

# Disciple



January 2025

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

## **“All In”**

This past year has been one worth reflecting on. We have witnessed many come to faith. Others have deepened their faith walking closer and closer with Jesus. Not to mention, those who were baptised and the numerous brothers and sisters who have been added to the church body here at Anchor Bible Church.

At the same time we would be naive not to acknowledge the trials and heartbreaks that happened in 2024. Such is the case in life, beautiful and downright difficult moments. Yet, God’s grace is sufficient and in the midst of it all, the hope and prayer is that every moment has brought us closer to God in righteousness.

Personally, God has chipped away at my heart and my way of thinking from perception to perspective. I wanted to share two reflections in a word of encouragement in hopes that you all would join me to faithfully be “All In” for what God has in store for our church family in the coming years.

First, each of us can relate to the complexity and peace that comes from believing in God’s sovereignty. Isaiah 55:8-9, is a humbling Word of the Lord to recognize that even in what we do not understand or comprehend, God does. For His ways are higher than our ways.

Secondly, there is a testimony of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3. Paul expresses that becoming more like Jesus doesn’t happen by counting on your flesh to get you there. Paul expresses that he is a Hebrew of Hebrews from the tribe of Benjamin, blameless by upholding the law. But he counts all of that as garbage that he may gain Christ by faith.

Following that statement he says, “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:10-11 NIV)

A few verses following this, Paul prescribes clear direction to faithfully be “All In.” “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14, NIV)

So, in the midst of it all I pray we keep our eyes upon Christ. Be “All In”, straining forward toward Him daily. Together, faithfully living to glorify God in this new year and the years to come.

God Bless and Keep You,  
*Pastor Andrew Happ*

# What's UP?

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## January 2025

- Jan 1: NO D6 Family Night
- Jan 5: Confirmation Class to Candeco Church in Cedar Falls 9:15am-12:15pm
- Jan 8: D6 Family Night
- Jan 15: D6 Family Night
- Jan 18: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am
- Jan 19: Confirmation Class 10-11:30am
- Jan 21: Ad Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 22: D6 Family Night
- Jan 26: New Members Class 11:30am
- Jan 29: D6 Family Night



**New Members Class**  
 Sunday, January 26  
 from 11:30am-1pm

This is for anyone who has questions or would like more information about our church. To sign up contact the church office, 319-849-2518 or email us.

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

ph: **319-849-2518**

email: [office@anchorbibleia.org](mailto:office@anchorbibleia.org)

facebook: Anchor Bible Church

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am - 12Noon

**Worship times: 9am & 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*



**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.

# 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
- 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
- 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
- Colton Dake, Austin & Jodi Covington's nephew
- Darlene Squires daughter, Julie
- Glenda Allen's parents, Gary & Donna Brown

### Prayers of Bereavement:

The family of Mark Kjormoe,  
Pastor Andrew's uncle



### Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer  
No date set yet

Jaida Trout & Kaden Neal  
September 26, 2025



A very special thank you to the church family for the all of the Christmas gifts and beautiful cards filled with words of encouragement. We are blessed to serve such a loving Body of Christ!

*Pastor Andrew & Amy Happ  
Pastor Tyler & Bailey Hungate*



# Bulldogs

**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)

**THANK YOU for giving to GYM! THANK YOU for Blessing others!**

You have given over \$6,000 to bless others  
this Holiday Season.

18 families were touched by your generosity

## The Book of Nehemiah

The book of Nehemiah tells the story of God’s power to restore his people. As Israel returned from exile to the Promised Land, they found the walls of Jerusalem in shambles. So God equipped Nehemiah to rebuild the wall and lead the discouraged Israelites. In this 10-session series, Dr. Eric Mason shows us how God renewed his people both physically and spiritually. Through the story of Israel’s plight and God’s faithfulness, we see how God preserved his people to carry out his mission of redemption.



## No Regrets Men’s Conference 2025

February 1, 2025 ~ 8am-1pm - FREE

Join over 15,000 men from around the world as we discover how Jesus Rescued each of us to a life of transformation and purpose

Register by adding your name and phone number to this list: [No Regrets Men’s Conference](#)

## 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	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 Dec 30, 2024

### Confirmation Class of 2025 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

	NOV 2024	NOV YTD 2024	OCT YTD 2023
<b>INCOME-General Contributions</b>	<b>23,966</b>	<b>291,681</b>	<b>275,439</b>
Pastors, Benefits and support	13,861	151,964	143,749
Directors - childrens & adult	1,562	17,182	20,317
Connectial Giving	781	8,591	2,606
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,371	47,469	46,137
Administrative & Office Costs	7,345	20,355	13,446
Worship activities	1,486	3,593	4,167
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	987	10,046	9,959
Ministries & Outreach	3,196	12,919	11,282
Facility costs	<u>(1,475)</u>	<u>24,229</u>	<u>25,764</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>32,114</b>	<b>296,348</b>	<b>277,427</b>
<b>NET INCOME(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(8,148)</b>	<b>(4,667)</b>	<b>(1,988)</b>
General Fund bank balance		58,834	48,464
		<b>BUILDING FUNDS</b>	
Building Cash		31,645	40,600
Building LOAN		(395,419)	(461,893)
		<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Savings - Not Earmarked		31,531	26,188
Savings - Earmarked Funds		43,453	56,595
Memorial Fund		5,225	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust		431,124	322,128
Endowments - investment Vanguard		11,718	10,681

<b>Building Fund Giving</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
January-Sept	56,400	31,462
Oct	3,576	2,474
Nov	3,938	3,163
Total YTD	63,914	37,099
Loan Payments	(79,770)	
Building Fund Cash	31,645	
Building Loan	(395,419)	

### NOVEMBER 2024

November expenses of \$32,115 exceeded contributions of \$23,966. This was due to a system technology upgrade cost of \$6,515 which we were able to pay due to a healthy checkbook balance. YTD contributions are short \$4,671 in covering expenses. We pray for a strong December to finish out the year. The Bulldog's GYM was blessed with over \$6,000 to help 18 families this season!

