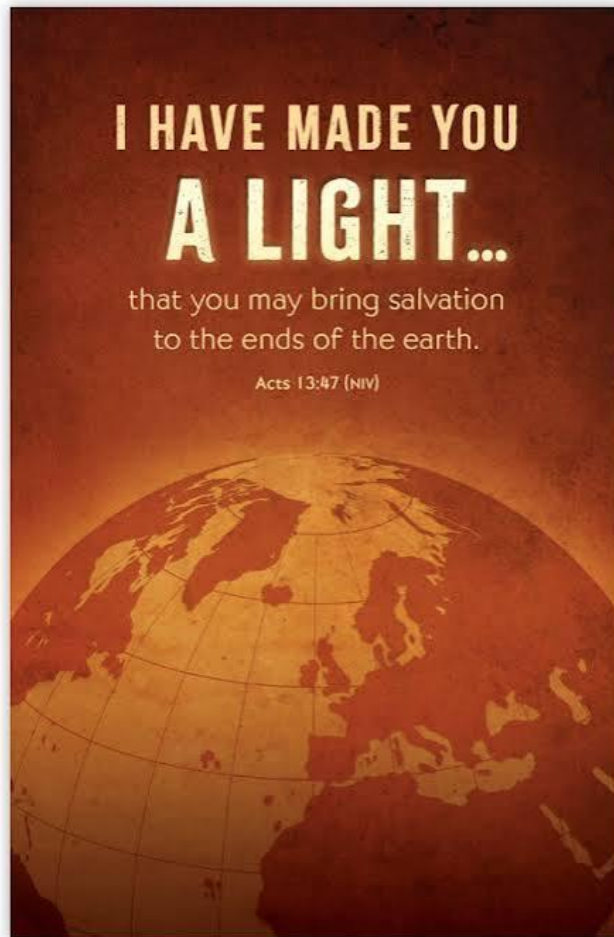




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“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:23-25

I love to grill out whenever I can. I especially love to grill in the fall and winter. I do most of my grilling during this time frame because it's less miserable than in the summer. The heat of the grill doesn't overwhelm me because the outside remains cool and there absolutely no flies to bother me—especially in the winter! I grill with charcoal. For charcoal to be effective, it must remain together. The individual coals keep each other warm. Every once in a while, I remove a blazing charcoal from the rest of the bunch and find that it cools in about 30 minutes while the rest continue to blaze for hours afterwards. In the group, each piece of charcoal maintains temperature. Apart, their light goes out rather quickly and they lose their warmth and purpose.

There's a lesson in this concerning building up believers. It is difficult—and I would contend, near impossible—to build each other up if we are not present together. Current technology and tools for communication make it possible to connect with one another across the globe, but they cannot replace being present with one another. When we are apart, we begin to lose our spiritual vibrancy and energy because we are dealing with temptations, the troubles of the world, and life's disappointments on our own. God made us to be in relationship with each other. There is no such thing as lone-wolf Christianity.

This is why the above verses call us to be committed to meeting together. Gathering together in any format we can—Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, small groups, etc.—give us the opportunity to “stir up one another to love and good works” as the above verses call us to. It can be difficult to love one another, so we help each other to live this out in our lives. It can be difficult and sometimes fearful to engage in the works that God has prepared for us—so we help each other to accomplish them. We are individual pieces of charcoal keeping each other warm, alive, and fulfilling our purpose.

