

Disciple



June 2025

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

“Waiting”

If you are reading this newsletter you may notice that you’re reading it a little late this month. I confess that it’s late because of me! It’s a long running joke in the office that the newsletter is always ready but waiting for my write up. Surely, we can all find ourselves waiting in some shape or form.

Whatever the “waiting” is that you find yourself in, I want to encourage you to allow God to mold and shape you in that “waiting.” Isaiah 64:8 say’s, “***Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.***”

Because of our current series on the “Book of Acts” the Lord has reminded me of what can happen in the waiting. The disciples and believers waited for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They waited in what would be of themselves as they became witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do you remember what they did as they waited?

They prayed together!

Their prayers were secured in the promises of Jesus. They knew God wouldn’t leave them as orphans. God is never late and is always at work. We have to trust the perpetual motion of what God is doing to bring forth the Good News of the Gospel through the witness of His believers.

We are in exciting times at Anchor Bible Church. I truly believe the Holy Spirit is moving and bringing us deeper in relation to Himself. The witness that has been established over 2,000 years ago came to life in our congregation over 150 years ago in Center Point.

I ask that you join me to be shaped and molded by the power of the Holy Spirit as we continue to live into the great commission.

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

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What's UP?

June 2025

June 4: Palo Worship/Baptism Night 6:30 @ Palo Lake
June 7: CRI Golf Outing 9am
June 13-15: Annual Conference
June 17: D6 Anchor Movie Night 5:30pm
June 21: Coffee & Conversation Women's gathering 8-10am
June 22: VBS 3-5:30pm
June 23-25: VBS 9-11:30am
June 28: Anchor Bible Skate in Vinton 1-3pm



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 13 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:

Rachel Ries & DJ Michael
August 2, 2025

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

Prayers of Bereavement

The family of Donna Rilling in her passing



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



**Congratulations to the
Confirmation Class of 2025
Confirmands & Mentors**

Sophia Arnold ~ Jordan VanVors
Ryker Berns ~ Tim Whitehead
Remington Boesenberg ~ Rob Milota
Parker Covington ~ Brandon Mize
Ally Filter ~ Britni Graham
Audri Graham ~ Amanda Mize
Jack Mallie ~ Philip Klett
Elin Newman ~ Sarah Eikenberry

Cynlee Otto ~ Vicki Anderson
Owen Schalk ~ Bill Filter
Ryin Shonka ~ Jennifer VanGorder
Zaddek VanGorder ~ Landon Tweeton
Bayla Walters ~ Amy Rechkemmer
Cora Werning ~ McKenna Rawson
Ashlyn White ~ Lindsey Otto
Jessen Whitehead ~ Doug Berns



Please join us as we celebrate with:

Sophie Arnold
Parker Covington

as they were baptized in May

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	APR 2025	APR YTD 2025	APR YTD 2024
INCOME-General Contributions	21,870	110,351	118,676
Pastors, Benefits and support	13,545	55,317	53,166
Directors - childrens & adult	1,640	6,560	6,248
Connectial Giving	821	3,284	3,124
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,450	14,536	16,939
Administrative & Office Costs	2,185	4,426	2,488
Worship activities	454	1,730	1,178
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	80	(1,280)	1,793
Ministries & Outreach	3,086	4,829	1,371
Facility costs	2,961	15,095	8,833
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	29,222	104,497	95,140
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(7,352)	5,854	23,536

2025 BUDGET- General Fund

400,000 = 33/Mo

General Fund bank balance

65,147

81,152

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	32,782	29,476
Savings - Earmarked Funds	54,496	57,410
Memorial Fund	5,295	31,102
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust	400,063	357,040
Endowments - investment Vanguard	12,289	11,095

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	18,773	44,992
Building LOAN	(330,576)	(429,687)

Building Fund Giving

	2025	2024
January+February	34,220	17,039
March	7,848	7,006
April	3,696	9,818
Total YTD	45,764	33,863
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(11,371)	(11,371)
Loan extra principle payments	(56,500)	(25,000)

APRIL 2025

April General Fund giving was light at \$21,870 and expenses were normal at \$28,222. Year-to-date the giving exceeds expenses by \$5,854. It is a huge praise that our new associate pastor will start June 15th. Building Fund giving was \$3,696. Our building loan at Farmers State Bank, incurred its first rate change to 7.2%. Our required monthly payment stayed the same at \$2,842. The next interest rate change will be in 5 years. We pray for favor that we can pay the \$330,576 loan balance off before then. We praise the Lord for the ability to pay \$56,500 extra mortgage payments in the last 4 months.

Events



Anchor Movie Night
June 17th - 5:30 PM
Open to elementary kids (with one adult), middle school, High School Youth and all ages!



Join us for coffee and conversations on Saturday June 21 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 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.



MEET OUR LOCAL PARTNERS THROUGH CRI IN MALAWI: REDSON & MARYAM MAKWINJA

Maryam grew up in a Muslim, polygamous family. In the late 90s, her family left Nsanganiza, their village, so that she and her siblings could receive an education in Chilobwe. In secondary school, she met Redson. 11 years later, they married. As they began their life together, the images of Maryam's childhood—of young girls in marriages, starving children, and struggling widows—pressed on her mind. She and Redson had lived a life of privilege, yet many of their people struggled. She felt burdened and called to serve.

