



# FBC Focus

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## Upcoming Events

### MAY

- 21 Graduation Recognition
- 28 Begin Summer Schedule
  - 9:00 AM - Worship
  - 10:00 AM - Fellowship Time
  - 10:30 AM - Sunday School

### JUNE

- 12-16 Vacation Bible School
- 23-25 Camping Weekend

### JULY

- 23-29 Camp Daniel Mission Trip

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## Youth, adults invited on mission trip

By Pastor Georgie Filber

In July 2016, a group of eight FBCers made the trek to the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Scared, worried and afraid of what the week had in store for them, they took the plunge and followed through on their commitment to serve at Camp Daniel.

They survived days one, two and three. Resisting the urge to steal the van and head back home, they lived to see another day. On day four, a change was happening that only God could bring about. In no specific way, the campers began to minister to the seven tired counselors. Those with “disabilities” began to have an impact on the seven “with no apparent disability.”

During days four, five and six, the hearts of the seven began to open and change and grow in a way that only the Lord could do. The counselors were taught, blessed, and ministered to by the campers in an incredible way throughout the rest of the week.

The eight returned to the corn fields of Iowa with joy in their heart. Knowing that what happened during that scary, tiring and challenging week could only have been done by God. Thinking they would serve, teach and give to their campers, the opposite was true. The seven received, learned and were ministered to far and beyond what

they gave. Promising to go back in 2017, the dates are now set and plans are in motion for the return trip. Join them, if you dare.

### Camp Daniel Mission Trip

**Who:** Open to anyone 14 and older

**Dates:** July 23-29

**Location:** Northeast Wisconsin

**Positions:**

- **Counselor** – anyone age 18+  
These adults will have one camper to care for during their week of camp.
- **Counselor In Training** – age 14-17  
These students will have a camper to care for who is typically very high functioning.
- **Support Crew** – anyone age 14+  
Support crew helps with kitchen work, cleaning, game and event setup/tear down, and any other task as needed. This person is not responsible for a camper.

**Cost:** \$160 for students ages 14-17 (\$180 if paid after May 31). Make checks payable to FBC and then FBC will send one check to Camp Daniel. \*\*Camp Daniel asks adults to consider a donation of \$160 to help cover cost but it is not required. \*\* Registration Deadline: May 30th

**How to register:** Online registration at [www.campdaniel.org/volunteers/app](http://www.campdaniel.org/volunteers/app). Our group name is “Oskaloosa – Fellowship Bible.” When it asks for others in your group, list “Georgie Filber.” Be sure to designate Week 4 – July 23-29. All applications must be submitted online. If you need help, ask a teenager.

**Background Check:** Pick up and fill out a Background Check form from the church office and return it to the church office before May 30. In order for Camp Daniel to accept your background check, it must be performed in the current year.



# Called to be holy

By Pastor Rodney De Ronde

Kitty and I celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary April 25. Except for the times we've visited the Netherlands, all of those years together have been spent a thousand plus miles separated from Kitty's family. So, it was a very special to have Kitty's parents spend most of April with us.

But all good things must come to an end. As the dreaded time for them to leave drew closer, we started playing the "blame game." I'm not sure who initiated it, but someone jokingly (I think) made the comment it was my fault for taking Kitty away from her country and forcing us to have to go through these painful goodbyes. Being the good wife she is, Kitty took responsibility by reminding us it was because she said yes. Being the good husband that I am, I tried to remove the blame by laying it on my father-in-law, who I argued was the one who gave me permission to marry his daughter. Whoever was ultimately to blame (I should probably own some), the fact remains that when Kitty accepted the call to marry me, her life, and mine too, would never be the same. Our lives would change in very real and tangible ways. It was understood and expected when she said "ja" (yes) to my invitation to marry me it would include leaving her country and family. People would have found it odd and sad if when I left Holland she chose to stay.

During our annual "leaders' retreat" this past February, we spent some time measuring ourselves and FBC against the standard of holiness. That's a word I realized, to my shame, I don't use a lot when we're together on Sundays as a church. Yet, by definition it's what sets God apart from everything in creation. It's what drives us away from Him in fear, but also draws us closer to Him in love, worship, dependence and wonder.

