

Disciple



May 2025

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

“Tomb to Testimony”

He is risen, He is risen indeed... are words that have rang all throughout the world over the past weeks in remembering and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The question posed to us in a recent sermon was “Are we living like Jesus' tomb is empty everyday?”

The tomb was empty yet beheld two angels (John 20:12) who spoke to Mary Magdalene. We hear this account and what follows with the disciples. We tend to find our answer to the question above in more ways than we admit in the disciple Thomas' response. ***“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:25, NIV)***

What in your life is holding you back from believing? Not a surface, lip service kind of belief but deep within your bones kind of belief. Personally, I think of the testimony of the Apostle Paul in his wrestling with sin. Romans 7, to be exact, is a testimony of our flesh meeting the heavenly grace of our Lord who has died for our sins.

This wrestling match, desiring to do and live out the will of God yet battling the flesh can only be found in the victory of Jesus Christ who has died, was buried, was raised from the tomb, and ascended into heaven 40 days later. The battle within that Paul talks about is explained multiple times by Jesus. It's where our hearts find their treasure!

If we are honest, the things holding people back from authentic faith and belief in Jesus is the location of the heart. My prayer for each of us is that our hearts would be found in Jesus. That he would be the treasure of our lives. In every moment, good or bad, Jesus would be the Lord of our lives.

Think once with me of the importance of Jesus' response to Thomas in John 20:29

“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

There, within Jesus' teaching, is a blessing that comes from believing. That blessing is life in Christ for eternity. The choice is ours everyday. I pray that we would choose to believe. I pray that we would choose to have one treasure of our hearts, life in Jesus!

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

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What's UP?

May 2025

May 2-3: Confirmation Overnight at Ridge Haven
May 7: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
May 10: Women's Gathering 8-10am
May 10: Confirmation Dinner 5pm
May 11: Confirmation Sunday
May 13: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
May 14: ****LAST**** D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm**
May 18: Graduate Recognition
May 30: FLY (Feeding Lunches to Youth) begins



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



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



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

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



Bulldogs

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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 Book of 2nd Timothy

The book of 2 Timothy is a letter from Paul to Timothy that teaches readers what it means to be a disciple and how to disciple others. And its center point is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Join pastor Joby Martin in this eight-session series where he walks through the book of 2 Timothy. Learn what it means for disciples to be entrusted with the gospel, shaped by the gospel, and driven by the responsibility of sharing the gospel with others.

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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
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	

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

	MAR 2025	MAR YTD 2025	MAR YTD 2024
INCOME-General Contributions	36,768	88,481	88,599
Pastors, Benefits and support	13,372	41,772	41,694
Directors - childrens & adult	1,640	4,920	4,686
Connectial Giving	821	2,463	2,343
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,164	10,085	12,236
Administrative & Office Costs	871	2,241	2,060
Worship activities	186	1,276	670
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	(590)	(1,360)	2,045
Ministries & Outreach	26	2,742	1,407
Facility costs	<u>3,184</u>	<u>12,134</u>	<u>6,895</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	22,674	76,273	74,036
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	14,094	12,208	14,563

2025 BUDGET- General Fund

365,000

General Fund bank balance

71,499

72,180

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	32,547	27,529
Savings - Earmarked Funds	52,640	55,497
Memorial Fund	5,225	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust	402,809	372,258
Endowments - investment Vanguard	11,989	11,407

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	34,919	38,017
Building LOAN	(349,310)	(431,138)

Building Fund Giving	2025	2024
January	17,241	3,451
February	16,979	13,588
March	7,848	7,006
Total YTD	42,068	24,045
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(8,528)	38,017
Loan extra principle payments	(39,500)	(25,000)

MARCH 2025

March General Fund giving was a big \$36,768!

For 3 months YTD, our giving exceeds expenses by \$12,208.

Building Fund giving was \$7,848 with \$2,000 extra paid on the loan principal.

Events



Join us for coffee and conversations on Saturday May 10 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!



Events

YOU'RE INVITED!

The 4th Annual Green Door Golf Tournament
Fundraiser for Children's Relief International

When: Saturday, June 7th at 9am

Where: Meadowview Golf Course, Central City, IA

Who: All are welcome! It's a 9-hole, 4-person best shot.



We invite you to join us for the Best Shot Golf Outing—a day of fun, competition, and purpose! Not only will you enjoy a great round of golf, but your participation will help build a Green Door Home for a family living in extreme poverty.

Goal: 7 homes or \$21,000

Sign up or become a sponsor: www.bestshotgolf.org

P.S. If you would like to volunteer to help the event run,
contact Monica Steffeck, (319) 329-6333

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 consignor 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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE FOR THOSE IN DEEP POVERTY IN MALAWI!

Since August, 2024, our church has come together to raise funds for 4 [Green Door](#) homes for families in Malawi and 2 [water wells](#). These gifts are changing lives physically as Christ is declared as Lord and Savior. Pray for spiritual transformation and revival among the people of Malawi as they experience Christ's love through our gifts and care.

