

Disciple



August 2026

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

“When the Walls Still Stand”

The story of Jericho is one of the most familiar stories in the Old Testament. Israel marched around the city, the priests blew their trumpets, the people shouted, and the walls came crashing down. But this story is about far more than a military victory. As we look at what God did at Jericho, there are four truths I believe we all need to take seriously.

We need to stop trying to earn what God gives freely. We understand working hard and earning what we receive. But salvation does not work that way. We cannot earn grace. If salvation depended on us, we would always wonder, “Have I prayed enough? Have I served enough? Have I done enough?” The Gospel does not tell us to look at ourselves and what we have accomplished. It tells us to look to Jesus and trust that He has done enough.

We also need to understand that real faith obeys. Israel could not claim to trust God while refusing to march. Their obedience did not earn the victory, but it showed that they trusted the One who promised it. The same is true for us. When God tells us to forgive, serve, confess our sin, flee temptation, or trust Him with our future, faith follows where He leads. Obedience does not earn the gift. It shows that we trust the Giver.

We need to remember that God’s ways often look foolish before they look powerful. Marching around Jericho did not look powerful, and for six days the people saw no visible change. Yet the standing walls did not mean that God was absent. Some of us may be walking through a season like that now. We are praying, serving, forgiving, trusting, and waiting, but nothing seems to be changing. Sometimes faith means walking another lap even when we cannot see any cracks in the wall. We continue because God is faithful, even when His timing and plans look different from our own.

Most importantly, we need to see Jesus as the greater Joshua. Joshua’s name means “The Lord saves,” and Jesus is the Greek form of that same name. Joshua led God’s people into the promised land, but Jesus brings His people into eternal life. Joshua saw the walls of Jericho fall, but Jesus broke down the greater wall of sin that separated us from God.

At Jericho, the guilty were judged while Rahab was spared. At the cross, the only innocent One was judged so that guilty sinners like us could be spared. Jesus bore the punishment our sins deserved and rose again in victory. The victory over sin and death is not something we achieve. It is something we receive by grace through faith, not by works, so that no one may boast.

May we take these truths seriously in our own lives: stop trying to earn God’s grace, obey Him because we trust Him, remain faithful even when we cannot see what He is doing, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who has already won the greatest victory.

God Bless,

Pastor Keith

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What's UP?

August 2026

August 7: Family Game Night 5:30pm

August 8: Coffee & Conversation Women's gathering 8-10am

August 12: Summer Bonfire 6:30pm

August 18: Finance Meeting 6:30pm

August 23: Confirmation Student, Parent and Mentor mtg noon to 1pm

August 25: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm

August 26: MS & HS D6 Kickoff

September 2026

September 2: D6 Family Night Resumes! All D6 Parent Meeting 6-6:30pm

September 30: NO D6 Family Night - Homecoming Events

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



**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
Duane, Kelly Shuniak's dad
Dean, Dustin Mallie's dad



**Please pray for these
Upcoming Marriage
Celebrations:**

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

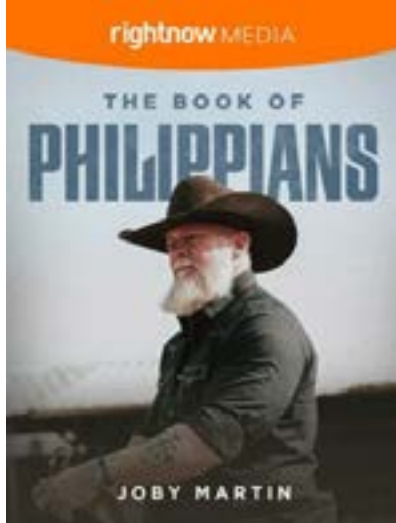
What: Men encouraging men through understanding God's Word.

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

Anchor Bible Church Confirmation Calendar 2026-2027

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
Sunday	8/23	12-1pm	Sanctuary	Parent/Student/ Mentor Meeting
Sunday	9/13	1:00-3:00	Fellowship Area	Getting Acquainted-Why we are here/Cemetery
Sunday	9/20	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 1-3
Sunday	10/4	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 31-34 & Sacraments
Sunday	10/18	12:45-3:45	Bowling	Field Trip
Sunday	10/25	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 4-6
Sunday	11/8	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 7-9 & 12
Saturday	11/14	9:00-4:00	Faith Bible Church	Dare2Share Live
Sunday	11/15	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 10,11,14,15
Friday	12/4	5:00-8:00	Fellowship Area	Live Nativity (6-8pm)
Sunday	12/6	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 13, 16-19
Sunday	12/13	5:00	Fellowship Area	Caroling/Christmas Party
Sunday	1/3	9:15-12:15	TBD	Alternate Worship Experience
Sunday	1/17	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 20-26
Sunday	1/31	10:30-noon	Library	Catechism Section 27-30 & 35,36
Sunday	2/21	12:00-2:00	Murdoch Funeral Home	Life After Death
Sunday	2/28	10:30-noon	Library	Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments
Sunday	3/14	11:30-2:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Sunday	3/21	11:30-1:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Wed	3/24	5:15-7:00	Sanctuary	Confirmation Holy Week Presentation
Sunday	4/11	10:30-noon	Library	Q & A, Next Steps - Life of a Disciple
Friday	4/23	5:00pm	Ridge Haven Overnight	
& Saturday	4/24	12:00pm	Ridge Haven Overnight	
Saturday	5/1	5:00pm	Fellowship Area	Confirmation Dinner
Sunday	5/2	9:00 & 10:30	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday Services (9am-introduced to church family, 10:30-official joining church)

