

Celebrate EASTER

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FBCO

NEWSLETTER

Our Mission: Drawing our communities and world into a deeper relationship with God.

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Church Office Hours
Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am - Noon

SAVE THE DATE

3/16 - Cookies for Center of Grace
3/19 - Quarterly Business Meeting
3/26 - SENT Conference Rally
4/1 - Eggstravaganza
4/6 - Maundy Thursday
4/7 - Good Friday
4/9 - Easter Sunday
6/24 - SENT Conference

SENT Conference - A New Way of Thinking

Mark your calendars for two inspiring events. On June 24 we will host the Sent Conference. Perhaps you've heard mention of a book entitled Sent. It's changed our thinking about what it means to be a disciple and to make disciples since Jesus has given us this mission, individually and as a church.

It's simple. It's practical. We think it can fun and a spiritual adventure. It's not just for evangelism types. It's not scary at all. It's for introverts and extroverts. You get to be who you are!

God has given us the vision and opportunity to invite the authors, Ashley and Heather Holleman, to speak in our church June 24 at a one day conference. They will share tools and tips on living a life that invites others to Jesus.

Date No. 1 for your calendar is June 24. More info to come. **Date No. 2** is March 26. After the worship service, we are having a rally for our church to enthuse you to attend June 24, to inform you to be "ambassadors" and, to invite your friends who are followers of Jesus. We'll have a quick dinner and then share the vision and opportunity God has given to our church. We plan to be finished about 1:30 pm.

We don't want you to miss these events as God is working around us and invites us to join His work.
Dick and Jan Sipe

Featured Members



JANET DEMPSIE

Janet grew up on a dairy farm in Pine River, Minnesota. Beginning in kindergarten, she rode a school bus. Through the years on the bus this boy, named Ted was a real tease. She proudly wore the beautiful gown, her mother made, to Prom on the arm of the boy who was such a tease. The year following high school the two were married. Not many people could say they knew their spouse almost all their lives.

Raised a Lutheran, Janet has blessed us all at FBCO with her precious faith and Godly attitude. She has served in ABW as president, both the circle and general level. The beautiful banners that hang in the sanctuary were made with love by her and dear friend Dee Schmidt. She "lives" for the Annual Bazaar. It is her favorite activity at church. Janet is a crafter extraordinaire. Janet used to sew but finds paper crafting to suit her now. She works on projects all year until they are delivered and neatly displayed for sale. Janet served as secretary at FBCO for three years.

Janet is a reader having been a book club. Her favorite book of late is Where the Crawdads Sing. She will even keep her favorite books and go back for another read. Her two adult children live close. She enjoys Ted's cooking. She likes to bake, but a Double Stuff Oreo will satisfy her sweet tooth.



BERNARD TENKU

Bernard has lived on three continents. His native language is French but is fluent in English and Russian. Born in Cameroon in Central Africa. He lived in a compound where his Father was pastor. Bernard attended elementary, high school and two years of college. He played defender in soccer and was in the running club.

He spent 12 years in the Ukraine for more study. He returned to his native Cameroon with hope to find work in the field that he had spent much time preparing. God had other plans for Bernard, his wife and two sons. With green card in hand he and the family came to the United States. He had a Master's degree in telecommunications and needed more education to be certified in IT. Sadly, Bernard hasn't been able to find his friends make in Ukraine during this time of war.

The married father of now three lives the life of an American father running to his children's activities.

Bernard has lived in the US since 2013 and has only been home twice. It was difficult when his mother became ill and passed. He was able to be with her for his final good -bye. His father influenced him to trust God, work hard, study, secure a job by doing the right things. We are blessed that Bernard followed the teachings of his father and the wisdom of his Savior. If you haven't met him, be sure you speak to this man so full of joy.



PETER DAWS

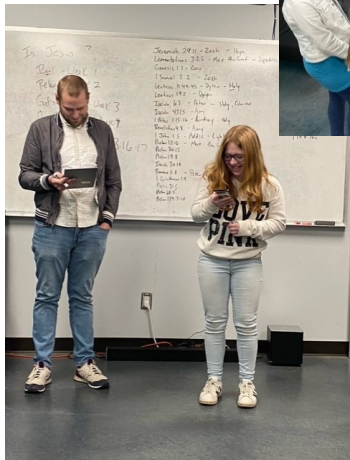
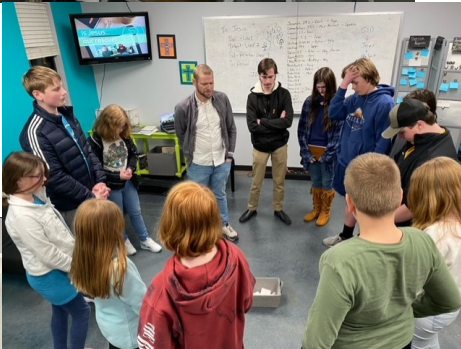
BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Peter Daws is 11 years old and is in sixth grade. He goes to Indian Trail Middle School. Peter's favorite subject in school is math. He lives in Olathe with his mom Chrystal, dad Matt, and sister Audrey, who all work together serving coffee at Cafe 18:20. Along with helping in the cafe Peter sometimes works with Children's Ministry downstairs, and loves going to youth group.

Peter enjoys scouting, which he does with his Dad. He is in Troop 85 which is chartered at FBC Olathe. He's looking forward to going to Chicago on spring break with the scouts. He recently went on the Trappers Campout, which is a trading and bartering event, where he got a soccer ball trophy. He has been in Troop 85 for two years, and is a Tenderfoot rank currently. He has gotten six merit badges so far.

