

Disciple



January 2026

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

“Grabbing Hold and Letting Go”

Praise be to God for a new year. I’m sure that each of us, in one way or another, find it hard to believe that we are in 2026 already, but here we are! So much has happened this past year in the life of the church. We celebrate 13 baptisms, 35 new members, numerous first time professions of faith, and welcoming Pastor Nick and Keith and their families into the ministry here at Anchor Bible Church.

As we praise God for all that has taken place, I wonder for each of us what moments, when we reflect on them, have given us the opportunity to grow us closer to Christ? There have been moments of rejoicing and moments where some have gone through the hardest seasons of their lives. No matter the case, one thing remains true, God’s love has not ceased to continue being poured out.

As we prepare our hearts for the upcoming year, God has placed a question on my heart that I’d like to share, “Are we grabbing hold of Jesus and letting go of what is sinful?”

Listen once to Romans 12:9-13; “9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13 NIV).

God’s Word is timeless and always applicable in every circumstance. I want to encourage each of us to grab ahold of Jesus and to put off what holds us back from growing closer in a personal relationship with our Lord. Tis’ the season to devote yourself to eternal matters and throw off the worldly expectations. We have something to represent and God will use us to make a difference in the life of someone else, prayerfully, even their eternal destination! Are you ready for more of what God has in store and is calling us into?

Church, together may we be devoted in prayer, giving thanks in all circumstances and grab ahold of Jesus. Buckle up, it’s going to be a great year!

God Bless and Keep You,
Pastor Andrew Happ

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What's UP?

January 2026

- Jan 4: NEW time for First Service: **8:45am**
- Jan 4: Confirmation Class to Trinity Bible Church in Cedar Falls
- Jan 7: D6 Family Night Resumes
- Jan 10: Coffee and Conversation 8-10am
- Jan 11: New Members Class - Noon until 2pm
- Jan 13: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- Jan 14: D6 Family Night
- Jan 17: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am
- Jan 18: Confirmation Class 10:30-noon
- Jan 21: D6 Family Night
- Jan 24: Anchor Bible Skate, 1703 C Ave, Vinton 1-3pm
- Jan 28: D6 Family Night

February 2026

- Feb 7: No Regrets Men's Conference 8am-1pm
- Feb 18: Ash Wednesday Service 6pm
- Feb 27: IF Women's Gathering 6-10pm

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: 8:45am & 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



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 Nick & Renee Williams
Pastor Keith & Morgan Steffek*

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

Nick & Sarah Schultz

niece and nephew-in-law of Scott & Lisa Millikin

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 Callahan
Jim Carver
Leonard & Karen Chapman
Doris Dufoe
Verlene Montgomery Hawker
Stan Hepker
Amy Hromidko
Cinda McLaud
Chad Schoch
Anne Stender
Terry Voss



Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Katie Cilek & Jordan Rammelsberg
April 11, 2026

McKenna Rawson & Kyle Coppess
April 25, 2026

Jordan VanVors & Nathan Williams
May 9, 2026

Grace Kohler & Brady Pfeifer
June 6, 2026

Gretchen Jones & Jonathan Schuman
June 20, 2026

Karly Millikin & Caleb Andrews
September 18, 2026

Ellie Eikenberry & Nels Fossum
October 11, 2026

Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer
October 1, 2026

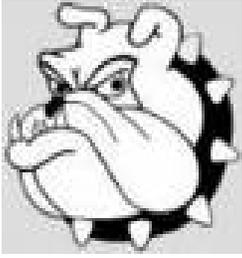
Aydra Trout & Jacob Smith
Date TBD

Continued Prayers for

Brian Lage, Linda Marlow's nephew
Renea, Jamie Schoch's mom
Judy & Dean Gleason, Christina Lahr's parents
Wayne & Sheila Demmel,
Jodi Weber's parents
Duane, Kelly Shuniak's dad
Gary & Donna Brown, Glenda Allen's parents
Dean, Dustin Mallie's dad
Chip, Keith Gatrost's brother
Tim, Nathan Schnell's brother

Prayers of Bereavement for

Lynn & Chris Lafler in the passing of
Chris's sister, Billie Jo Coady



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!

