

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Jim Mead

August 16, 2026

Prelude  
Song I am Who You Say I Am  
Song He Keeps me Singing  
Welcome and Opportunities  
Song Better is One Day  
Worship in Giving \*\*  
Scripture: Acts 1:12 – 26  
Message: Being Prepared to be Effective  
Closing Song: Family of God  
Postlude

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## PRAYER REMINDERS

Genevieve Ferrari, Judy Paulson, Lynn Conklin, Virginia Carlson, Matthew Bergman, Dave Mead, Paul Clark, Gary Pruismann, Violet O’Neal, Chris Bauer, Karen Richey, Doran Erickson, Lydia Dozier, Chad Mohr, Sue Bergman, Doug Miller, Dodie Flockhart, Morgan Jensen

**Holding the Rope for:** Jamie Strandberg  
Converge  
Mexico

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| MONDAY &<br>WEDNESDAY | 12:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | Broadcast of our worship service<br>on Cable Channel 14 |
| SEPTEMBER 14          | 1:00 p.m.               | Ladies’ Fellowship                                      |
| SEPTEMBER 27          |                         | Hymn Stories:<br>Great is Thy Faithfulness              |
| OCTOBER 7             | 6:00 p.m.               | CIA/WL4G                                                |
| DECEMBER 20           | 10:00 a.m.              | Family Christmas                                        |

\*\*Online giving available on our website and Facebook Page.

Ministry void of love equals no ministry...

What does it look like for our daily lives to revolve around Christ? That does not mean that we look for Mary in our toast, or images of Jesus in the water stains on the sidewalk; it means that everything we do, every day of our lives is filtered through this lens: does this reflect Jesus to others. That begins as we put His church in the center of our everyday lives.

“When the Method of Worship becomes more important than the Person of Worship, we have already Prostituted our Worship...” – Judson Cornwall

“If you’ve ever said, ‘I didn’t get anything out of worship today,’ you worshiped for the wrong reason. Worship isn’t for you, it’s for God.” – Rick Warren

## Being Prepared to be Effective

**Scripture:** Acts 1:12 – 26

**Proposition:** Be prepared to minister effectively ...

### I. Be prepared in Control

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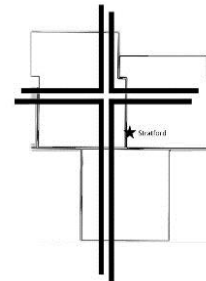
### III. Be prepared in Commitment



*“...Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven...”*

*Acts 1:11*

## Being Prepared to be Effective in Minsitry



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