

Seeing is Believing

Christmas Eve Service

Highlights by Candlelight December 24 6PM & 9PM

Picturing the glorious aspects of the birth of Jesus in a relaxed candlelight atmosphere.

Franklin Hall

Welcome to First Federated Church!
We're glad you're here.



We desire to partner with you to develop a personal relationship with Jesus that inspires you to love God, connect with and serve others. We recognize that your spiritual journey will have many steps.

To help you discover the pace and process that fits you, we encourage you to join us regularly on Sunday mornings.

Here you'll find:

- People from all walks of life
- A welcoming environment allowing you to connect with others
- Teaching that is encouraging, challenging and relevant
- A blend of inspiring music that appeals to a variety of tastes
- Activities for children, youth, and adults of all ages

Regardless of who you are or where you've come from, we encourage you to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining us on Sunday.

Mike Rose, Senior Pastor



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

At First Federated, children and families are important! Our children's ministries provide opportunities for children birth-4th grade to be taught, loved and introduced to the God who created them. From a very young age our children learn Bible stories that clearly show how much God loves all of us and desires to have a relationship with us. We want our kids to experience God's love in the way we care for and treasure each one. We have policies in place that will assure you that your child will be cared for in a safe and nurturing environment so the focus can be on **LEARNING ABOUT JESUS!**



We consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to assist you with the spiritual training of your child!

Sunday Mornings

9:15AM & 10:45AM—Ongoing
Nursery | Preschool | Elementary

Wednesday Evenings

6:30–8:00PM | During the School Year | September–April
Nursery | Preschool (Puggles & Bible Buddies) | Elementary (Awana)

Other Ministries for our Families

G.E.M. (Great Expectations Ministry)
Kideo Video
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
Parent/Child Dedication



Got Questions?

For more information about our children's or preteen ministries or other opportunities for your family, please visit the Children's Ministry registration station on Sunday mornings

or contact the Children's Ministry Office at 515.255.2122 or children@FirstFederated.org.

THE PRETEEN MINISTRY 5TH & 6TH GRADE

The preteen years are exciting and challenging! This can be a crossroads time for life and faith decisions. Kids are developing independent thinking skills and really have lots of great questions.

XTREME

Xtreme is a place where preteens can examine and prove their own Xtreme faith. Dedicated leaders are committed to help equip parents and their preteens to discover a faith that shines 24/7 for Jesus Christ. Teaching, small group experiences, music and fun games create a "can't miss" experience for preteens.

Come check it out for yourself!

Sunday Mornings

Xtreme AM | 9:15–10:30
Family Worship | 10:45AM–12:00

Wednesday Nights

Xtreme PM | 6:30–8PM
September 10–April 29



Got Questions?

Contact Sherri Stufflebeem
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OUTSIDE THESE WALLS



Missions and Outreach

In obedience to Christ's mandate in Mark 16:15–16 and the vision of FFC, the Missions ministry purposes to win people to Christ through global evangelization by encouraging and coordinating participation in local and international missions ministries. The Missions Council, which is comprised of lay volunteers and leaders, promotes and coordinates opportunities to serve.

Short Term Opportunities

Have you ever thought about taking your vacation to see how God can use your gifts and talents? If you have an interest, questions, or ideas please contact John Porter. We have opportunities right here in Des Moines, around the U.S. or globally to work alongside some of our missionaries.

International

First Federated Church currently provides financial support to over 50 different missionary families. Of those, approximately 60% are serving on foreign fields and the rest are state-side in a variety of administrative, evangelistic and equipping ministries. In addition to these missionary families, we also work with a number of local missions organizations, such as Child Evangelism Fellowship, Prison Fellowship, Door of Faith Mission, and Good Samaritan Urban Ministries.



Got Questions?

Contact John Porter
Director of Missions & Outreach
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STUDENT MINISTRIES 7TH-12TH GRADE

Heirborn?

What does that mean???

According to God's awesome Word, as children of God through faith in

Christ we are heirs or inheritors of God's promises and, most importantly, the promise of eternal life. (Rom 8:17; Gal 3:29; 4:7) The leadership of Heirborn Student Ministries strive to continue Christ's command to make students into disciples of Him.



Sunday Morning Impact

9:15-10:30AM | Back Door

Wednesday Night Small Groups

6:30-8:00PM | Back Door

Hangtime

Sunday Evenings | Specific locations as scheduled

Other Teen Ministries

Student Ministry Teams
Mission Opportunities



Got Questions?

Contact Michael Howland
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COLLEGE MINISTRY

Sundays at 9:15AM

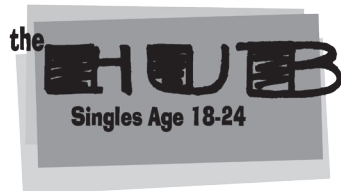
Worship, Fellowship, and Relevant Teaching
First Federated Church | Room 244

Sundays at 7:15PM

Food and Random Fun
Various Locations

Mondays at 7PM | Bible Studies

Girls meet at Friedrichs Coffee, 4632 86th, in Urbandale.



Got Questions?

Contact Curt DeGraaff
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515.255.2122

ADULT MINISTRIES

Connect with a Group

A wonderful way to develop lasting relationships here at FFC is to join one of the many groups we offer. We have both short- and long-term groups. These groups meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM—our Adult Bible Fellowships, Wednesday nights here at FFC, as well as other times during the week.