Summer 2027

Summer Games (We will update when dates are set for 2027)

This is a working calendar. Dates and/or times are subject to change.

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 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.

Treasurer's Corner

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	JUNE 2026	JUNE YTD 2026	JUNE YTD 2025
INCOME-General Contributions	30,506	217,804	174,040
		(25% increase!!)	
Pastors, Benefits and support	20,782	124,998	86,758
Directors - Children's	1,931	10,836	9,840
Connectial Giving	956	5,736	4,926
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,706	24,593	22,550
Administrative & Office Costs	772	4,598	6,784
Worship activities	176	2,099	2,827
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	1,112	6,479	4,399
Ministries & Outreach	165	3,820	5,722
Facility costs	<u>2,943</u>	<u>22,885</u>	<u>20,555</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	33,543	206,044	164,361
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(3,037)	11,760	9,679

2026 BUDGET- General Fund

428,000 = 36/Mo

General Fund bank balance

84,762

68,970

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	36,057	9,687
Savings - Earmarked Funds	55,519	79,254
Memorial Fund	5,505	5,320
Endowment Fund	563,196	459,725

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	18,049	18,148
Building LOAN	(198,095)	(328,919)

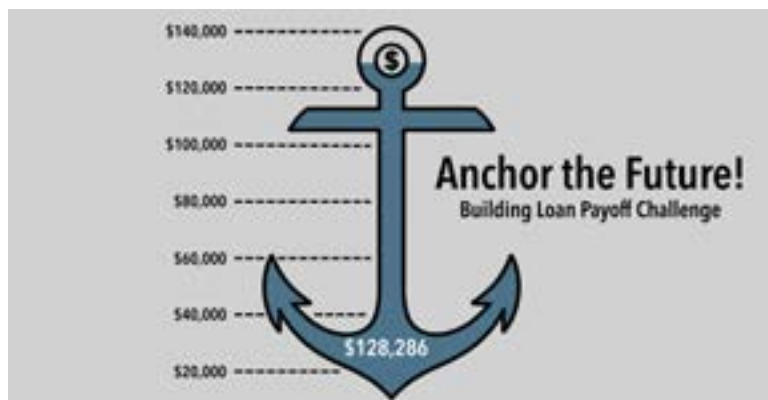
Building Fund Giving	2026	2025
January-April	75,564	45,764
May	33,055	2,526
June	14,199	2,535
Total YTD	108,619	50,825
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(20,843)	(17,056)
Loan extra principal payments	(111,000)	(56,500)

JUNE 2026

General Fund giving for June was \$30,506 which was short of our expenses of \$33,544. YTD we are still ahead of expenses by \$11,758. Building Fund giving was \$14,199 which got our loan balance down to \$198,095. The "Anchor the Future" challenge to raise \$140,000 to help pay off the building loan now stands at \$126,618 raised as of July 21st.

We were able to purchase a Green Door house for Children's Relief International when our donations recently reached \$3,000.

Events



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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anchorbibleia.org/timber-to-table

Children's Relief Int'l



"When the porch light came on, the family immediately began singing and dancing. Praise Jesus!"



Thank you for helping send our 2026 Mission Team to Malawi! In the first two days, the team has already packed in a lot.

- Elderly families visited and prayed for
- Essential food distributed
- Solar lighting installed
- Worshiped with local believers
- Encouraged and discipled Project Life group

Please continue to pray for the team as they serve in Malawi and then travel home August 2nd.



