youngest girls, a baby doll with light brown skin and no hair (good for a child of any color)
- Toy car, truck or airplane for the youngest boys (The ones with bigger wheels that are made for toddlers and are larger than Matchbox size are good. Matchbox wheels are so small, they don't work well in dirt.)

NOT AS GOOD items we have seen kids receive:

- Anything with instructions in English, even if it seems simple to you (We tried to explain to one girl who got a cool pair of markers that came with a clip so you could draw with them both at the same time and a set of paper 3-D glasses you then used to see what you drew in 3-D... but it didn't make sense. And how do you even say 3-D in Wolof??)
- Any toy that is not universally recognizable (We have seen kids receive matching memory card games - a great idea but with no one to explain it to them, they are wasted.)
- Yo-yo's (They don't know what it is here.)
- Gloves, winter hats (You don't know whether your box will end up in Siberia or Senegal.)
- Play-dough (Kids here have no idea what it is for.)
- Stuffed animals (Young kids here usually burst into tears when presented with stuffed animals from their shoeboxes. The kids who are old enough not to be scared are not interested. Also, animals carry meanings here that are culturally specific. One of our Sunday School kids got a cute stuffed owl and a much older sibling told me that he himself is terrified of owls. They connote evil and shapechangers. You can't know what the animal will signify in the culture your box reaches.)

- Stickers or temporary tattoos (Kids don't have anywhere to stick the stickers, and often the pictures don't make sense or connect with their world. For example, cute puppy stickers don't make much sense in a Muslim country because dogs are considered unclean in Islam.)
- T-shirts with words or pictures on them (Would you want to wear a shirt with something unknown written on it? And again, pictures have different meanings in different cultures. Stick with solid colors, stripes, or pretty designs.
- Anything cheap or fragile (One box had a white skinned, red-haired porcelain doll in it...)
- Two of the 10-year old boys in our Sunday School class got adult sized XL t-shirts in their boxes that were obviously left over from an event. They were brand new and will be worn by some adult in the household, but in my opinion, they would have been better donated to Good Will or the Salvation Army. Approach filling a shoebox like you would approach picking out a gift for a friend's child, not as an opportunity to unload stuff you don't want.

That's my unsolicited advice on this topic; I hope you find it helpful!



Collection Date: November 6, 2024
\$10 with each box to cover shipping!

Katie and her husband Corey Garrett have lived and worked in Senegal since 2000 with SIM, an interdenominational, international evangelical mission. They have three daughters. Katie is involved in children's ministry and Corey is working on transcribing and publishing the Bible in Wolofal. For more information about their work, visit their website at: <http://garrett.with.sim.org/>

Youth Activities

NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	4	5	6 Stuff Jesus Didn't Say MS 6 - 7:15 HS 7-8:30	7	8	9 Dare2Share Live Faith Bible Church
10 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	11	12	13 Game Night & OCC Packing MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	14	15	16
17 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	18	19	20 Student led Wednesday MS 6 - 7:15 HS 7-8:30	21	22	23
24 HS Bible Study @ Pastor Tyler's House 7:30 - 9 PM	25	26	27 No D6	28	29	30

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

UPDATED 10/23/24

D6 Middle School and High School November 2024 Newsletter

Wednesday November 6th – Stuff Jesus Didn't Say

There are a few statements that are attributed to Jesus that He never actually said. Do you have to be perfect to follow Jesus? Once you do trust Jesus, can you go on sinning and God will just keep on forgiving you? This series begins to unpack a couple of the things that Jesus actually said.

Saturday November 9th – Dare2Share Live

Students from around Eastern Iowa join together for a day of training and equipping in sharing the Gospel with their friends.

Wednesday November 13th – Game Night & Operation Christmas Child Packing

Middle school students will participate in a game night because the high school students will be packing the Operation Christmas Child boxes and preparing them to be sent out to children all over the globe!

Wednesday November 20th – Student-led Wednesday

Our monthly student-led Wednesday in which the Student Leadership Team plans and executes all aspects of the Wednesday night D6 MS/HS program.

Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held at 9:00am service after the children's message and at the 10:30am service right when church begins! Come join us! Please use the following link to sign up to help out. Volunteers are always needed!

[Sunday School Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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

D6 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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. Please use the link below to sign up to help volunteer. We encourage you to stay, get connected, and join the adult bible study groups!

[D6 Family Night Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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

D6 Wednesday Nights



Join us at
D6 Family Nights
Wednesday Nights
NO D6 on November 27

"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)

