

Disciple



July 2026

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

“The Power of God”

In recent weeks we have been preaching messages from the Old Testament in a series titled “The Power of God.” The Old Testament proclaims in a very real and physical way who God is. That He is Holy, meaning He is set apart from creation, high above us, perfect and sinless without the possibility of ever sinning.

The Old Testament is full of amazing miracles, signs and wonders of God. His descension is full of lightning and thunder. He moves at the sound of a trumpet while the ground shakes and trembles as He wraps Himself in cloud, smoke and fire. He provides supernatural bread from heaven, water from rocks and He splits the sea in two. He defeats the enemies of Israel by His mighty hand and by the mighty faith of the young boy David slaying the giant Goliath.

The prophet Isaiah gives us a view into heaven revealing majestic celestial beings called cherubim who continually cry out “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty the whole earth is full of your glory” and he is given pinpoint accurate prophecy of the Messiah and His suffering 700 years before it happened. These amazing and powerful stories and revelations of God go on and on.

Are these scriptures real to you? Are they alive within you? The fact is that these are not just stories, they are actual historic events in which God’s whole purpose was to reveal Himself as the Almighty Holy God of Israel to all the world. He is the one true God, the God of creation.

In these recent weeks, three men of the congregation have given three different messages. Though each one of these men were asked to choose an Old Testament passage to preach from in order to proclaim the power of God, all of them without any coaching from myself or Pastor Andrew came to the same main point of focus; The ultimate power of God is in the love poured out upon the Cross of Jesus Christ, the Gospel!

Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Brothers and sisters, I commend you to continue to allow the Word of God to dwell inside of you with power and might. Let your minds imagine and seek to receive a greater revelation of the Lord through the Holy Spirit illuminating the scriptures and the power of God.

May we always press forward in our upward call in Christ Jesus, daily growing more in love with the Bible and always depending upon the Holy Spirit to make it alive within us. This will continue to allow us to grow in the power of God, His love, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, thus fulfilling the commission to spread the Gospel which delivers souls from death unto life.

Jesus is Lord and He loves us!

Pastor Nick Williams

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What's UP?

July 2026

- June 29-July 3: Summer Games University
- July 8: Anchor Movie Night 6pm
- July 11: Coffee & Conversation 8am
- July 12: New Members Class noon-2pm
- July 14: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- July 15: Summer Church Bonfire 6:30pm
- July 19: New Members Class noon-2pm
- July 22: Slip & Slide Kickball 6-8pm
- July 22-Aug 2: Malawi Mission Trip

ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
 275 Green Street West / PO Box 283
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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



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

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.

Laura Banes
Mark Callahan
Jim Carver
Karen Chapman
Verlene Montgomery Hawker
Stan Hepker
Amy Hromidko
Deb Joosten
Terry McDougal
Chad Schoch
Anne Stender
Terry Voss
Bob Wittmer
Kolt Wittmer

Continued Prayers for

Brian Lage, Linda Marlow's nephew
Renea, Jamie Schoch's mom
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

The family of George Castek
in his passing



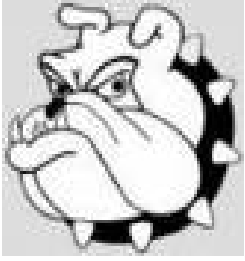
Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Aydra Trout & Jacob Smith
July 18, 2026

Karly Millikin & Caleb Andrews
September 18, 2026

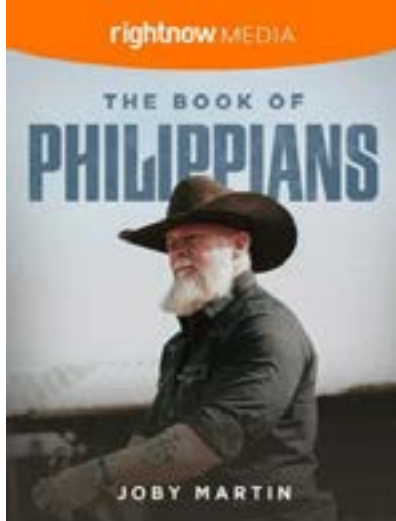
Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer
October 1, 2026

Ellie Eikenberry & Nels Fossum
October 11, 2026



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)



What Does Lasting Joy Look Like?