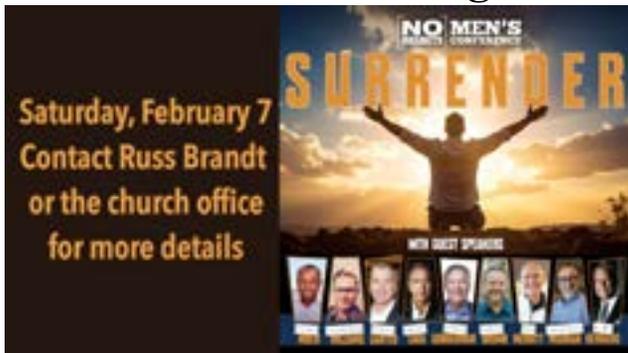
Russ Brandt (319-329-9703)

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

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

22 families were touched by your generosity

No Regrets Men’s Conference 2026



The No Regrets Men’s Conference is an annual event—launched in 1994—designed to challenge and equip men to grow in their relationship with the Lord at home, at work, and in their ministry. This year’s theme is **Surrender**, based on Romans 12:1, calling men to fully yield their lives to God. At the conference, you’ll be encouraged to become the man God created you to be and to take the next step in becoming a more fully devoted follower of Christ. Join over 20,000 men from around the world on February 7, 2026!

Come & See What You are Missing!

Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”



Confirmation

Anchor Bible Church Confirmation 2025-2026

Working Program Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
Sunday	1/4	9:15-12:15	Trinity Bible Church	Alternate Worship Experience
Sunday	1/18	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	2/1	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	2/15	12:00-2:00	Murdoch Funeral Home	Life After Death
Sunday	3/1	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	3/15	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	3/22	11:30-2:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Sunday	3/29	11:30-1:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Wed	4/1	5:15-7:00	Sanctuary	Confirmation Holy Week Presentation
Sunday	4/19	10:30-noon	Library	
Friday	5/1	5:00pm	Ridge Haven Overnight	
& Saturday	5/2	12:00pm end	Ridge Haven Overnight	
Saturday	5/9	5:00pm	Fellowship Area	Confirmation Dinner
Sunday	5/10	9:00 & 10:30	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday
		Services	(9am-introduced to church family, 10:30-official joining church)	

Summer Games University Confirmation students July Revised 11/21/25

Confirmation Class of 2026 Confirmands & Mentors

Brixley Boyes-Hendryx ~ Angela Praska	Owen Lammers ~ Zach Stien
Garrett Brislawn ~ Brian Praska	Brailey Lewis ~ Amy Rechkemmer
James Chrisman ~ Jeff Walters	Kolten Lewis ~ Tony Stadheim
Victoria Ditch ~ Erica Estling	Isaiah Mize ~ Dillon Fawcett
Karly Estling ~ Melissa Ditch	Michael Pestka ~ Nate Holub
Tenley Gordon ~ Jenn VanGorder	Aiden Rambo ~ Bill Filter
Easton Graham ~ Todd Mitchell	Teagan Stadheim ~ Elizabeth Brandt
Ella Graham - Carolyn Mitchell	Cale Stien ~ Chris Lammers
Jemma Guttai ~ Sarah Eikenberry	Gage Walters ~ Matt Schalk
Hayden Guttai ~ Grace Holub	Samuel Williams ~ Russ Brandt
Kaydyn Hendryx ~ Ashley Rambo	Landon Pearson ~ John Eikenberry

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	NOV 2025	NOV YTD 2025	NOV YTD 2024
INCOME-General Contributions	28,726	325,281	291,681
Pastors, Benefits and support	20,452	188,651	151,964
Directors - childrens & adult	1,640	18,041	17,182
Connectial Giving	821	9,030	8,591
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,508	44,159	47,469
Administrative & Office Costs	563	12,584	20,455
Worship activities	126	4,508	3,593
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	513	6,999	10,046
Ministries & Outreach	300	10,897	12,919
Facility costs	4,830	38,530	24,229
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	33,753	333,399	296,448
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(5,027)	(8,118)	(4,767)

