

Disciple



April 2025

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

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

Three days had gone by since they last heard the shout of Jesus’ last words, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” (Luke 23:46a, NIV) Everyone who believed and even those who did not believe witnessed Jesus shout this before He took his final breath.

Imagine the scene and the moment where those who loved Jesus were taken down from the cross to be buried. According to the Gospel of Luke we are given six verses to describe what happened from the cross to the tomb.

Joseph, a member of the council who did not consent to crucifying Jesus went to Pontious Pilate and asked to bury Jesus’ body. A brand new tomb was nearby, Jesus’ lifeless body was wrapped in linens and placed with the stone rolled across the opening. All of this was done in a timely manner as the Sabbath was about to begin.

In the background of this is a group of women who had come with Jesus from Galilee. They followed Joseph, saw the tomb Jesus’ body was put to rest, and went home to prepare spices and perfumes. When Sabbath was done these women went to that very tomb.

When they arrived everything was different. The stone was rolled away. Jesus’ body was gone! Suddenly, two men stood before them, their clothes gleaming like lightning. Frightened the women bowed before them. In all of what took place in this moment it wasn’t the angels, or the stone rolled away but the question we can assume each woman was thinking, “Where is Jesus?”

Enter the famous question and answer from these two angels, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!” (Luke 24:5b-6a)

We receive this account of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection in each Gospel and all throughout the rest of the New Testament. Jesus told us this would happen in order to redeem our lost, sinful, and broken lives back to God the Father.

The tomb of Jesus Christ is empty. Every worry, every sin of our lives was dealt with right there on the cross and in the empty tomb. But it doesn’t end there, it only gets better.

Jesus ascended into heaven, where we await His return and each believer is ushered into eternity. So, take heart, hold fast to the hope and anchor of our souls, Jesus Himself, for He is alive forevermore!

May God Bless You and Keep You Always,
Pastor Andrew Happ

What's UP?

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April 2025

- Apr 2: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Apr 5: Women's Gathering 8-10am
- Apr 6: Confirmation prep for Holy Week Service 11:30am-2pm
- Apr 8: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- Apr 9: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Apr 13: Confirmation prep for Holy Week Service 11:30am-1pm
- Apr 16: **NO** D6 Family Night ~ Holy Week Service 6pm
- Apr 17: Maundy Thursday Potluck 6pm
- Apr 18: Holy Week Good Friday Service 6pm
- Apr 19: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am
- Apr 20: EASTER SUNDAY ~ HE IS RISEN!!!!** Services 9am & 10:30am
- Apr 23: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Apr 30: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm



SAVE THE DATE ~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday June 22nd
3-5:30pm

Monday-Wednesday
June 23rd-25th
9:00-11:30am

See Registration form on Pg 12 of this newsletter



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 & 10:30am

*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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Would you like to learn how
to knit or crochet
or learn more about this ministry?
Please join us!

Saturday, April 19 at 9am
At the church

Light brunch is provided~Bring your own drink
For info: Linda Sweeting: 849-1391

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
Doris Dufoe
Beth Dunkel
Linda Ficek
Stan Hepker
Gary Montague
Krista Stepanek
Terry Voss
Whitey Weyant

Continued Prayers for:

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
Norma, Mary Vang's sister-in-law
Duane & Vicki, Kelly Shuniak's parents
Corey, Athena and baby Conor Callahan
Jason, Diana Smith's son
Oliver Dake, Austin & Jodi Covington's nephew
Colton Dake, Austin & Jodi Covington's nephew
Gary & Donna Brown, Glenda Allen's parents
Dean, Dustin Mallie's dad

Prayers of Bereavement

Cinda McLaud and family in the passing of
Cinda's mom, Darlene Wright

Darlene Denison's family in her passing



Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Jaida Trout & Kaden Neal
September 26, 2025

Taylor Luscomb & Kanon Tupa
October 25, 2025

McKenna Rawson & Kyle Coppess
April 25, 2026

Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer
Oct 1, 2026



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)

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.



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	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	10:30am service	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday

Summer Games University Confirmation students July

Revised April 1, 2025

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

	FEB 2025	FEB YTD 2025	FEB YTD 2024
INCOME-General Contributions	22,928	51,713	46,245
Pastors, Benefits and support	13,039	28,400	26,363
Directors - childrens & adult	1,640	3,280	3,124
Connectial Giving	821	1,642	1,562
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,453	6,921	8,154
Administrative & Office Costs	407	1,370	1,242
Worship activities	347	1,090	773
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	(965)	(770)	1,164
Ministries & Outreach	1,089	2,716	1,662
Facility costs	4,925	8,950	5,115
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	24,756	53,599	49,159
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(1,828)	(1,886)	(2,914)

2025 BUDGET- General Fund

365,000

General Fund bank balance

57,406

54,703

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	32,319	27,251
Savings - Earmarked Funds	54,976	55,774
Memorial Fund	5,225	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust	426,871	360,663
Endowments - investment Vanguard	11,978	11,164

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	31,914	33,853
Building LOAN	(353,120)	(432,718)

Building Fund Giving	2025	2024
January	17,241	3,451
February	16,979	13,588
Total YTD	34,220	17,039
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(5,685)	(5,685)
Loan extra principle payments	(37,500)	(25,000)

FEBRUARY 2025

In February we were challenged to match a \$10,000 donation to the Building Fund. Praise God the challenge was met with February giving \$16,979! Therefore, a \$27,000 principal only payment was made. Loan balance is now \$353,120. A reminder that when you give to the Building Fund, you need to mark it separate from the General Fund. Contributions to the General Fund were \$22,928 and expenses were \$24,758. Budget changes are being discussed with our pastor changes.