Peter has two cats named Logan and Smokie. He has lived in Lenexa and Olathe, and has been at FBC Olathe for about 7 years. Peter's favorite music is Nathan Evan's sea shanties. He loves to sleep, and pepperoni pizza is his favorite food. Some of Peter's best memories are going to Great Wolf Lodge and moving to his new house in Olathe with his family.

A Night of Youth Ministry



The season of Lent is time Prayer Focus Ourselves and Family

Here are the daily prayer.

Day 15 – Friday, March 10th

Pray that God would make plain the ways He is calling us to share Him with the World. Read: Luke 9:1-27

Day 16 – Saturday, March 11 - Pray that God would show you one person in our church He is calling you to bless.

Read: Luke 9:28-62

Day 17 – Monday, March 13 - Pray that God would bring new people to Christ through FBC Olathe.

Read: Luke 10:1-42

Day 18 – Tuesday, March 14 - Pray that God would bring a deeper understanding of Scripture to FBC Olathe.

Read: Luke 11:1-28

Day 19 – Wednesday, March 15 - Pray that leaders in the next generation would step forward and encouraged as they do. Read: Luke 11:29-54

Day 20 – Thursday, March 16 - Pray that we would be driven by the Spirit of the Living God rather than a Spirit of Fear. Read: Luke 12:1-32

Day 21 – Friday, March 17 - Pray that God would show you ways to bless your neighbors. Read: Luke 12:33-59

Day 22 – Saturday, March 18 - Pray that God would reveal himself to your neighbors during this season of Lent. Read: Luke 13:1-35

Church Finances January 2023

General checking \$335,960.05
 Wells Fargo - general \$484,591.53
 Wells Fargo - Legacy Fund \$289,716.05

Grand Pads \$1,945
 Brazilian Grant \$2,450
 Reshaping Grant \$3,350
 PS Grant 2 \$84,725.01

Expenses \$34,306.00
 Revenue \$30,129.00 = -\$4,177.00

Thank you to everyone who continues to tithe. Contact Deb Ruse, Treasurer, (913) 206 6342 if you have any questions.



Wednesday Night Prayer & Praise 7PM to 8PM

February Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- Researching repair or replace of ice maker
- May add parking lot cameras to security system.
- Office/nursery location swap almost done.

From the Pastor

Dear FBC Olathe family,

I want to begin by thanking you all for the opportunity to attend the C3 conference this last month in Dallas Texas. It was a true blessing. It just so happens that because of parent teacher conferences and the Chiefs Super Bowl win I was able to take Emerson with me. She had the option of joining me for the adult program or taking advantage of the kid's time. I was so glad when she chose to hang out with me. We ended up having some great conversations over the content during the breaks.

The C3 conference, or Creative Church Conference, was celebrating their 25th year in existence. It is based out of Fellowship Church in Grapevine, TX. While at the conference we were able to experience an impactful musical drama that was conceived of by their youth, Youth Ministry Leadership Team, and Worship Ministry Team. In a very creative way, the message conveyed the impact that social media is having on our youth. It was a cry for help. A statement from youth about their confusion of who they are being called to be. For me, as a parent, it was a wakeup call. It seems that social media when overused can be harmful.

But it's not all bad. Even more recently I was reminded that Social media can also be used to communicate positive stories. We can choose to share the truth of the Gospel in a more far-reaching way than you or I could on our own. During this season of Lent we have posted our daily prayer and Scripture readings on Facebook and Instagram. While our current social media footprint is small, our Lenten posts have reached folks states away.

While you may not be able to travel across the country or feel comfortable to share God's story with people you don't know, social media provides you with the opportunity to do just that. Join me in making sure that people see more about God. More about His love, kindness, goodness, and care for them. Let's flood the spaces with the story of God's truth. As a simple way to do this I would encourage you to help us grow our social media footprint by liking, commenting, and subscribing to our pages and posts. This is an easy way to share God's good story about His Son and what He is doing at FBC Olathe.

Be Blessed, Be a Blessing,

Pastor Reed

Prayer's continued

Our communities

Day 23 – Monday, March 20 - Pray for the schools in your neighborhood. Read: Luke 14:1-35

Day 24 – Tuesday, March 21 - Pray for the churches in your neighborhood. Luke 15:1-32

Day 25 – Wednesday, March 22 - Pray for those experiencing homelessness in our community. Luke 16:1-31

Day 26 – Thursday, March 23 - Pray for those struggling with addiction in our community.
Luke 17:1-37

Day 27 – Friday, March 24 - Pray for those who are chronically underfed in our community. Luke 18:1-17

Day 28 – Saturday, March 25 - Pray for first responders in our community. Luke 18:18-43

Day 29 – Monday, March 26 - Pray for the elders in our community. Luke 19:1-28

Day 30 – Tuesday, March 27 - Pray for employers in our community. Luke 19:29-48

The World

Day 31 – Wednesday, March 28 - Pray for those in suffer from natural disasters. Luke 20:1-26

Day 32 – Thursday, March 29
Pray for those who are living in war zones. Luke 20:27-47

Day 33 – Friday, March 30 - Pray for those who are chronically malnourished. Luke 21:1-38

Day 34 – Saturday, April 1 - Pray for our Global Servants.
Luke 22:1-23

Day 35 – Monday, April 3 - Pray for world leaders. Luke 22:24-53

Day 36 – Tuesday, April 4 - Pray that the Gospel would change hearts and minds. Luke 22:54-71

Day 37 – Wednesday, April 5 - Pray for victims of human trafficking. Luke 23:1-31

Day 38 – Thursday, April 6 - Pray for those experiencing racism. Luke 23:32-56

Day 39 – Friday, April 7 - Pray for those living with inadequate housing. Luke 24:1-27

Day 40 – Friday, April 8 - Pray that the world would come to know the love of God. Luke 24:28-53