The signage and light pole project is near completion with a cost of \$36,753. \$11,232 was raised out of our challenge to raise \$13,000, which is a BIG praise. The remainder has been paid from the memorials that have been given over the years. Building Fund donations of \$3,938 covered our mortgage payment of \$2,843.

# 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. Yellow banner with a yellow circle containing a white icon of a box with a dollar sign, titled 'In Person' with text 'The offering boxes are located on either side of the sanctuary doors.' 2. Green banner with a green circle containing a white icon of a computer monitor, titled 'Online' with a QR code and the URL 'www.anchorbibleia.org/give'. 3. Blue banner with a blue circle containing a white icon of a lightbulb with a dollar sign, titled 'Mail' with text 'Checks can be mailed to: PO Box 283 Center Point, IA 52213'. 4. Purple banner with a purple circle containing a white icon of a speech bubble with a 'V', 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

## MONDAY

Amazing Grays 9:30AM (starting Jan 13)  
Linda Marlow

Young Adults 6:00PM  
Landon Tweeton/Dillon Fawcett

New and Bold 6:30PM  
“Revelation ~ A book of hope and blessing”  
Anne Stender/Cindy Graham

## WEDNESDAY

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

D6 Adult Class ~ The Upper Room 6:00PM  
Joe & Monica Steffeck

D6 Bible Basics 6:00PM  
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)



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet or learn more about this ministry? Please join us! Anne Stender is hosting a light brunch. Bring your own beverage. Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 9am  
**At the church**  
275 Green St West, CP  
**For info:** Linda Sweeting: 849-1391



# Youth Activities

## JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No D6	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Victory in Spiritual Warfare MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:50	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Victory in Spiritual Warfare MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:50	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Victory in Spiritual Warfare MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:50	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Victory in Spiritual Warfare MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:50	30	31	

Schedule is subject to change. Check our facebook page for most up to date info.

Updated 11/26/24



### D6 Middle School and High School January 2025 Newsletter

#### **Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Victory in Spiritual Warfare Series Begins

*Through the course of the spring semester we will be preaching topically on spiritual warfare, using Victory in Spiritual Warfare by Tony Evans as a topical guide.*

Beginning Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be joining the middle school youth group.

Registrations are open today at [www.sgu.camp](http://www.sgu.camp)



# D6 Wednesday Nights



**Join us at  
D6 Family Nights  
Wednesday Nights  
NO D6 on January 1**

*“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)

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## D6 Diner Food Donation Sign up

Anchor Bible Church hosts a community meal each Wednesday night before 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 donatr:

[D6 Diner Donation Sign Up](#)

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*



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|---------------|--|---|---------------|--|---|
| <b>Jan 1</b>  | Denise Brislaw<br>William Gerhold<br>Bailey Hungate  | * | <b>Jan 19</b> | Reece Rambo<br>Amelia Hungate                                  | * |
| <b>Jan 2</b>  | <i>John &amp; Val Dufoe</i><br><i>Chris &amp; Krista Happ</i><br>Trisha Ritter                 | * | <b>Jan 20</b> | Amy Sells<br>Jim Newman  | * |
| <b>Jan 3</b>  | Seth Schnoebelen   | * | <b>Jan 21</b> | Kade VanGorder<br>Brynnlee Zimmerman<br>Brecken Andersen       | * |
| <b>Jan 4</b>  | Kyra White   | * |               | Aiden Andersen<br>Kristy Schweer                               | * |
| <b>Jan 6</b>  | Marsha Fannin<br>Natalie Lammers<br>Jordan Gordon  | * | <b>Jan 22</b> | Grady Klett<br>Isaac Larson<br>Linda Marlow                    | * |
| <b>Jan 7</b>  | Ken McGraw<br>Jordan VanVors   | * |               | Reed Sagert<br>Kason Geater                                    | * |
| <b>Jan 8</b>  | Nellie Squires<br>Justin Wyant   | * | <b>Jan 23</b> | Stan Hepker<br>Kevin McCauley<br>Oliver Gienger                | * |
| <b>Jan 10</b> | Kady Pfeifer<br>Jerry Rozeboom<br>Jennifer VanGorder<br>Rich Loy                               | * | <b>Jan 24</b> | Jude Newman<br>Julia Paine                                     | * |
| <b>Jan 11</b> | Ted Callahan<br>Raynie Opfer<br>Jayden Moore<br>Beth Geater                                    | * | <b>Jan 25</b> | Jody Even<br>Jessica McGraw                                    | * |
| <b>Jan 12</b> | Rose Deal<br>Ryan Heins<br>Lexi Snakenberg<br>Brian Tritle<br>Brenda Wyse<br>Kinnick Covington | * | <b>Jan 26</b> | Julie Fuessley<br>Memphis Folken                               | * |
| <b>Jan 13</b> | Henley Hahn<br>Caleigh Lewis   | * | <b>Jan 27</b> | Larry Slauson<br>Brayden Beck<br>Justin Plein                  | * |
| <b>Jan 14</b> | Colt Squires   | * | <b>Jan 28</b> | Laurie Taylor<br>Jim Wood<br>Luke Slaymaker<br>Chelsea Gienger | * |
| <b>Jan 15</b> | Harper Tritle  | * | <b>Jan 29</b> | Jeremy Moore   | * |
| <b>Jan 17</b> | Owen Lammers   | * | <b>Jan 30</b> | Benjamin Sweeting  | * |
|               |  | * | <b>Jan 31</b> | David Even   | * |