Throughout our lives, we are sure to experience highs and lows. So, how do we remain content with whatever life throws our way? In The Book of Philippians, pastor and author Joby Martin will demonstrate that being with Jesus and belonging to his church fuels our joy and contentment in any situation. Join Joby in this eight-session series and learn the secret to lasting joy.

Come & See What You are Missing!

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



Confirmation

Are You Called to Be a Mentor?

**Can I be a Confirmation Mentor?
Maybe God is nudging you to be a
mentor in 2026-2027**

Think for a moment about a person who had a significant impact upon your growth in faith when you were younger. Picture his or her face. Recall what this person said and did that made a difference in your life. They were a mentor to you!

As a Mentor you are called to:

Be a Friend – A mentor is a friend and a guide.

Be an Example – To be a mentor to a young person in the Faith is to allow him or her watch you live out your faith day by day. This doesn't mean that you have to be a super Christian.

Be Open – Sharing your life journey with a confirmand means being open about your past, your present, and your future.

Be a Listener – A mentor is more willing to listen than to talk.

Be Encouraging – A mentor tries to recognize and affirm the best in his or her young friend.

Be Caring – Caring often involves more than words it's caring with action.

Be Prayerful – Finally a mentor is someone who prays and trusts in the Lord.

If God is calling you – call us! Let the office know at 319-849-2518 of your willingness to serve as a mentor for our upcoming confirmation class.

The Confirmation Class meets two Sundays each month during the school year. In addition to the Sunday meetings, a mentor would need to commit to field trips and our confirmation overnight in April 2027.

Parent/Mentor/Student meeting is Sunday, August 23 at noon in the sanctuary.

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

	MAY 2026	MAY YTD 2026	MAY YTD 2025
INCOME-General Contributions	37,375	187,298	138,389
		(35% increase!!)	
Pastors, Benefits and support	20,791	104,216	69,073
Directors - Children's	1,931	8,905	8,200
Connectial Giving	956	4,780	4,105
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,753	19,886	18,216
Administrative & Office Costs	604	3,826	5,593
Worship activities	133	1,923	1,880
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	2,378	5,367	1,445
Ministries & Outreach	1,429	3,655	5,499
Facility costs	<u>3,847</u>	<u>19,942</u>	<u>18,236</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	35,822	172,500	132,247
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	1,553	14,798	6,142

2026 BUDGET- General Fund

428,000 = 36/Mo

General Fund bank balance

87,800

65,434

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	35,837	9,687
Savings - Earmarked Funds	65,964	78,922
Memorial Fund	5,505	5,295
Endowment Fund	568,481	437,803

BUILDING FUND

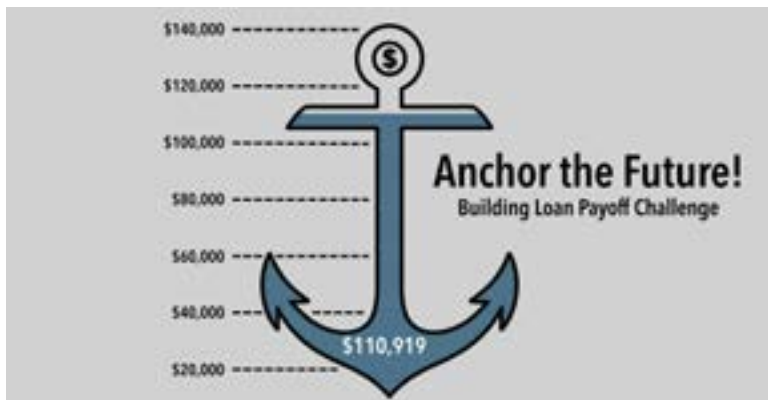
Building Cash	21,850	18,456
Building LOAN	(214,666)	(329,849)

Building Fund Giving	2026	2025
January-March	21,898	42,068
April	53,666	3,696
May	33,055	2,526
Total YTD	108,619	48,290
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(17,843)	(14,214)
Loan extra principal payments	(96,000)	(56,500)

MAY 2026

May General Fund giving of \$37,375 exceeded expenses of \$35,823. This is amazing when we consider we were also raising funds to send kids to SGU camp. Enough was raised to cover all the camper's registrations! The "Anchor the Future" challenge to pay off the building loan by the end of the year has had tremendous support. At the end of May \$96,721 has been given, praise God!