Foundation Series...

providing the foundation on which to build your spiritual life.

Fellowship Class Elective

Fellowship is an important part of the DNA of the Church. If you are not ALREADY A part of the vibrant community of faith here at First Federated Church, this class is for you!



The first three weeks of this elective cover the responsibilities and rewards of membership at FFC. This portion will be held on three Sunday evenings—January 11, 18 & 25, 6:00-7:00PM, in Room 108.

The following 5 weeks are focused on a study of how God has shaped you to be an active contributing member of His church. These five sessions will be held on Sunday mornings—February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, at 9:15AM, also in Room 108.

If you are interested in learning more about FFC and discovering how God has equipped you for ministry, sign up for this class!

Sunday Mornings

Adult Bible Fellowships

By Age

The HUB (ages 18-24)
The Channel (ages 25-35)
Connections (born in the 1970's)
Homebuilders (born in the 1960's)
Cornerstone (born in the 1950's)
Galilean (born in the 1930's)
Immanuel (born in the 1930's)
Friendly Fellowship (born in the 1920's)
W.H.O. (born before the 1920's)

Any Age

Women
Men
Worship Team
Prayer
Ecclesiastes
Ezra
Koinonia

During the Week

Monday Nights

Alpha

Weekday

Women in the Word
Beth Moore class

Small Groups

New groups forming in February!

Wednesday Nights

Prayer Community
Bible Study Methods
Women: Falling in Love with Jesus
Women: Living in Love with Jesus
Men: Quest for Authentic Manhood
Men: Winning at Work & Home



Got Questions?

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Develop a growing relationship with God through worship! Something special happens when we come together to increase our love for God, passion for Jesus and dependence on the Holy Spirit through inspiring worship and dynamic biblical teaching. We offer three distinct environments in which to connect with God in worship:

Traditional Service

Sundays | 8-9:00AM | Auditorium

Our Traditional Service features traditional hymns accompanied by piano and organ along with occasional special music. In a more formal setting, this service also offers a thorough exposition of God's word each week.

Celebration Service

***Sundays | 10:45AM-12:00 | Auditorium**

In our Celebration Service you will experience a worship service for all ages. This includes a mixture of music styles past and present, a worship band and regular drama elements. This relaxed environment attracts a mix of generations, creating a strong family atmosphere, ideally suited for a solid time of teaching from the Bible.

The River at FFC

***Sundays | 10:45AM-12:00 | Franklin Hall (Chapel)**

The River at FFC is a service that will help you focus on experiencing God's love. The inviting atmosphere, contemporary music and relevant messages will touch you at the heart level. At the River you will be actively involved in a worship experience that allows you to connect with God and with others in a life transforming way.

*Nursery Provided



Thursday, January 29 | 7:00PM
First Federated Church
 48th & Franklin Ave | Des Moines, Iowa
 Tickets: \$18 per person

For tickets send *self addressed stamped envelope* to:
 Unique Tours, 5926 N. Winwood Dr., Johnston, IA 50131
 For more information call 515.331.4602

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Meal

Fellowship Hall | 5-6:15PM

Children (age 2-12) \$2 | Adults \$3 | Family \$10

Make reservations on the Care & Communication Card or call the church office before noon on Mondays.

Dec 24 & 31: No Wednesday Night Meal.

Meals resume January 7, 2009

2009 Vision for Ministry

Sunday, January 11

9:15am Groups for all ages

10:45am Combined Worship | Auditorium

(Nursery, Preschool, KZ Church)

December

Building Closed (<i>Christmas</i>)	25
Regular 9:15 Sunday Activities Resume	28
Combined Year-end Worship Service (<i>Auditorium Combined Service 10:45AM</i>)	28
No Regular Wednesday Night Activities (<i>Christmas Break</i>)	31

January

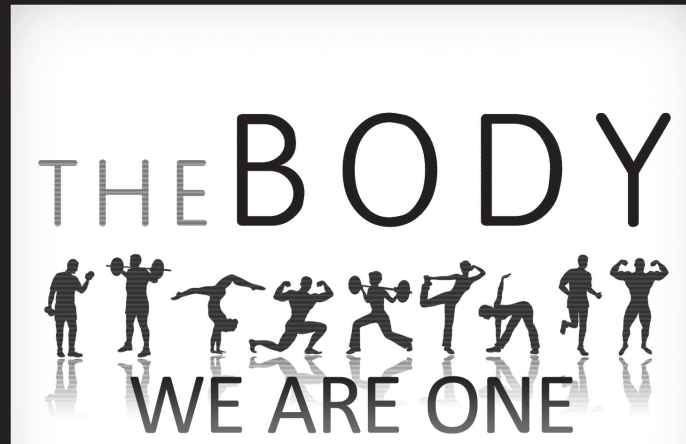
Building Closed (<i>New Year's</i>)	1
Combined 2009 Kick Off Worship Service (<i>Auditorium Combined Service 10:45AM</i>)	4
Women in the Word Resumes	6
Regular Wednesday Night Activities Resume	7
Combined 2009 Vision for Ministry (<i>Auditorium Combined Service 10:45AM</i>)	11
Moody Chorale (<i>Traditional & Celebration Services</i>)	18

February

FFC Board Elections	22
Alpha Begins (<i>Backdoor 6:00-8:30PM</i>)	23

March

Daylight Savings Time Begins	8
Congregational Meeting	29



1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

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