CHECK OUT THE CHILDREN'S RELIEF INTERNATIONAL 2024 GLOBAL IMPACT REPORT

In this [2024 Impact Report](#), you will witness the fruit of our collective efforts and the lives forever changed by God's grace. Our partnership with CRI is helping share Christ's light in word and deed with those in Malawi. Request a paper copy from Monica and Joe Steffek.

YOU'RE INVITED! PLAY GOLF & RAISE MONEY FOR HOMES IN MALAWI

Join us Saturday, June 7th at 9am for a 4-person best shot tournament, lunch, and a raffle and help build Green Door Homes in Malawi. Find out more at www.childrensrelief.org/bestshot
The event goal is to raise 7 homes or \$21,000. You can donate toward the Anchor Bible Church home donation for the fundraiser [CRI-Vanco](#).



SUPPORT THE MALAWI MISSIONS TEAM THIS SUMMER

Anchor Bible Church is sending Dillon Fawcett, Britni Graham, Landon Tweeton, Brandon and Eli Mize, Lauren Willson, Joe Steffek, and Deni Katcher to serve this July. They need to raise \$4,000 each for travel and housing expenses. You can give a gift by visiting www.childrensrelief.org/donate and select "teams" and note the individual's name or "Anchor July Team" for all, or leave a check made payable to Anchor Bible Church with Malawi Mission Trip in the memo in the offering. Please keep the team, their families, and the people of Malawi in your prayers as they prepare to go and serve.

OTHER PROGRESS AND UPDATES FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Check out www.childrensrelief.org and [download a copy of Joe & Monica Steffek's Family Ministry Update](#) to learn more about recent updates from the mission field.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CRI OR OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CRI IN MALAWI?

Contact Joey or Monica Steffek | Joey - joe@childrensrelief.org or 319-560-0288 or Monica - monica@childrensrelief.org or 319-329-6333

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

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 30**
and running through **Friday, 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](#)

Graduation 2025



Anchor Bible Church Graduates
Class of 2025
Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 26, 2025

Aiden Andersen
Brecken Andersen
Carter Andrews
Madison Bockenstedt
Jared Boesenberg
Jackson Brincks
Makenna Brissey
Jagger Clemons
Jacob Dreier
David Even
Gavin Fangman
Allison Gerhold
Robert Goodall

Caleb Johnson
Josie Klett
Breckin Knutsen
Nicholas Kongable
Zoey Kriner
Samuel Leedom
Aiden Ortega
Julia Paine
Mya Rawson
Hannah Schalk
Cohen Spurlock
Addyson Tupa
Benjamin Upah

The church family is invited to attend the following Graduation Open Houses:

Saturday, May 10

Allie Gerhold: 1-4pm

Wakema Park, Center Point

720 Main Street, Center Point

Sunday, May 25

Josie Klett: 4:30-7:30pm

Anchor Bible Church, Center Point



Monday, May 26

Benjamin Upah: 4-7pm

Andersen Community Center
720 Main Street, Center Point

Saturday, May 31:

Mya Rawson: 2-5pm

Andersen Community Center

Youth Activities

May 7: Middle School and High School Youth Group

May 14: D6 End of Year Celebration

Mark your calendars!

June 4: Palo Lake Worship/Baptism Night

June 17: D6 Movie Night at the Church

June 28: Anchor Skate in Vinton

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.

Registration is on page 15 of this Newsletter.

You may also use this link to register: [VBS 2025](#)

Our Last D6 Family Night is May 14!!!

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
Last Night is May 14

*"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) _____
Child's Name _____	Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Grade (Fall 2025) _____
Child's Name _____	Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Grade (Fall 2025) _____
Child's Name _____	Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Grade (Fall 2025) _____

Registration Fee: ☐\$10 per Child OR ☐\$25 Families with three or more children Registration due by May 30 to guarantee shirt.



☐ paid online with QR code

☐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 _____

Birthdays & Anniversaries

** May 21 Carma Almandinger
 Lynn Lafler
 Jennifer Schnell
 Madilynn Banes
 ** May 22 Brian Praska
 Mike & Tammy McEvoy
 ** May 23 Keith Gatrost
 Mitchell McCauley
 Mark & Joy Boies
 ** May 24 Kelly Sagert
 Andy Maloney
 Kim Banes
 ** May 25 Parker Covington
 ** May 27 Abram Rhoads
 ** May 28 Camron Sanford
 Jason Andrews
 Darren Besick
 Darwin Sweeting
 Kaycey Fink
 Bob & Diane Hollenbeck
 ** May 29 Jayne Rhoads
 Ashlyn White
 Trey Filter
 Harley Henderson
 Josh & Beth Dunkel
 ** May 30 Korey Johnson
 ** May 31 Denny Estling
 Jim & Lois Wood
 Jeff & Tayna Walters