Greetings from Malawi, *Sunday, July 26th*
We have completed two inspiring days in Nsanganiza village.
Day 1: Our team hiked into the village, visited elderly and homebound residents, prayed with them, and delivered bags of essential supplies. We also installed a solar lighting system in a Green Door home. For just \$120, a family receives lights that allow children to study after sunset, opening doors to education and a brighter future. The family's joyful singing when the lights came on was unforgettable.
Day 2: We worshiped with our brothers and sisters in Christ during a vibrant church service. Afterwards we encouraged a Project Life support group for people living with HIV, sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ with everyone present, including a Muslim visitor. Thank you for your prayers and support. This week we'll continue installing solar systems, painting, preaching, feeding families, and praying with people throughout the community. The best work is done by word and deed. We are excited to do both.
God bless, and remember: The King is coming.
— Joe Steffek



CRI Children's Relief International

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 6:30-8:00PM
"Genesis"
How everything began and why it happened
Verse by Verse Ministry curriculum
Beginning September 14
Anne Stender/Cindy Graham/Tracey Taylor

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

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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's 7:30-9PM	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 HS Bible Study • Pastor Keith's 7:30-9PM	10	11	12 Summer Bonfire 6:30PM	13	14	15
16 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's 7:30-9PM	17	18	19 Underground Church Night • Anchor Bible 8:30PM	20	21	22
23 HS Bible Study • Pastor Keith's 7:30-9PM	24	25	26 Start of D6 Celebration MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	27	28	29
30 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's 7:30-9PM	31					

Wednesday August 12th – 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 August 19th – Underground Church Night

Come join in the fun as we hide, run, and set free the captives while playing Underground Church! Open to Highschoolers. We'll meet at 8:30 PM so it's dark when the game begins.

Wednesday August 26th – Start of D6 Celebration

The first night of Middle School and High School D6 for the fall! Middle school will meet from 6-7:15 and high school will meet 7-8:30 as usual. Come hang out, have some fun, and help us kick off another great year of D6!

Check out our Church Center App for more details

D6 Wednesday Nights

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2: *D6 FAMILY MEETING AT 6PM*

There will be an all D6 Family Meeting on Wednesday Sept 2 from 6-6:30PM
Parents and families of D6 students from nursery age through
high school students are asked to attend.

- Our first D6 Family Night of the school year!
- The community meal begins at 5 PM.
- Family meeting from 6-6:30PM (kids attend with families).
- All classes PreK through 8th and adults will begin at 6:30pm this night.
- High School Youth group will begin at 7pm.



Join us at D6 Family Nights Our Normal Wednesday Night Schedule

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)

*“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

Sunday School and Nursery continue to need help!

If you have interest in helping serve in these areas,
please reach out to Randina Johnson
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



Aug 1 Scott Goebel
Beth Larson
Maleny Schildroth
Teagan Stadheim
Sharyl Voss
Dave & Shannon Van Vors

Aug 2 Beckham Loy
Ryhs McGraw
AJ & Kim Lewis

Aug 3 Rowan Retzlaff
Ken & Cindy Graham

Aug 4 Andi Castek
John Kummerfeldt
Bryer Loy
Amy Happ
Brad & Twyla Jenewein

Aug 5 Ben Boesenberg

Aug 7 Ryker Berns
Ben & Molly Sweeting

Aug 8 Cassi Zimmerman
Maya Tweeton
Joe Steffek
Morgan Atkinson
Quinn & Rebecca Strabala
Jim & Roberta Carver

Aug 10 Emmrie Butterfield
Cora Stadheim
Colson Zimmerman

Aug 11 Breckin Knutsen
Teresa Scheeler
Landon & Kelsey Tweeton
Shane & Julie Fuessley

Aug 12 Madison Roa Graham
Nick Larson
Roger Opfer

Aug 14 Dan Scheeler
Vic Slaymaker

Aug 15 Madison McCauley
Justin & Ashlee Wyant

Aug 16 Aydra Trout
Ayla Guttat

Aug 17 Aaron Brislawn
Isabel Williams
Craig & Angela Pritchard
Joe & Monica Steffek

Aug 18 Isabella Case

Aug 19 Zadek VanGorder

Ben Opfer
Sam Opfer
Hunter & Lacey Newman

Aug 20 Coen Tweeton
Macy & Kim Schildroth
Michael & Allie McFarlane

Aug 21 CJ Schoch
Nick & Beth Larson
Mike & Amy Sells

Aug 23 Bentley Jensen

Aug 24 Matt Grennan
Easton Tupa

Aug 25 Jobi Gangestad
Travis Offerman
Larry & Sue Slauson

Aug 26 Gene VanHorn

Aug 27 Lisa Millikin
Scott & Lisa Millikin

Aug 28 Tim Fannin
Lennix Johnson
Aaron & Denise Brislawn

Aug 29 Emric Graham

Aug 30 Allie Gerhold
Emery & Irene Hines

Aug 31 Kole Tupa
Adrianna (Katcher) Webster

*Congratulations to
Aydra & Jacob Smith on their
wedding
July 18, 2026*

*Many blessings in their
futures together!*



Congratulations to the
following family on new baby
blessings!

Jacob & Rainey Opfer
baby boy, Wallen, born on
June 19, 2026

DJ & Rachel Micheal
baby girl, Harper, born on
July 24, 2026

Justin & Ashlee Wyant
baby boy, Brycen, born on
July 29, 2026