Astonishingly, in 1 Peter 1:15 we are told, "but as He who called you is holy, be holy in all your conduct." Peter isn't saying we should strive to be gods,

but He is saying we should be markedly different than the world and from what we were like before He called us. For a person to continue to live like a single after they committed before God and men to live as a couple is something most people wouldn't accept. That's not how it's supposed to work. But how often do we accept not being holy or growing in holiness even though we supposedly say we are a Christian? Being a Christian in name only isn't something any of us should be OK or comfortable with. If we're not growing in holiness, we're not growing.

This summer we're going to take a break from our series in Matthew to spend some time in 1 Peter. We'll be taking a close look at what Peter has to say about what it means to be holy. And just as importantly, what is the foundation and source for becoming holy. The short answer simply is: God makes us holy. What I think we'll find, what I pray we learn, is while holiness is a serious pursuit, it's one filled with purpose and joy as we're drawn closer to our holy King and Savior. How can we not be changed? Be prepared to be changed.

**This Summer - Beginning May 28**



**ONE WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM - Sunday School**

## Family class resumes this summer

By Rick Johnson, CE Deacon

Once again, we are offering a family Sunday School learning experience this summer for kids in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. It is designed to give our faithful teachers a well-deserved break for the summer, as well as an opportunity for parents to participate in the discipleship of their children.

We will be looking at Joshua to Samuel in the Old Testament historical books (possibly going into Kings and Chronicles). We will use the *What's in the Bible* videos, which are solid doctrinally and emphasize our

need for and God's provision of a Rescuer. There will be activities the younger ones will need help with, so parents are asked to attend.

One new thing this summer is we will include a few sessions about creation, dinosaurs, the age of the earth, and other related issues that we and our kids are bombarded with regularly in school, the news, children's literature, etc. We have a fun video that all will enjoy as their faith is being bolstered. Hope you will plan on being involved with your family!



**VBS • JUNE 12 - 16**

**8:45 AM - NOON • Entering K - 6th Grade**

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Registration is available on our website. A few volunteers are still needed. Talk to Kim Thompson or Amie Roberts if you can help.

## Sign up for summer activities

Be sure to grab a copy of the May 7 bulletin which will highlight numerous activities available in coming months at FBC. Here are a few:

### 2x4 Groups

Sign up now for 2x4s which are groups of singles, couples and families who meet together for social outings to become more acquainted with others in the church family. Register at FBC or online.

### Camping Outing

A campout is planned for June 23-25 at Lake Red Rock

Howell Station. The cost is \$20/night and you can sign up at the Connection Center or our website. If you have questions, talk to Shawna Goemaat.

### Church Softball

The Oskaloosa church softball league will start in June. Sign up at the Connection Center or online to participate in men's and/or co-ed teams. Games are usually one night per week, with co-ed on Mondays and men's on other weeknights. If you have questions, contact Ben Drost or Tom Jenkinson.

## Overseas trips planned

Please be in prayer for two members of the FBC family who have short-term summer mission trips planned.

Andrew Jensen will serve with Engineering Ministries International (EMI) in Niger, Africa, during the first two weeks of June. He will be working to develop a site plan for the

CURE (cure.org) Christian children's hospital in the capital city of Niamey.

Riley Coniglio will again be working at East Iowa Bible Camp and will travel with Emmaus to Spain July 5-17. His team will help with an English camp for children and do some street evangelism.

## News from the Elders

### Building Project

The building project of a multi-purpose structure on the southeast corner of the property continues to move forward. The church is currently working with the city to make sure all site plan requirements can be met.

One of the city requirements is adequate off-street parking. Parking at neighboring businesses can count towards FBC's parking numbers, and the church is currently seeking parking agreements with some neighbors.

The committee and Elders appreciate everyone's prayers and patience with this process.

### Youth Pastor Search

A committee has been formed to begin the search process for a new student ministries pastor and will begin meeting soon.

Those on the committee are: Pastor Rodney, Jerry De Boef (Elder), Ben Drost (Elder), Ryan Klyn (Deacon), Kitty De Ronde and Shannon Johnson. Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee with questions or suggestions.

Pastor Georgie Filber will remain on staff part time until the beginning of August. He has started working at Meals from the Heartland in West Des Moines.

Please be in prayer for the committee as they search for the man God has for this position, and be in prayer for the Filber family's transition to the new position.

## Welcome Class

If you are new to FBC in the last year or desire to become a member, you are invited to the Welcome to FBC Class.

The class is designed to give an overview of the FBC's beliefs, history and leadership. It will be held June 11, 18 and 25 during Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Watch for a sign-up sheet in coming weeks.