2025 BUDGET- General Fund

400,000 = 33/Mo

General Fund bank balance

51,176

58,834

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	34,551	31,531
Savings - Earmarked Funds	59,347	43,453
Memorial Fund	5,320	5,225
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust	495,577	431,124
Endowments - investment Vanguard	13,651	11,718

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	18,485	31,935
Building LOAN	(317,699)	(395,419)

Building Fund Giving

	2025	2024
January-Sep	62,075	56,695
Oct	6,558	3,576
Nov	3,743	3,938
Total YTD	72,376	64,209
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(31,270)	(31,270)
Loan extra principal payments	(63,500)	(48,500)

NOVEMBER 2025

November General Fund giving was \$28,726 and expenses \$33,753, a shortfall of \$5,027. YTD our shortfall is \$8,118, but we are blessed with a 11% increase in giving over the previous year. Prayers are for a big December to erase that deficit and start the new year off in good shape. Almost \$6,000 was given towards GYM which will bless 22 families! Building Fund giving was \$3,743. Loan balance is now \$317,699. Our Endowment investment account has done well this year with favorable market conditions. The Finance Committee is meeting to review finances for the coming year.

Ways to Give

Our New Platform where everything is all tied together!

We are excited!!

“Church Center”



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.

Events



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet or learn more about this ministry? Please join us! There will be a light brunch provided. Bring your own beverage. Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 9am
At the church
 275 Green St West, CP
For info: Linda Sweeting: 849-1391

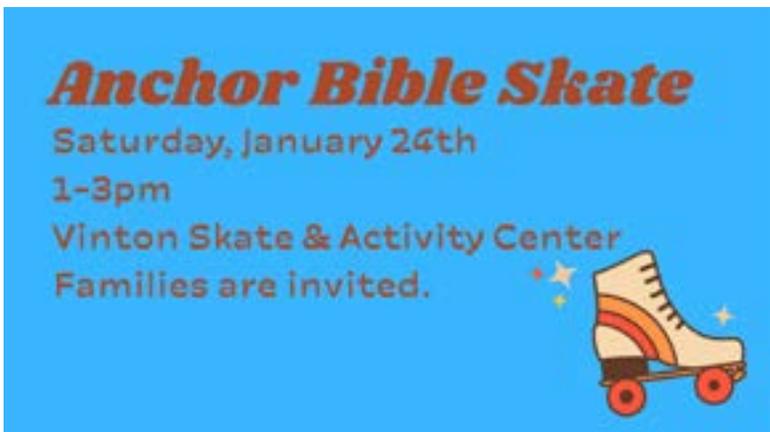
New Members Class
 Sunday, Jan 11th
 from Noon until 2pm

This is for anyone who has questions or would like more information about our church. Light snacks and childcare available. Please bring your calendar with you! To sign up contact the church office, 319-849-2518 or email us.



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.



Timber to Table Ministry



Mission

Our mission is to provide food to those in need by distributing fresh, healthy, and responsibly harvested meat in the name of Christ.

Join Us On Sunday!

You are invited to join us for church at Anchor Bible on Sunday mornings at 9 or 10:30.

Wednesday Nights!

Our Wednesday evening D6 program is a community favorite! We host a community meal starting at 5:00 PM followed by classes and groups for all ages at 5:45!

Need Assistance?

Please submit this form to request assistance from the Timber to Table ministry. Each request will be reviewed by the board and will be distributed accordingly.



Request Assistance



Want to Give?

We combat food insecurity in our area by providing venison to families in need at no cost to them. Meat is processed by Edgewood Locker.

GUIDING VERSE

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in.
Matthew 25:35



Bible Studies

SUNDAY

High School Youth Bible Study 7:30PM
Landon Tweeton

Storm Shelter 6:30PM
Beth Larson

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 Steffeck

Wednesdays in the Word ~ 6:00PM
Pastor Nick Williams

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ADULT MINISTRY OR BIBLE STUDIES FEEL FREE
TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (319) 849-2518 OR office@anchorbibleia.org