Redson's call came early. At a young age, he desired to follow his father's footsteps and become a pastor. He left Chilobwe to attend private school. When he met Maryam, he saw his passion to serve God complement her heart for the suffering. With that, the couple returned to Nsanganiza to help their community... [Read more online.](#)

Children's Relief International shares the light of Christ in word and deed with those in extreme poverty around the world. In Malawi, our ministry is shaped according to the vision of Redson and Maryam. We provide the hope of the Gospel, education, and care for physical needs. Learn more about Children's Relief International at www.childrensrelief.org or check out our [Global Impact Report](#).

ANCHOR TEAM LEAVES FOR MALAWI JULY 24TH

Several individuals from our church head to serve on a short term team in Malawi this summer. If you'd like to support the expenses for their travel, or give to support a food distribution, green door home, or teaching ministry to students or adults, you can give through our church office with "malawi team" in the memo or give online here: <https://www.childrensrelief.org/teamdonations> with "Anchor Malawi Team" under team member name.

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 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 - **Will resume on 9/8/25**
"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 - **Will resume on 9/3/25**
Joe & Monica Steffeck

D6 Bible Basics 6:00PM - **Will resume on 9/3/25**
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](#)



FLY Juice Box Drive

CPU FLY is in need of juice boxes/pouches.
Juice can be dropped off at 275 Green St West
on Sunday mornings or during office hours Monday
through Friday 9am-noon.

Youth Activities

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!

We continue to need volunteers to help in Sunday School through the summer.

Please use this link to sign up to help for Sunday School: <https://signup.com/go/dMiPLAc>

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

Or get a hold of Randina Johnson.

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.

If you are available and willing to help, please contact the church office or Randina Johnson.

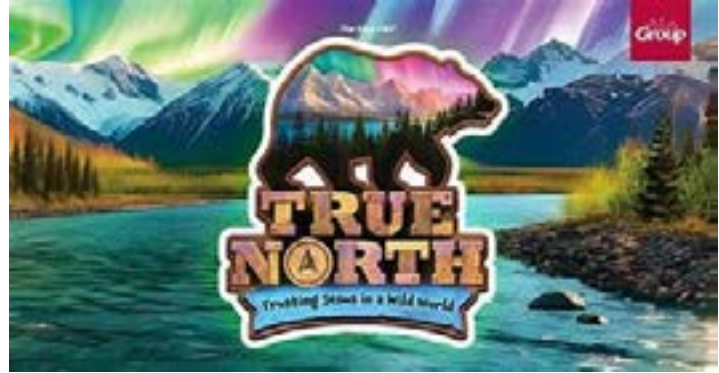
Please text, call, or email Randina Johnson with any questions.

Phone: 319-573-6645

Email: Randina@anchorbibleia.org

Nursery Volunteers

If you are able and willing to help in the nursery during the summer at the 9am or 10:30am services, please reach out to either [Emily Fawcett](#) or [Randina Johnson](#)



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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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 _____

Celebrations

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



June 1 Kristine Ellson
Nate Graham
Lincoln Traynor
Katie Lala
June 2 Pryor Estling
Diane Clinton
Julie McCauley
Melea Willson
Madi Tupa
Corrine Schalk
June 3 Ben Leedom
Russ Wyse
Tony Zimmerman
David & Robin Lees
June 4 Jordynn Fink
June 6 Ridley Gager
Blakley Loy
Ethan & Julia Kress
June 7 Kurt Chesmore
Kim Schildroth
JR & Andrea Gerhold
June 8 Zoey Kriner
Titus Steffek
Brian & Rose Deal
Stan & Linda Marlow
Korey & Randina Johnson
June 9 Lily Miller
June 10 George Castek
Tracy Milota
Russ & Elizabeth Brandt
Pastor Andrew & Amy Happ
Mike & Jodi Beck
Bill & Jennifer Filter
June 11 Noah Schildroth
Gable Covington
Keegan Scheeler
Stephenie Tupa
June 12 Kaelan Schildroth
June 13 Oliver Rammelsberg
June 14 Knoxin Schweer
Brad & Ann Jacobs

June 15 Carter Andrews
Brielle Trout
Sarah Graham-Roa
Grant Rechkemmer
June 16 Adam Squires
Kevin & Julie McCauley
June 17 Zeke Fawcett
June 18 *Jerry & LuEllyn Rozeboom*
June 19 Josie Berns
Robin Peterson
June 20 Kris Schweer
June 21 Donna Cobley
Weston Seliger
Carolyn Mitchell
Joel & Jodi Weber
June 22 Cayle Estling
Addyson Tupa
Holly Wilber
Isabella Wilber
Jennifer Filter
Kristi Happ
June 23 Debra Joosten
Ryan & Ashley Rambo
Chris & Katie Lala
June 24 Brinley Plein
June 25 *Reed & Alexis Sagert*
June 26 Doris Dufoe
Kris Pfeifer
June 27 Kanon Tupa
June 28 Johnny Lahr
Elin Newman
June 29 Khiana Bruce
DJ VanGorder
Nic Zimmerman
Chris Lafler
Angie Streinz & Robert Johnson
June 30 Ryan Rambo
Jackson Brady
Jim Carver
Jason & Emily Andrews
Denny & Connie Estling
Mike & Tracey Taylor
Dillon & Emily Fawcett