

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Dean Binnie had tests to see if he is a candidate for a heart valve procedure.
Generva Empfield was released from the hospital.
Judy Norman is going through more cardiac testing.
Gerald Poulin is receiving radiation treatments.
Janis Poulin is out of the hospital and recovering at home.
Thomas Qualls is having tests run.
Kimberly Williams was diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charles Dunn, father of Maria Williams, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
Ford Deese, friend of Betsy Pease, will have an MRI on April 13th.
Trisha Long, sister of Ollie Nolan, had biopsy & reconstructive nasal surgery.
Bob Minch, Betty Hitchcock's brother, moved to Pruitt Health.
Gwendaline Parrish, great granddaughter of Helen Harwell, health issues.
Sue Pommerville, sister of Amy Butcher, will have surgery on April 2nd.
Lois Richardson, Wendy Hohman's mother, is home and is bedridden.
Wayne Williams, Theresa McKenrick's great niece's son, born prematurely.

UPCOMING SERMONS



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

Children's Time: Pastor
Sermon: *Resurrection: Myth or Miracle*
Scripture: *John 20:1-18, 1 Corinthians 15:1-21*

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter
Children's Time: *Patricia Pace*
Sermon: *Touching the Wounds*
Scripture: *John 20:19-31*



Our Faithfulness

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| March 22: | March 29: |
| Sunday School: N/A | Sunday School: 35 |
| Worship: 102 | Worship: 106 |
| Offering: \$3,820.00 | Offering: \$6,421.00 |

THE SESSION

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| Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 | Class of 2028 |
| Pam Leckey | Margaret Harper | Mike Bradshaw |
| Thom Smith | Theresa McKenrick | Ann Gentry |
| Sidney Thurmer | Barry Shelton | Hal Hughes |

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March 30, 2026

WELCOME RODNEY AND DENISE ANDERBERG

We met in 1971 at the University of Iowa and married in 1972. We will be celebrating our 54th anniversary this July 15th. Rodney was originally from South Dakota and I was born and raised in Iowa. We have been blessed with 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Our daughter, Faith, married to Matthew (I happily had the honor of performing their marriage.) They live in Farragut as do my 2 granddaughters; Nadya and Malia. Our son, Aaron, (a retired Major from the Marine Corps) is married to Jennifer. They live in San Diego with their daughter; Kailua and 2 sons; Keenan and Jude.

Rodney is a retired contract software engineer and Denise is a newly retired pastor. We are both happy to be joining this wonderful faithful, and friendly, Christian congregation.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3/30 **Bob & Tina Silva
3/31 Hal Hughes
4/02 Don Winn



4/03 Traci Welch
4/11 Sarah Makin
**Mike & Debbie Magill
**Barry & Maria Shelton

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the last week in the season of Lent, beginning with Palm Sunday, March 29th and going through Saturday, April 4th (Holy Saturday). It is given special attention because of its significance as we remember the suffering of Christ. On **Palm Sunday**, we will remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was characterized by the crowds waving palm branches and proclaiming Jesus as the messiah (John 12:13). Our worship will begin with our children waving palm branches as they walk down the aisle of the sanctuary during the prelude. **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd** is the anniversary of the institution of the Lord's Supper, which was held the evening before the crucifixion. The name *Maundy Thursday* is taken from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning "command", referring to the "new commandment" Jesus gave us to love one another as He loved us.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE FEAST

We will have a special worship service on **Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m.** Instead of a formal worship service with Holy Communion, we will have an *Agape Feast*. This is how the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was practiced when the early Christians gathered and shared a common meal. After the meal, they would take the elements of bread and wine, bless them, and all would share the *Eucharist*, "in remembrance of Jesus." We will have a Fellowship Dinner on Maundy Thursday, and Communion elements will be on each table in the fellowship hall to be shared by those at that table following the meal. The potluck dinner will be coordinated by the Fellowship Ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let them know what you would like to share with your church family. Please join us for this special fellowship and worship opportunity!

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

Pastor Blakeburn will lead a 4 week video Bible Study on **Wednesdays April 8, 15, 22, and 29**. The video study, *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel, is a compelling, evidence-based study that examines the historical events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Drawing on expert testimony and historical sources, Strobel explores whether Jesus truly claimed to be the Son of God, whether He actually died on the cross, and how the empty tomb and eyewitness accounts support the truth of the resurrection. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

I just want to take a moment to thank all of you for being such a warm, welcoming, and supportive congregation. From the very beginning, you made me feel like I truly belonged here, and that is something I will never forget.

Your kindness, encouragement, and friendship have meant more to me than I can put into words. You have lifted me up, prayed for me, laughed with me, and made this church feel like home. I am so grateful for the time I have been able to spend here and for the relationships that I will carry long after I have gone.

Thank you for everything you've given me. I will always look back on this time with a full and thankful heart, and I pray that God continues to bless this congregation. A special thank you to Pastor Blakeburn and the women of the church, your kindness and generosity have meant so much to me, I am deeply grateful to all of you.

-Tracy "Bulldog" Dunlap

JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

The Journey Study Group is being led by Margaret Harper in a study of Romans. They are reading the book *Be Right - How to Be Right With God, Yourself and Others* by Warren W. Wiersbe. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Sunday, April 5: Live Like a King! (Romans 5)
Sunday, April 12: Dying to Live (Romans 6)

WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Carlton Harper is leading the Word Bible Study Group a study following the Spring Study Book *Being the Best for Christ: The Book of 1 Corinthians*.

Sunday, April 5: Self-Restrictions on Liberty (1 Corinthians 8:1 - 9:27)
Sunday, April 12: Cautions about Christian Liberty (1 Corinthians 10:1 -11:1)

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Maria and Mason Williams are leading the class in a study of Max Lucado's book *Make Every Day Count*. They will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room until the Library is ready.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor—*Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn*
Secretary—*Natalie Gibson* Treasurer—*Blake Shelton*
Music Director—*Amy Byrd* Pianist—*Kim Keck*
Organist—*Barbara Spence* Accompanist—*Rachelle Hall*
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