Youth Activities

01 JANUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 HS Bible Study • London Tawetoni's house 7:30-9PM	5	6	7 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:35 HS 7-8:50	8	9	10
11 HS Bible Study • London Tawetoni's house 7:30-9PM	12	13	14 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:35 HS 7-8:50	15	16	17
18 HS Bible Study • London Tawetoni's house 7:30-9PM	19	20	21 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:35 HS 7-8:50	22	23	24 Anchor Bible Skate 1-5PM
25 HS Bible Study • London Tawetoni's house 7:30-9PM	26	27	28 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:35 HS 7-8:50	29	30	31

Check out our Church Center App for more details

January Sermon Series: IDK - Apologetics

All through January we will begin a new sermon series called IDK - Apologetics. We'll walk through seven core apologetics topics, including:

- The existence of God
- The reliability of the Bible
- The problem of evil
- The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- World religions and their claims
- Science and faith
- Objective morality

Our goal is to help students face questions and challenges to their faith with confidence. Not just by giving them answers, but by helping them build a faith that is informed, resilient, and grounded in Christ as they navigate the world around them.

January 24th - Anchor Bible Skate

Come get out of the cold and roll with us at the Anchor Bible Skate! Join us at the Vinton Skate and Activity Center from 1–3pm for an afternoon of skating, music, and fun.

Starting in 2026

The 5th grade students will be joining the middle school youth group!

D6 Wednesday Nights



Join us at
D6 Family Nights
Wednesday Nights

“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

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| 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 |
| 6:00-7:15pm | Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grades) |
| 7:00-8:30pm | High School Youth Group (9-12 grade) |

D6 Diner Donations

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 to have items for the meals donated.

Please see the list below for items to donate for the following weeks ~ January 7 & 14

The items may be brought to the church office Monday through Friday between 9-noon.

Donations need to be dropped off by the Monday before the meal is served.

Thank you in advance for your generous hearts!
[D6 Diner Donations link](#)



Children's Education

Christ our Savior is born! Hallelujah!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please continue to prayerfully consider leading in the Children's Ministry. We are in need of leaders in all areas; nursery, Sunday School, and Wednesday night D6.

D6 resumes January 7

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

Phone: 319-573-6645

Email: Randina@anchorbibleia.org



Celebrations

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



- Jan 1** Denise Brislaw
William Gerhold
- Jan 2** *John & Val Dufoe*
Chris & Krista Happ
Trisha Ritter
- Jan 3** Seth Schnoebelen
- Jan 4** Kyra White
Tucker Fawcett
Ryne & Jennifer Strum
- Jan 6** Marsha Fannin
Natalie Lammers
Jordan Gordon
- Jan 7** Ken McGraw
Jordan VanVors
Dave & Stacy Rooney
- Jan 8** Nellie Squires
Justin Wyant
Jerry Squires
- Jan 10** Kady Pfeifer
Jerry Rozeboom
Jennifer VanGorder
Rich Loy
- Jan 11** Ted Callahan
Raynie Opfer
Jayden Moore
Beth Geater
- Jan 12** Rose Deal
Ryan Heins
Lexi Snakenberg
Brian Tritle
Brenda Wyse
Kinnick Covington
- Jan 13** Henley Hahn
Caleigh Lewis
- Jan 14** Colt Squires
- Jan 15** Harper Tritle
- Jan 17** Owen Lammers
Emilie Taylor

- Jan 19** Reece Rambo
- Jan 20** Amy Sells
Jim Newman
- Jan 21** Kade VanGorder
Brynnlee Zimmerman
Brecken Andersen
Aiden Andersen
Kristy Schweer
- Jan 22** Grady Klett
Isaac Larson
Linda Marlow
Reed Sagert
Kason Geater
- Jan 23** Stan Hepker
Kevin McCauley
Oliver Gienger
- Jan 24** Jude Newman
Julia Paine
- Jan 25** Jody Even
Jessica McGraw
- Jan 26** Julie Fuessley
Memphis Folken
- Jan 27** Larry Slauson
Brayden Beck
Justin Plein
- Jan 28** Jim Wood
Chelsea Gienger
- Jan 29** Jeremy Moore
- Jan 30** Benjamin Sweeting
- Jan 31** David Even



Jared & Chelsea Gienger
are the proud parents of a son,
Lincoln James
born December 1, 2025
Proud siblings:
Oliver & Gemma