Events



Join us for coffee and conversations on Saturday April 5 from 8-10am! Ladies of all ages are welcome and are invited to attend even if you can only join for part of the time!

Holy Week at Anchor Bible

Wed April 16 Student led Worship Service - 6PM	Fri April 18 Good Friday Service - 6PM
Thurs April 17 Maundy Thursday Potluck - 6PM Food Signup: https://tinyurl.com/Maundy-Thursday-Potluck	Easter Sunday April 20 9:00AM 10:30AM



Ways to Give



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 consign 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
Linda Marlow

Young Adults 6:00PM
Landon Tweeton/Dillon Fawcett

Acts 29 ~ College Age Group 6:00PM
Kyle Coppess & McKenna Rawson
at Kyle's house ~ 1220 Franklin St, Center Point

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 Steffek

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

Youth Activities

Apr 2: Middle School and High School Youth Group
Apr 9: Middle School and High School Youth Group
Apr 16: **No D6** - Plan to attend Holy Week Service at 6pm
Apr 23: Middle School and High School Youth Group
Apr 30: Middle School and High School Youth Group

Children's Education

Thank you to those who continue to commit to helping in children's ministry! God is so good! As a reminder, we are asking that parents sign up to help volunteer in any way possible.

We continue to need volunteers to help in all areas (Sunday School and D6).

Please use this link to sign up to help for Sunday School: [Sunday School Volunteers](#)

Please use this link to sign up to help for D6: [D6 Volunteers](#)

You can also write your name on the paper copy on the wall at church by the check in kiosk!

Mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 22nd from 3:00-5:30pm
and Monday through Wednesday, June 23rd - June 25th
from 9:00-11:30am. More information to come!

No D6 April 16 due to Holy Week. Please join us for our Holy Week service at 6pm

Please text, call, or email Randina Johnson with any questions.

Phone: 319-573-6645

Email: Randina@anchorbibleia.org

D6 Wednesday Nights



**Join us at
D6 Family Nights
Wednesday Nights
NO D6 on April 16**

“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 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 donate:

[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!



As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. It's hard to find your way in a world gone wild. But we have Jesus – our true north! Together, we'll give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust!

2025 Vacation Bible School ~ June 22 - 25

Sun. June 22 from 3-5:30pm & Mon. June 23 - Wed. June 25 from 9-11:30am

Registrations are due by Friday, May 30, 2025 send to: Anchor Bible Church, PO Box 283, Center Point, IA 52213

VBS is offered to those children 3 years old (potty trained) through 5th grade, fall of 2025.

VBS will be held at: Anchor Bible Church, 275 Green Street West, Center Point, IA

Questions: please call the Church Office at 319-849-2518 or Randina Johnson at 319-573-6645

Child's Name _____	Birth Date ___ / ___ / ___	Grade (Fall 2025) _____
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Registration Fee: \$10 per Child OR \$25 Families with three or more children Registration due by May 30 to guarantee shirt.

Financial Assistance Needed ~ ALL Children Welcome!

Child Shirt Size: XS (2-4) _____ S (6-8) _____ M (10-12) _____ L (14-16) _____

Please indicate, food allergies (or others), physical conditions or special needs of your child (if none, mark none) _____

Parent's Names _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
_____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Home address _____	Home Church _____	

I would like to volunteer to help with VBS! (All volunteers working with the children undergo a background check.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Areas: Station Leaders Game Leaders Group Walkers Skit Performer Other _____

Child Emergency Information:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Parent Photo Release

Anchor Bible Church has my permission to use my or my child's photograph publicly to promote the church. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall be payable to me by reason of such use.

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Celebrations

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



- Apr 1 Oliver Fuessley
- Apr 2 Tenley Gordon
Alexis Shuniak
- Apr 5 *Rod & Susie Stark*
- Apr 7 Laine Boesenberg
Victor Smith
CieAnn Stien
- Apr 8 Tara Crowley
Noraleigh Fawcett
Lauren Willson
- Apr 9 Brad Jenewein
Shari Kummerfeldt
Noraleigh Fawcett
- Apr 10 Andrew Boies
Laurie Snakenberg
Sydney White
- Apr 11 Diana Smith
Doug Berns
Linnea Offerman
- Apr 12 Sheila Callahan
Brian Deal
Craig Pritchard
Chris & Tisha Lammers
- Apr 13 Karen Chapman
Kelli Chesmore
- Apr 14 Christina Lahr
- Apr 15 Elijah Willson
Bayla Walters
- Apr 16 Julia Kress
Lacey Newman
Paxtyn Retzlaff
- Apr 17 Eileen Serbousek
Kevin & Sherri Squires
- Apr 18 Eli Larson
- Apr 19 Kevin Squires
Amanda Mize
Steve & Jodie Ries
Nate & Grace Holub
- Apr 20 Julie Beck
- Apr 21 Jed Wyse
- Apr 22 Megan Kongable
Abe Larson
- Apr 23 Meredith Rhoads
Hunter Newman
- Apr 24 Adelyn Jones
Dave VanVors
- Apr 25 *Tim & Marsha Fannin*
- Apr 26 Keirstyn Hefel
Kristeen Opfer
- Apr 27 Bradley Jones
Drake VanGorder
Rebecca Strabala
John & Shari Kummerfeldt
- Apr 28 Karly Estling
Ashley Rambo
Haley Baner
Leon Hynson
- Apr 30 Scott Millikin
Adam & Kayla Squires