Events



Bell Ringers & Candle Lighters
Before Service
For Kids 12 and Under

Sign up on the Church Center App or see a leader to sign up.

ANCHOR MOVIE NIGHT
7.8.26 6 PM

Open to Elementary kids (with one adult), Middle School, High School Youth and all ages!

275 Green St W, Center Point, IA
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Coffee & Conversations
Women's Gathering

Every Second Saturday of the Month
8-10am
July 11

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 14 @ 6:30pm

YOU'RE INVITED TO A
Bonfire AT CHURCH

BONFIRE, GREAT COMPANY, STRONGER FAITH

WE'LL PROVIDE **HOTDOGS!** (and all the fixings)
FAMILIES bring a salad PLEASE! PLEASE!

WISDOM: Let us learn together
PRAYER: Seeking God together
TESTIMONIES: Sharing what God is doing
EMBRACE: Embracing one another
YOUTH & ADULT GAMES! See for details

→ Everyone is welcome! ☺

Wed, July 15 6:30 pm
LOCATION: ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
Barbecue seating available

SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL

WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND
6 - 8 PM
6TH-12TH GRADE

EVERYONE MUST WEAR SHIRTS AND CLOTHES THAT CAN GET MUDDY!
PARENTS - BRING TOWELS!

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



(319) 849-2518



office@anchorbibleia.org



anchorbibleia.org/timber-to-table

Children's Relief Int'l

MISSION TEAM TO MALAWI 7/22-8/2

MAY 2026

Please join us in praying for members of the congregation headed to Malawi to serve this summer:

- Shane Fuessley
- Dillon Fawcett
- Britni Graham
- Levi Graham
- Brandon Mize
- Noah Mize
- Mya Rawson
- Israel Sankey
- Lauren Willson
- Joe Steffek

These individuals will be visiting and praying for the sick, caring for children at the Nsanganiza care center, hosting worship services, sharing food distributions and the gospel, and helping build a green door home.



2025 TEAM BUILDING A HOME



HOW TO GIVE

1. Drop off cash or check in the church office (designated for the mission team to Malawi)
2. Give online: tinyurl.com/586v7z28

We would love to have you pray for the team. As you feel led, would you consider donating to their travel expenses and ministry needs? Each team member needs to raise \$4,000, half of which is due on or before May 12th.



2025 TEAM FOOD DISTRIBUTION

CRI Children's Relief International

Questions about our partnership with CRI? Contact the church office or Joe Steffek 315-560-0288 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 & McKenna Coppess
at Kyle & McKenna'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

Anchored Life Groups

What is an Anchored Life Group?

An Anchored Life Group is a small group of 4 to 12 people who meet weekly to give testimony to and encourage one another in the pursuit of developing a robust, transformational relationship with the living God who cares deeply for each of us.

We have 3 types of groups; men's, women's, and couples. As we meet together for 1-1.5 hours per week we will be asking questions such as "How is it with your soul?" meaning "How is your life with Christ?" All members are asked to respond with the intention of learning how to examine and share about all areas of our life in relationship with Jesus.

Members in these groups will also challenge one another to apply themselves to keeping all the ordinances of God, such as Bible reading, praying, fellowship, attending church and consistent attendance of the group meeting.

Our Group Guidelines

We acknowledge our relationship with the Holy Spirit living within us as believers.

We need to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit who reveals the Word of God; Christ Jesus our Lord

We love one another and want to continually grow in relationship by doing life together.

Our presence in this group is just as important as being in church.

Please be mindful of time, it is important that everyone gets a chance to share.

(Early Stages of the Group)

Answering questions and sharing will become more natural when we do it.

Let's continue to learn how to interpret our lives through the lens of the gospel. This will result in us experiencing God throughout our days in new and deeper ways.

What is shared in this group stays in this group.

If you are interested in joining or leading an Anchored Life Group please reach out to the church office, Pastor Nick or Pastor Andrew.

