

Disciple



April 2026

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

“He is Risen”

He is Risen.... He is Risen Indeed!

These words have echoed throughout creation in every culture across the world for roughly 1,993 years. The power and purpose of these words come to us directly from the empty tomb, where God the Father, raised His one and only Son, Jesus Christ from the grave.

Matthew 28:5 “The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

We repeat these words specifically on Easter Sunday and the weeks to follow, but over time, year after year we slowly stop saying, “He is Risen.” Not because Jesus didn’t rise from the grave, but because... well to be honest that’s the question we should all ask. “Why, after a short while after resurrection Sunday, do we stop collectively saying this?”

This line of truth, “*He has risen*” for the women at the tomb and the disciples was and is the Crescendo of Christ’s teachings. Jesus Himself told this to the disciples and proclaimed this would happen. When Jesus told them what must take place they didn’t understand. But now, they understood what Jesus had taught and revealed about God’s plan of redemption.

But here’s the important part; The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after being in the tomb for three days, following a brutal crucifixion upon a cross, after revealing the the disciples, the religious elite, and many gentiles, through miracles, teachings, and healings over 33 years of His earthly life was just the beginning!

The empty tomb is God’s fulfilled covenant and promise to redeem the sins of His creation. Defeating sin and death once and for all (Hebrews 2:5-18) and we know because of this, His resurrection of life is now the believers reality as well (2 Corinthians 4!)

Let us not grow weary in keeping the truth upon our lips for, “He is Risen.... He is Risen Indeed!”

*God Bless and Keep You,
Pastor Andrew Happ*

What's UP?

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April 2026

- Apr 1: **NO** D6 Family Night ~ Holy Week Service 6pm
- Apr 2: Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6pm
- Apr 3: Holy Week Good Friday Service 6pm
- Apr 5: EASTER SUNDAY ~ HE IS RISEN!!!!**
Services 8:45am & 10:30am
- Apr 7: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- Apr 8: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Apr 11: Women's Gathering 8-10am
- Apr 11: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am **(Date Change)**
- Apr 15: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Apr 22: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Apr 29: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm

May 2026

- May 1-2: Confirmation Class Overnight 5pm-noon
- May 9: 5K Run to Camp Fundraiser 9am & Bake Sale
- May 13: Last D6 Family Night

ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
275 Green Street West / PO Box 283
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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



Prayers

Please Join Us *as we Pray*

God Bless America



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.

Mark Callahan
Jim Carver
George Castek
Karen Chapman
Verlene Montgomery Hawker
Stan Hepker
Amy Hromidko
Chad Schoch
Anne Stender
Terry Voss



Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Katie Cilek & Jordan Rammelsberg
April 11, 2026

Brad Rhoads & Cara Young
April 18, 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

Aydra Trout & Jacob Smith
July 18, 2026

Karly Millikin & Caleb Andrews
September 18, 2026

Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer
October 1, 2026

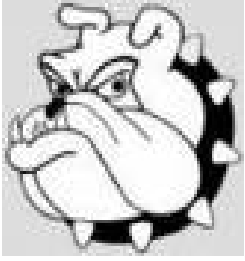
Ellie Eikenberry & Nels Fossum
October 11, 2026

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

Prayers of Bereavement for

Justin & Rachel Plein in the passing of Justin's
mom, MaryEllen Plein



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)

Bulldogs will be in the No Regrets
Follow Up study around Surrender.

The seven-week study is designed
to continue the momentum from the
Surrender Conference.



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
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 Services	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday (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 Guttau ~ Sarah Eikenberry	Gage Walters ~ Matt Schalk
Hayden Guttau ~ Grace Holub	Samuel Williams ~ Russ Brandt
Kaydyn Hendryx ~ Ashley Rambo	

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.

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	FEB 2026	FEB YTD 2026	FEB YTD 2025
INCOME-General Contributions	29,321	65,923	51,713
Pastors, Benefits and support	21,062	42,107	28,399
Directors - Children's	1,681	3,362	3,280
Connectial Giving	956	1,912	1,642
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,946	7,948	6,921
Administrative & Office Costs	851	1,529	1,370
Worship activities	50	1,045	1,090
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	899	1,510	(770)
Ministries & Outreach	1,573	2,184	2,716
Facility costs	<u>4,682</u>	<u>8,257</u>	<u>8,950</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	35,700	69,854	53,598
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(6,379)	(3,931)	(1,855)

2026 BUDGET- General Fund

428,000 = 36/Mo

General Fund bank balance

69,072

57,406

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	35,209	32,319
Savings - Earmarked Funds	59,807	54,976
Memorial Fund	5,505	5,225
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust	500,255	426,871
Endowments - investment Vanguard	15,564	11,718

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	17,795	31,914
Building LOAN	(298,797)	(353,120)

Building Fund Giving

	2026	2025
January	3,776	17,241
Feb	12,188	16,979
Total YTD	15,964	34,220
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(5,843)	(5,685)
Loan extra principal payments	(16,000)	(37,500)

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

General Fund giving for the two months was \$65,923, slightly short of the expenses of \$69,855.

