

Disciple



September 2026

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

“Light of the World”

Did you know 3 out of 4 children from ages 3-12 in a recent US survey said, “They are afraid of the dark.”

It’s safe to assume we have all heard that, experienced it, or still don’t like the dark. Have you ever wondered why? Any parent would say they didn’t tack on a lesson of being afraid of the dark after helping their children learn the ABC’s. So where does this fear come from?

Psychologists would say we are all born with a natural fear of the darkness. The predator avoidance instinct and hypervigilance kicks in. Interestingly enough the part of our brain “amygdala” which is our brain’s fear factory has reduced anxiety and ultimately can be brought to peace by light.

We all can attest to the power of a night light for a child to find peace and reassurance in order to fall asleep. Believe it or not this is not a new age concept but a reality in which the Gospel speaks clearly on. Recall with me what Genesis 1:1-4 states;

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Have you ever noticed the very first thing God spoke into being was light? Not only that but light is the very first thing that God saw was good! The Apostle John in 1 John 1 connects this reality for us in chapter 1: 5- ***“God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”***

Here’s the really cool part, God is not some external light source for our lives but God, who is light, desires for His light to cast out all the darkness of the world. How is this possible? To start, Jesus said ***“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*** (John 8:12)

But there’s more yet to know, throughout the next five weeks we are going to dive into God’s Word in 1 John by “Walking in truth and living in love.” We will focus on 1 John chapter by chapter starting September 6th. Our prayer is that you will join us in this endeavor to grow deeper in faith and stronger in love.

God Bless and Keep You Always,

Pastor Andrew Happ

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What's UP?

September 2026

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

September 7: Office Closed

September 9: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm

September 12: Coffee & Conversation 8-10am

September 13: Confirmation Class 1-3pm

September 16: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm

September 20: Confirmation Class 10:30-noon

September 23: See You at the Pole ~ Fross Park @ 7:30am

September 23: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm

September 30: NO D6 Family Night - Homecoming Events

ANCHOR BIBLE CHURCH
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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



FLY Program

Thank you to those who help pack or deliver FLY
lunches this summer.

We served 2,447 lunches!

Praise God!!

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
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

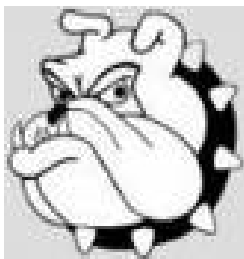


Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

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

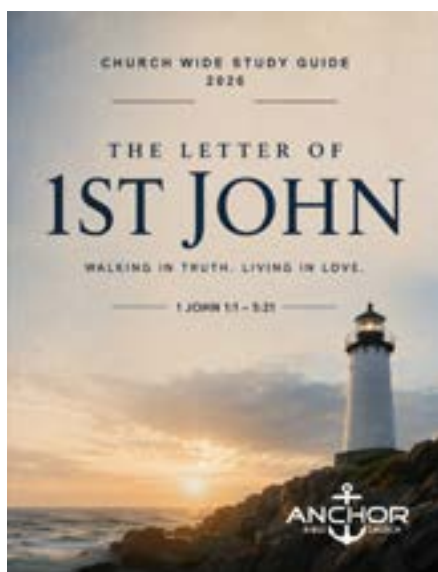
What: Men encouraging men through understanding God's Word.

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)



The Letter of 1st John

Walking in Truth. Living in Love.

The Book of 1 John is a book of love and joy. It explains the fellowship we have with others and with Jesus Christ.

It differentiates between happiness, which is temporary and fleeting, and true joy, which 1 John tells us how to achieve. If we take the words written by John and we apply them to our daily lives, the true love, commitment, fellowship, and joy we long for will be ours.

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	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	8:45 & 10:30	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday Services (8:45am-introduced to church family, 10:30-official joining church)

July 12-16, 2027 Summer Games University, Grinnell University, Grinnell, IA

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

Confirmation Class of 2027 Confirmands & Mentors

Haydent Covington - Dillon Fawcett
Grady Goettsch - Landon Tweeton
Chyler Grennan - Vicki Anderson
Ryder Plein - Matt Grennan

Alexis Shuniak - Brooke Umdenstock
Layken Timp - Jenn Van Gorder
Sydney White - Mary Beth Maloney
Carter Williams - Nate Holub

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

	JULY 2026	JULY YTD 2026	JULY YTD 2025
INCOME-General Contributions	31,206	249,010	201,214
		(24% increase!!)	
Pastors, Benefits and support	21,120	146,118	107,323
Directors - Children's	1,931	12,767	11,480
Connectial Giving	956	6,692	5,747
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	3,713	28,306	27,160
Administrative & Office Costs	947	5,545	7,418
Worship activities	710	2,809	3,673
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	1,427	7,906	4,934
Ministries & Outreach	3,347	7,167	10,028
Facility costs	<u>3,797</u>	<u>26,682</u>	<u>24,225</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	37,948	243,992	201,988
NET INCOME(DEFICIT)	(6,742)	5,018	(774)

2026 BUDGET- General Fund

428,000 = 36/Mo

General Fund bank balance

78,019

58,517

OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	36,272	33,523
Savings - Earmarked Funds	53,519	57,120
Memorial Fund	5,505	5,320
Endowment Fund	562,701	469,597

BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	24,274	19,468
Building LOAN	(187,736)	(328,050)

Building Fund Giving

	2026	2025
January-May	108,619	48,290
June	14,199	2,535
July	17,725	4,163
Total YTD	140,543	54,988
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(23,843)	(19,899)
Loan extra principal payments	(119,500)	(56,500)

JULY 2026

General Fund giving for July was \$31,206 and expenses \$37,949. YTD the contributions still exceed expenses by \$5,015. Building Fund giving was \$17,725. The "Anchor the Future" challenge to the congregation to pay off the loan was \$140,000. As of 8/20/26, \$135,894 has been raised. That's only \$4,106 remaining, praise God!!