FLY

Feeding Lunches to Youth

Summer lunch program for CPU students and families
Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY) serves sack lunches
Monday through Friday
running through **Friday, August 21**

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](#)



Youth Activities

07 _____ JULY _____ 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SUMMER GAMES	2 SUMMER GAMES	3 SUMMER GAMES	4
5	6	7	8 Anchor Movie Night 6PM Movie TBD	9	10	11
12 HS Bible Study • London Tawehon's 7:30-9PM	13	14	15 Summer Bonfire 6:30PM	16	17	18
19 HS Bible Study • Pastor Keith's 7:30-9PM	20	21	22 Slip N' Slide Kickball 6-8PM	23	24	25
26 HS Bible Study • Pastor Keith's 7:30-9PM	27	28	29	30	31	

Friday July 8th – Anchor Movie Night

Come join us at 6PM for movie night! Open to Elementary kids (with one adult), Middle School, High School Youth and all ages! Movie TBD

Wednesday July 15th – Church Bonfire

Come hang out at the fire at 6:30! We'll have hot dogs, potluck sides, worship, prayer, and testimonies, all while the youth play some games. Bring your family, some friends, and a side to share. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday July 22nd – Slip N' Slide Kickball

Get ready to slide into summer fun! Slip N' Slide Kickball is the ultimate mash-up of classic kickball and water-filled chaos. Everyone must wear shirts and clothes that can get muddy! Don't forget your towels!

Check out our Church Center App for more details

Children's Education

Sunday School/Nursery is offered at both 8:45am and 10:30am. Please join us and if you're willing to serve, please reach out! Use the Church Center app to contact Randina Johnson or reach out to her personally.

Text, call, or email Randina Johnson with any questions.

Phone: 319-573-6645

Email: Randina@anchorbibleia.org



ANCHOR MOVIE NIGHT

7.8.26 **6 PM**

275 Green St W, Center Point, IA
Anchor Bible Church

Open to Elementary kids (with one adult), Middle School, High School Youth and all ages!

The poster features a dark background with a light-colored border. It includes icons for a clapperboard, 3D glasses, and a bucket of popcorn. The Anchor Bible Church logo is in the bottom left corner.

Celebrations

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



- July 1 John Dufoe
- July 2 Audri Graham
Karly Millikin
Ben & Laine Boesenberg
- July 5 Elias Butterfield
Casey Estling
Tisha Lammers
Vicki Anderson
- July 6 Remington Boesenberg
Rhett Johnson
Matt Traynor
Andy & Mary Beth Maloney
- July 7 Rowdy Gager
Ted & Sheila Callahan
- July 8 Kelsey Tweeton
Brandon & Amanda Mize
Dave & Jody Even
KC & Stephenie Tupa
- July 9 Haili Strabala
Matt & Melissa Grennan
- July 10 Jevin Johnson
Adam & Jillian Millikin
- July 11 Brad Rechkemmer
- July 12 Hannah Schalk
- July 13 Jessen Whitehead
- July 14 Tori Schoch
Landon Tweeton
Isabelle Katcher
Easton Wyant
Jennifer Strum
Greg & Terri Gauley
Philip & Lynn Klett
Nathan & Beth Geater
- July 16 Marilyn Lala
Tim & Jaime Whitehead

- July 17 Verlene Hawker
Michael McFarlane
- July 18 Austin Rambo
Gene & Donna VanHorn
- July 19 John Eikenberry
- July 20 Steve Ries
- July 21 Berit Hahn
Jacob Opfer
Rhett Zimmerman
- July 22 Kassidy Otto
Kaladin Steffek
Casey & Erica Estling
- July 23 Cora Werning
Rachelle Retzlaff
- July 24 Patrick Retzlaff
- July 25 Nathan Anderson
Mike Beck
Robin Squires
Stan & Donna Hepker
- July 26 Riggie Rowe
Alyssa Case
- July 27 Monica Hahn
Jenny Graham
- July 28 Madison Brissey
Henry Sweeting
Mark & Carol Callahan
Stephen & Allison Folkers
- July 30 Brent Willson
- July 31 Lori Heins
Aiden Rambo
Chris Butterfield
Deni Katcher

*Congratulations to
Grace & Brady Pfeifer on their
wedding
June 6, 2026*

*And to
Gretchen & Jonathan Schuman
on their wedding
June 20, 2026*

*Many blessings in their
futures together!*



Congratulations to the following families on new baby blessings!

Breanne & Kale Nebergall baby girl, Ryan born on April 16, 2026

Lacey & Hunter Newman baby boy, Huxton born on May 12, 2026

Brayton & Miranda Brandt baby boy, Calvin, born on May 23, 2026

Pastor Andrew & Amy Happ baby boy, Stanley, born on May 31