

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy October, Church Family! I hope each of you are doing well. We have had a lot coming at you over the last month. You may feel like you are drinking from a hydrant. Last month we began the process of sharing where we believe God is leading us in 2027. Beginning on September 18th our sermons have helped us to reflect on our guiding documents. On that same day I began an equip class to discuss our Mission, Core Values and Vision. Our midweek messages have been tailored to help you understand how those can impact your life. Late last week you received a letter that described the weekly as well as yearly cycle and introduced you to our Stewardship Campaign.

On September 25th, at a special congregational meeting, the diaconate brought a motion before the congregation regarding staffing. In short, our staffing plan is to add four part-time positions - Director of Worship Arts, Director of Next Gen Ministries, Administrative Assistant to the Lead Pastor, and Custodian. As part of the staffing plan, we will budget these positions beginning next year. We will also set aside proceeds from the sale of the Gardner property to ensure that we will be able to keep our obligations to the staff members for the first two years.

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SAVE THE DATES

- 10/8 - Serve Workshop
- 10/15 - ABW Bazaar
- 10/16 - Bridal Shower for Camilla Wood
- 10/22 - Serve Workshop
- 10/23 - Ministry Fair


Trunk or Treat

- 10/26 - Chili cookoff 5:30
- 10/26 - Costume contest 6:15
- 10/26 - Trunk or Treat 6:30

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FBCO NEWSLETTER

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

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Featured Members



BOB HUGGINS

INTERVIEW BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Bob is a lifetime member of the church, just as his father and grandmother. He was baptized at FBC when he was 15 and later rededicated his life when he was 21, and has been active ever since. Bob currently serves on the Diaconate and has been on several committees.

Bob married Mona, in May of 1980. He has two daughters, Ashley and Elizabeth, and four grandkids. He has been on many committees.

During the summers he lived with his grandfather who was a sign painter also, most summers from age 11 he spent painting signs in his cabin at the lake of the Ozarks and he worked with him until his sophomore year of high school. In high school, he worked at the Fine Arts Sign Company in K.C., Missouri. After senior year Bob worked at Nagele Sign Company. During the winters in high school, he worked on a dairy farm.

In the fall of 69, Bob went to Johnson County Community College. He said he was a "terrible student". In March 1970 he went to work at Eller Outdoor Adu until April 1, 1987, when he started up R.D. Huggins Sign Co. He still works for himself.

When Bob is not working he likes cars and considers himself a craftsman. He enjoys going on vacation, cruises, and historical cities. He also enjoys doing computer puzzles and listening to the top 10 hits. He likes steak and corn on the cob.



JOAN YOUNG

A Kansas native, Joan, grew up in Kansas City, KS. Her very close family found music to be a catalyst. She, her siblings, and parents brought their talent together - one on the guitar, another on bass and Joan as vocalist. Her dream was to one day become a professional performer. That opportunity wasn't realized. Now she sings in church, at home, in the car, or where ever the spirit leads.

Joan grew up with parents of deep faith. As a teen she was involved in a local Baptist Church. Fortunately for FBCO, she joined our fellowship with enthusiasm. She is part of a Equip/Sunday School class. Joan volunteered to go with the FBCO family and meet the group from Colorado at Murrow Children's Home this summer. She felt peace and purpose in this mission. Hard work was a daily experience but Joan would wake with anticipation. She got a cup of coffee and was ready to go! Joan liked meeting the people from Colorado and felt very close to the whole group. Would she go again? Yes! "It was an amazing experience."

Accounting keeps her busy by day. Joan presently works from her home. She has a daughter who will graduate from KU and then on to Med School. When her daughter was in high school, they went to Europe. Joan went as a sponsor. After seeing the beauty of Switzerland she would like to return. High on her list of places to go would be the Holy Land.



CAMILLA WOOD

Camilla calls Overland Park her hometown. She attended FBCO with her parents, Paul and Morna Wood and brother, James Wood. She was active in programs at church. Many of the people she grew up with in church continue to be friends.

An alum of Blue Valley Northwest, Camilla went on to KU to study. She works as a jewelry specialist. In Camilla's spare time, she enjoys watching her favorite Netflix programming. Camilla is a family kind of gal. Doing things with them is special. She likes taking walks, especially with her fiance'.

On October 23rd, Camilla will marry Jonathan. Her brother, his wife, Michi, and her first nephew, Leonard, will be in town for the wedding from Germany. The couple bought a house and are renovating it. After the wedding, they will move into their first home. Camilla looks forward to decorating her home, perhaps with touch of blue, her favorite color.

From the Pastor, continued

With all this coming at you I wanted to make sure that if you have question or concerns you feel free to ask them. I would love to have a discussion with you.

At the special congregational meeting we were unable to communicate how the search process would go. Until we had your approval, the diaconate could not appoint the search committees. Now, I am happy to share we have four search committees that will be getting started soon. They will each conduct interview processes that make sense for each position. Then they will make a recommendation of a finalist to the diaconate. If you want your voice to be heard, please be sure to share your insights, ideas, and questions with a member from the appropriate search committee.

The search committees are as follows:

Director of Worship Arts – Morna Wood, Will Cross, Reed Webster

Director of Next Generation Ministries – Debby White, Heather Ricketts, Reed Webster

Administrative Assistant to the Lead Pastor – Sheri Drake, Jan Sipe, Reed Webster

Custodian – Paul Wood, Debra Ruse, Debby White

For my part I want to share with you my three priorities when looking for a candidate. First, do they agree with our Mission Statement, hold our same Core Values, and get excited about our Vision. Second, do they believe that as a staff member, their role is to equip the congregation for ministry. Third, have they been equipped for the role through education and experience. These are certainly not the only considerations, but the place where I start.

Blessings,

Pastor Reed

Church Finances August 2022

General Operating Account \$937,239.70

Loan Balance PAID OFF

Revenue \$17,827

Expenses \$20,477 = -\$2,650.00

Grand Pads \$1,945

Brazilian Grant \$2,450

Reshaping Grant \$3,350

PS Grant 1 \$3,572.15

PS Grant 2 \$45,000.00

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

August Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- Mortgage paid in full using the Gardner sale proceeds.
- Merge Street funds and vehicle transferred to Starfish.
- List of repair and maintenance projects on the physical plant is being prepared.

Hearing Assist

We have recently installed a hearing assist system at FBC. It works using an app on your phone that connects through bluetooth to your own hearing aids. Anyone interested can contact Will Cross or John Holmes for assistance.

Fall Bazaar

October 15 8AM to 2PM



Trunk or Treat October 26

Costume Contest at 6:15pm

Trunk or treat at 6:30pm.

Any questions or wanting to sign up please see Pastor Reed, Keith or Jenn.



Chili Cookoff, sign up at The Hub. Bring your best chili at 5:15pm.



Stewardship

This fall we will provide you with two main events to help you discover how you might more fully participate in what God is doing at FBC Olathe.

1. Serve Workshop (October 8th or 22nd) – these workshops will seek to help you discover your gifts, talents, and abilities. We will also look at how we can partner together to accomplish God's purposes.
2. Ministry Fair (October 23rd) – At our Ministry fair we will invite ministry leaders to set up in the fellowship hall to share opportunities to serve.

Our stewardship drive will culminate in a commitment Sunday celebration on November 5th.