

Bethel Summer Kickoff



Featured Members



JIM RUSE

Jim graduated from high school in Lincoln, Nebraska. He continued his studies at the University of Nebraska before studying dentistry at UN. Following completion of his education, Jim returned to where he had grown up. His career as a dentist took him into retirement after forty-two years.

As a young man Jim pursued his pilot's license. After flying for a while, he took a respite from his hobby. Later Jim returned to his passion. He owned a couple of planes and enjoyed the friendly skies. During those years, Jim found that there were no publications for general aviation pilots. This peaked his interest in creating one. Jim developed the publication with contributions from professionals in the field. He became an editor and publisher.

In retirement, his hobby of photography resurfaced and now include digital photography along with drone photography for his business of real estate photography in the area of commercial, which has exploded. You may have seen some of his drone photography on the FBC Website.

Jim likes to travel and the camera goes along whether in the U.S. or abroad to capture the beauty of their destination. Most recently Jim was at the Bethel Summer Kickoff catching the excitement with his drone. He loves to read to learn and explore other opportunities to explore. Jim is a true life long learner.



JEANNE DJOHOU

Jeanne grew up in the African country of Cameroon. She was one of nine siblings raised by her mother after her father passed away when she was only seven. Jeanne admired her mother as she provided for and raised the family. She attended school in their village from elementary through high school.

After high school she met her husband, Bernard. The couple had three marriage ceremonies to be held all on the same day.

While living in Cameroon, Jeanne became the mother of two adorable boys. The couple found that they were to move to a place where her husband could find a job using his degree in computers. They came to the United States and made Olathe home. This is where their third and only daughter was born.

While adjusting to her new life in the US, she was not only a mother, but she did work outside the home. Initially, Jeanne worked at Walmart, while getting her certification as a CNA. She then obtained her RN degree and graduated from Rockhurst University, this month. She will take her State Boards and practice medicine as a nurse. She hopes to work in oncology or med surgery.

God has provided miracles for her to be able to be a wife, a mother, a CNA and a student. When she wasn't studying, she was on her knees praying that God would help her.



BEREA LAWS

You may know Berea, as she is often a greeter at the front door of FBCO. Berea is the fifth child in her family of nine children. Berea will be in sixth grade classes next year. Her favorite subject is math. She is involved in the 4-H program and concentrates on archery, which her father teaches.

In her free time, Berea likes to read the Bible. She makes her bed which is the top bunk. The top is not her favorite. She loves the trampoline and can be found jumping or doing tricks on it almost every day. Her skills include front flips, aerials, handsprings, and front walkovers.

When the family cooks together, Berea likes making a dish with beans, rice and chicken. She also is in charge of the laundry each week and washes, dries and folds all the clothes for her and three other siblings.

Berea likes to go to the park to play. Her favorite piece of equipment is the Monkey Bar. In the summer the best place to swim is at the pool at her aunt's house. There's a special treat for the Laws children when they become eight to ten years old. Their grandparents take those children to Disney World. She, Gideon and cousin Abby took the long drive to Florida to Coco Beach. She liked the ocean, but the salt water was awful. Disney and the roller coaster rides were wonderful!

Celebration of Life Together Event

FBC Awards

Awards Legacy - Don and Barbara Newbanks
 Barnabas - Debby White, Lisa Sonsthagen
 Values in Action - Heather Ricketts, Mona Huggins, Ted Dempsie, Janice Tow, Chrystal Daws, Krystal Laws, Alex Cross

Students moved forward.

5th-6th Grade Grades:
 Levi, Emerson, Berea, Sophia
 8th-9th Grade Grades:
 Mason, Lindsay, Courtney, Haley
 College Grads: Megan S.



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JUNE 2023

LEARN A NEW WAY TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

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A NEW WAY OF THINKING
SENT
 CONFERENCE

June 24, 2023
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 2024 E 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062

It's time to Follow

The familiar hymn tells us to "Follow, Follow, I will follow Jesus." It's time to follow- through and follow-up. It's time for each of us to "follow-through" and invite our friends to the Sent Conference on June 24. And, it's time for us to follow-up with our friends we have invited to get registered for the Sent Conference on June 24. Go to www.sentolathe.org or contact Jan Sipe at jansipe2001@yahoo.com.

Schedule

- Saturday June 24, 2023
- 9:00 am- Check in, nametags, Coffee, donuts, etc.
 - 9:30 am- Worship in Sanctuary
 - 10:00 am- #1 : Sent: Living a Life that Invites Others to Jesus
 - 11:00 am #2: Six Conversations: Loving Connections
 - 11:50 am – break for lunch- lunch on own
 - 1:30 pm- #3: Stories that Matter: Micro-stories Workshop
 - 2:30 pm- #4 Send Off: A Plan, Prayer, and a Promise
 - 3:20 pm-closing worship
 - 4:00 pm- on the road!

April 2023 Finances

General Checking \$347,815.58
 Wells Fargo General \$487,613.37
 Wells Fargo Legacy \$286,729.26

Grand Pads \$4,076.00
 Brazilian Grant \$2,450
 Reshaping Grand \$2,450
 PS Grant 2 \$110,243.42

Capital Fund \$31,853.76

Revenue \$29,130
 Expenses \$37,987 = -\$8,857.00

May Diaconate Highlights

- Church Directory to be developed. Watch for request to verify your contact info.
- Compatibility issues have caused issues with streaming worship on Grandpads. The AV team has contacted the provider.
- Internship program for those interested in ministry created.
- Church to participate in Bethel Neighborhood Center capital campaign

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

SAVE THE DATE

- 6/14 - Family Fun Night
- 7/16 - Quarterly Business Meeting
- 6/24 - SENT Conference
- 7/12 - Family Fun Night
- 7/14 & 15 - Stay-near-home Mission
- 8/6 to 8/11 - Murrow Trip
- 8/9 - Family Fun Night

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