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



In late July, we had the privilege of going as a church to serve in Malawi. We are very thankful for all the financial support, prayers and care for our families at home while we went and served. It was a meaningful trip all around.

There is something especially meaningful about serving alongside people from your own church family. I love watching our church become excited about caring for the poor, the widow, and the orphan. During our time in Malawi, we participated in a wide variety of ministries. One of my favorite things about CRI is that we don't simply proclaim the Gospel with our words—we demonstrate it through our actions as well.

We enjoyed worshipping Jesus alongside the men and women's choirs at the church, and got to see more dancing in church than we have ever seen at home. The ladies led bible studies, and the men did, too. We got to share the gospel with students and play net ball on the uneven dirt field not far from the church. All together, people were fed spiritually and physically. I'd love your prayers that the words shared would take root, and the gifts given would always be remembered as tangible reminders of Christ's love.

One new thing we did was put solar panels on roofs of a few Green Door homes so kids can study at night. Without light, there's no option for kids to keep up with their education because their daylight hours are spent at school and in the fields to provide food for the family. As a result, many don't make it to high school and the cycle of poverty repeats. I wonder what kind of generational change these \$150 solar kits might bring to the Nsanganiza village?

Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support!

Joe Steffek



Because of the generosity of many of you at Anchor, we were able to provide food for more than 200 families. Thanks be to God!

Progress toward next
green door home:
\$901.34 OF \$3,000

Solar panel install



Questions about CRI? Contact the church office, a pastor or Joe Steffek at (319) 560-0288 or joe@childrensrelief.org

CRI Children's
Relief
International

Bible Studies

SUNDAY

High School Youth Bible Study 7:30PM
Landon Tweeton & Pastor Keith Steffek

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

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.

Youth Activities

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SEPTEMBER

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Start of D6 MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	3	4	5
6 HS Bible Study • London's or PK's 7:30-9PM	7	8	9 Church Wide Study - 1 st John MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	10	11	12
13 HS Bible Study • London's or PK's 7:30-9PM	14	15	16 Student Led Night MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	17	18	19
20 HS Bible Study • London's or PK's 7:30-9PM	21	22	23 See you at the Pole & United Invite Night MS & HS • NewBo Lawn	24	25	26
27 HS Bible Study • London's or PK's 7:30-9PM	28	29	30 No D6 Homecoming Parade			

Wednesday September 2nd – Start of D6

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 food at the community dinner at 5, and help us start another great year of D6!

Wednesday September 9th – Start of Church Wide Study - 1st John

We'll be diving into 1st John where we'll talk about walking in truth and living in love while learning to grow in faith, obedience, and love.

Wednesday September 23rd – See You at the Pole & United Invite Night

- See You at the Pole - This is a time for students to gather at their local flagpoles and pray for their friends, families, teachers, schools, and nation. We will meet at the flag pole at Fross Park. time is TBD.
- United Invite Night - This a free event in NewBo City Market bringing students together with a single purpose: to be lights for Christ in their schools and peer networks. We will meet at Anchor for dinner at 5PM, carpool down at 5:45PM, Worship and teaching start at 6:30PM, then we'll head home at 8PM

Wednesday September 30th – No D6 - Homecoming Parade

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

Praise the Lord for willing hearts who are being led to help serve in the Children's Ministry! Thank you all!

First night of D6 - Sept. 2, please plan to stay for the parent meeting at 6:00.

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



Sept 1 Jennifer Kongable
Sept 2 Travis & Linnea Offerman
Sept 3 Amaryllis Zimmerman
Sept 5 Audi Zapf
Sept 6 Tony & Katie Stadheim
Glenn & Jacki Wilhelmi
Sept 7 Lynn Klett
Chad Schoch
Leah Banes
Mike & Kristine Ellson
Sept 8 Ben Sholes
Sept 10 Ryan Graham
Kollyn Hendryx
Sept 11 Ken Graham
Dan & Teresa Scheeler
Sept 12 McKenna Coppess
Michael Shuniak
Glenn Wilhelmi
Darwin & Linda Sweeting
Sept 13 Sarah Tritle
Clark Strum
Sept 14 Madison Williams
Sept 15 Ann Jacobs
Glenda Allen
Sept 16 Jordan Fuessley
Doug & Josie Berns
Jon & Haley Banes
Sept 17 Kayla Squires
Nic & Cassi Zimmerman
Nick & Lauren Evans

Sept 18 Joey & Elizabeth DeLarm
Sept 19 Tim Whitehead
Zoe Ritter
Kim Lewis
Brian & Angela Praska
Sept 20 Chris & Lindsay Butterfield
Nick & Renee Williams
Sept 21 Braden Tweeton
Hayden Covington
Aliyah Anderson
Cody & Emilie Taylor
Sept 22 Todd Mitchell
Katie Rammelsberg
Sept 23 Valerie Dufoe
Sept 24 Brandon & Jennifer Crowley
Sept 25 Stanley Marlow
Sept 26 Millie Offerman
Tony & Kylie Zimmerman
Dave & Debbie Joosten
Sept 28 Mary Grief
Jodie Ries
Kylie Zimmerman
Sue Slauson
Josie Taylor
Todd & Carolyn Mitchell
Sept 29 Tracey Taylor
Keith & Cindy Gatrost
Sept 30 Josh Dunkel
Jodi Weber
Miles Taylor