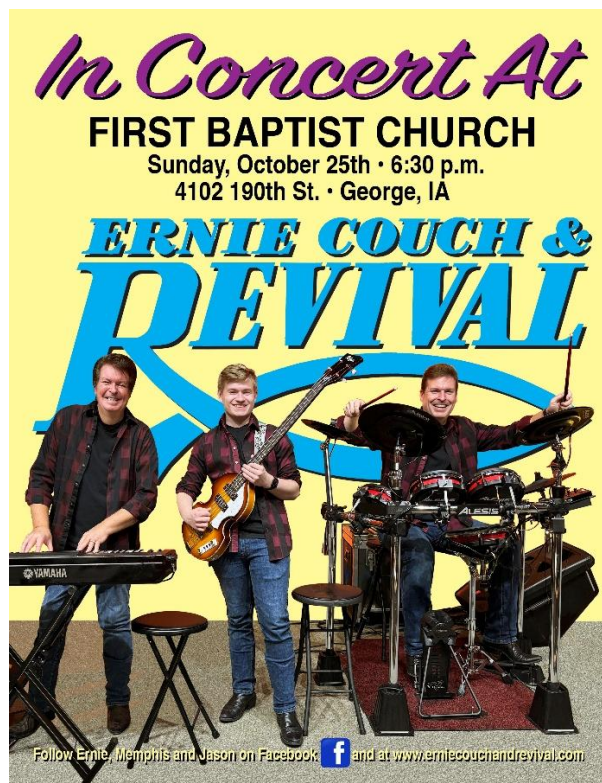
But we can't do this if we don't spend time together. We can't build each other up when we're apart. Now, it's true that when we feel down, guilty, or ashamed, we want to isolate. But it's precisely in those moments that we need to come together. It's only in gathering together that we can encourage one another. This is what the verses above say—don't neglect meeting together, BUT encourage one another. Building up believers happens when we're together.

This month, commit to gather with other believers. On our own, we will falter. Together, we will help and support each other. We can show the love and grace of Christ and remind each other of the truth. We can build up believers.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, October 4 Steve & Anna Jean Schneiderman	Sunday, October 4 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, October 4 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, October 11 Janice Schneidermann	Sunday, October 11 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, October 11 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, October 18 Dennis & Gracia Schrick	Sunday, October 18 Ruby Deweese	Sunday, October 18 Kayla Reck
Sunday, October 25 Nolan & Gwen Kooiker	Sunday, October 25 Judy Eben	Sunday, October 25 Abby Kramer





- You're invited out for an evening of worship led by the Sternke family on Saturday, October 3rd starting at 6:30p. Let's lift our voices in adoration and praise of Christ.
- There will be an Advisory Board meeting on Sunday, October 4, at 5:30 pm. We will be picking the nominating committee, so please be present!
- Little Rock EMS Chili Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 18, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Little Rock City Hall (location change). Free Will Donation. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate, you may give your donation to Crystal deBoer. Little Rock EMS does not bill patients and is funded through donations only!
- On October 18 @ 6pm, Faith Baptist, Central Baptist, and First Baptist will join together for a "Rethinking the Abortion Issue" event. We will gather at Faith Baptist church in Rock Rapids to hear from Zach Dieken as he shares his understanding on the Abortion Abolition movement.
- Pick up an Operation Christmas Child box in the Fellowship Hall and fill it with items that will bring joy to a child this Christmas. Please pack your own box and return it to the church by Sunday, November 15. We will also be having a soup and pie lunch on that collection Sunday!



October	1	Kasey deBoer Doug DeBoer
	2	Ava deBoer
	3	Jodi DeGroot
	10	Marci Jones
	12	Arianna Olson
	16	Kory Hayenga
	17	Anna Jean Schneiderman
	20	Isaac Kooiker Dustin Reck
	22	Stacie DeBoer Maria Macias Chloe Sternke
	24	Ada Schneiderman
	28	Rita Busse Roger Jurrens Beau Kramer
	30	Jesse Sternke
	31	Daniel Kramer



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Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement and for all of your condolences following my brother's death. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring church. In Christ love, Trisha Jacobson

Thank you so much for your prayers and flowers. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Blessings, Mike (& Diane) Schulte

First Baptist Women,

Please join us on **Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 PM** as we come together to pack chemo bags for those going through cancer treatment. 💕

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- Travel-size hand lotion
- Small notebooks for journaling
- Travel-size tissues
- Travel-size hand sanitizer
- Chapstick
- Small devotional books
- Inspirational markers
- Band-Aids
- Inspirational bookmarks
- Adult coloring books
- Rolls of mints

Please have all donated items at the church by October 11. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for helping us share encouragement, comfort, and love with those who need it most. 💕

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 6:30 PM Worship Night
4 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Advisory Bd Mtg (pick nominating committee) 6:30 PM Discipleship U	5	6	7 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	8	9	10 Youth Group to Thunder Road
11 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U	12	13 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting 6:30 PM Ladies Night Cancer Bags	14 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	15	16	17
18 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Mixed Choir 6:00 PM Evening of Abolition	19	20	21 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Bell Choir 6:30 PM EC&R Concert	26	27	28 5:00 PM Bread of Life 6:30 PM Awana 7:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	29	30	31