Building Fund giving was strong at \$15,965. This included a \$10,000 challenge to match from a giver.

(More will be announced on this on April 12.)


\$16,000 extra was paid on the principal which saw the loan balance dip to \$298,797.

We feel like we are on the homestretch on getting our loan paid off.

Events

Join us for coffee and conversations on Saturday April 11th 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!





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet or learn more about this ministry? Please join us!
DATE CHANGE
Saturday, April 11 at 9am
At the church
Bring your own drink
A light brunch will be provided
For info: Linda Sweeting: 849-1391

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SATURDAY, MAY 9th
9 AM RACE START

Scan Here to Register!



RUN TO CAMP



5K

CENTER POINT - IOWA

ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
APPLE CREEK COTTAGES

All proceeds from the Run to Camp 5K go directly toward helping students attend Summer Games University this summer. Come run, support a great cause, and be part of sending our students to camp!



ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH

Bake Sale

Fundraiser to send our students to Summer Games University



At Anchor Bible Church
During Run to Camp 5K

May 9, 2026
8 am - noon

Sign up to Donate your baked goods

For Questions please contact:
posthomicid4@gmail.com

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 8:45am or 10:30am.

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



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Children's Relief Int'l

AN UPDATE FROM MALAWI

APRIL 2026

Families all over Malawi are enduring extreme hunger due to extreme drought and crop failure. Kids spend all day looking for firewood, collecting water, and hoping for a meal. Most people eat around one cup of n'sema (cornmeal) per day, sometimes going without food at all.

Because of churches like ours over 200 kids get at least one meal per day at the Nsanganiza care center, while families receive distributions of food at least monthly.

Due to extreme conditions the need for food has grown substantially. Would you pray for increased financial support at CRI that we might be able to provide more food to those in need?



NSANGANIZA CARE CENTER STUDENT



LUNCH FOR KIDS



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SAVE THE DATE



June 6th 9am
 The 5th annual Best Shot golf tournament to raise funds for CRI is on Saturday, June 6th at 9am. This is a four person, 9-hole best shot at Meadowview Golf Course in Central City, IA



Please pray for the team from Anchor who will be serving in Malawi on July 22nd to August 2nd 2026



Questions about our partnership with CRI? Contact the church office or Joe Steffek 319-560-0288 joe@childrensrelief.org

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 Steffek

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

04		APRIL					2026	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
			1 No D6 Holy Week Service 6PM	2	3	4		
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8 REAL EYES MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	9	10	11		
12 HS Bible Study * London Tinsellon's house 7:30-9PM	13	14	15 Student Led Night MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	16	17	18		
19 HS Bible Study * London Tinsellon's house 7:30-9PM	20	21	22 D6 - Series TBD MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	23	24	25		
26 HS Bible Study * London Tinsellon's house 7:30-9PM	27	28	29 D6 - Series TBD MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	30				

NO D6 - April 1st

We won't have D6 because of Holy Week. Instead, we'd love for students and families to come to the Holy Week service at 6pm. It's a great chance to prepare our hearts for Easter together.

REAL | EYES - April 8th

We're wrapping up our Real Eyes series in 1 John, where we have been learning how we can know we have eternal life in Jesus. We've learned three key tests of a real relationship with Him: a growing desire to follow Him through Holiness & Obedience, Love for others, and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Our hope is that this has helped give students confidence in their faith and a clearer picture of their relationship with Jesus.

Student Led Night - April 15th

We're excited for another Student Led Night! Students will be leading all parts of the evening, from the sermon to games to tech. It's always a fun night and a great opportunity for them to step up, use their gifts, and grow in their faith.

New Series - April 22nd, April 29th

New series coming soon! I'm still working out the details, but I'm excited for what's next and how it'll help our students keep growing in their relationship with Jesus.

[Check out our Church Center App for more details](#)

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*

5:00-6:30pm	D6 Diner (Come as a family and enjoy dinner together ~ free will offering)
5:45-7:00pm	PreK to 4th grade
6:00-7:00pm	Adult Group Study
6:00-7:15pm	Middle School Youth Group (5th-8th grades)
7:00-8:30pm	High School Youth Group (9-12 grade)

Children's Education

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.

Vacation Bible School ~ June 7 - 10

Sunday, June 7 ~ 3:00-5:15pm

Monday-Wednesday, June 8-10 ~ 9:00-11:15am

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

Phone: 319-573-6645

Email: Randina@anchorbibleia.org

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 ~ April 8, 15, 22, 29

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!

[April D6 Diner Donation Link](#)

Celebrations

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



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