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Church Office Hours  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
9:00 am - Noon

## SAVE THE DATES

- 12/10 Gingerbread Bash
- 12/13 Preschool Christmas Program
- 12/17 GALS Christmas Party
- 12/18 Church Business Meeting
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service
- 1/7 Take down the greens 10am

### FROM THE PASTOR

“Standing in line, standing in line. Someone in front and someone behind, every time I’m standing in line.” They are the words my mother used to speak to my brother and me when we began to fidget while waiting in line. As Tom Petty says, “The waiting is the hardest part” but Advent season gives us the opportunity to examine how we wait for the return of the Christ, our King.

Waiting can reveal much about us - either showcase our strengths or reveal our weaknesses. When waiting produces anxiety, I would invite you to join me in pondering how we wait. I have found that if I allow my anxiety to guide my thoughts and actions, I find myself doing one of three unhealthy things. First, I allow my impatience to drive me to treat people unkindly. Second, I find myself turning to things that will soothe my anxiety. Third, I seek second opinions and once I find one with less waiting and perhaps more control, I grab onto it.

As Christians we are called to be a people who wait. In the everyday stuff of life, we wait on His timing and provision. In the grand scheme we wait for Christ’s return. This Advent season let us consider how we wait. May we choose to wait in everything with Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

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# Featured Members



## PAM DAILEY

As a young child Pam's parents decided Kansas City, MO was not the place they wanted to raise their children. On a farm South of Olathe they found peace, harmony and a new lifestyle. On occasion her sister would squirt fresh milk from the cow into an open mouth of Pam. She attended school in Bucyrus and Louisburg.

When Pam worked in Overland Park a snow storm came through the area. Her Aunt knew a young man who would drive to her work. Pam said, "he came and rescued me that day." This was the beginning of the love story of Pam and J.D. Following his service in Vietnam, they dated and in a few months knew that they would marry. They are parents of two girls.

Pam always wanted to be a mother and homemaker. Her love for J.D. allowed her to spoil him rotten. She loves people and misses her church family.

These days Pam finds herself learning new skills, adjusting to a different lifestyle. She no longer sews, cooks, or gardens. Alzheimers has entered her world and there are many things that she no longer can do. She has an optimistic outlook and a joyful spirit. Pam loves to visit with people on the phone and welcomes the calls. Pam remarks that she feels so blessed. No doubt she is.



## DEB RUSE

Deb came to town in her eighth grade year of Junior High. Her parents didn't attend church and she doesn't actually remember just how she made her way to First Baptist of Olathe. She attended a number of years and left the area. When she returned to Olathe, she returned to FBC and her church family. She was baptized at the age of thirty.

This lady doesn't let "grass grow under her feet" at church. Deb served for many years as Church Clerk. She is very active in the GALS group, a part of the ABW. Debby has been involved in the GALS annual garage sale, helped in the nursery and answered the call where there was a need. In 2020, Debby became church treasurer and has found this to be rewarding.

Deb is a sincere, caring, outgoing person with no regrets. This mother of three and grandmother of three has a daughter who lives close. Debby enjoys the time she shares with her. Debby was a devoted daughter-in-law. She would visit her mother-in-law on a regular basis.

For 43 years she was a manager in a law office. Deb and her husband like to travel. Retirement has created more opportunities. Cruises have taken them to many exciting places. Whether in France, Italy, or Monaco there is more to see. A trip to Denmark, Norway and the Fjords is being planned.



## KELSEY WEBSTER

BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Kelsey is an Association Coordinator at a small business in Mission.

She has lived in almost two dozen locations in Oregon, California, and Kansas. She is only 38 years old, but she has always been an "old lady at heart."

Although she was an English major in college (and only because Art History wasn't available at Azusa Pacific University), her favorite subject was always math.

She has been married to Reed for 19 years and has two children: Emerson and Maxwell, ages ten and seven.

She doesn't have a lot of extra time these days, but she likes to read or watch cozy English mysteries and go on drives. Kelsey is also a novice knitter and crocheter. She likes to sit and chat with new friends and old to talk about deep stuff and light stuff and all the good stuff in between.

She listens to a strange variety of music, such as indie acoustic, Taylor Swift, Fleetwood Mac, Christian hip-hop, and Garth Brooks, among others.

She loves being in churches that have a long history and getting to know the stories of previous generations of faithful saints and servants.



## "Hanging of the Greens"



### Church Finances October 2022

General Operating \$916,008.87  
 Capital \$22,753.76  
 Grand Pads \$1,945  
 Brazilian Grant \$2,450  
 Reshaping Grant \$3,350  
 PS Grant 1 \$2283.23  
 PS Grant 2 \$63,000.00

Revenue \$27,994  
 Expenses \$39,688  
 = +\$11,694

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

### November Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- By Feb. 1, the location of the church office and the nursery will be "swapped".
- Voted to hire Naomi Morgan for Administrative Assistant to Lead Pastor
- Voted to hire Dale and Amy Erickson as Director of Worship Arts
- Progress on 2 other staff positions

### 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.

## Meet the New Staff



### Dale and Amy Erickson

FBC Olathe new Directors of Worship Arts



### Naomi Morgan

FBC Olathe new Administrative Assistant to Lead Pastor

### Brenda Gutierrez

FBC Olathe new Janitor

#### *From the Pastor continued*

"After all, the people of Israel waited in darkness for their Messiah. When the time was right God sent Him into the world. To fulfill His promise and to accomplish His purpose. That promise fulfilled changed the world and proved to humanity in whom our Hope should lie. In love God sent His Son, to redeem His world that we may begin to taste the first fruits of His Peace and live with a Joy that surpasses our circumstances. May we choose to wait for the second coming in light of the first.

Blessings Pastor Reed

## Advent Season



November 27 Advent Week 1 Title: Hope Isaiah 2:1-5  
December 4 Advent Week 2 Title: Love Isaiah 11:1-10  
December 11 Advent Week 3 Title: Joy Isaiah 35:1-10  
December 18 Advent Week 4 Title : Peace Isaiah 7:10-16

## Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve December 24th @ 6:30**  
**Sermon Title: As Promised**

**Christmas Day December 25th @ 10:30**  
**Sermon Title: The Reign**



## Connections Preschool Fall Outreach

Connections Preschool collected Quarters & laundry soap, for others to be able to wash their clothes at Mission Southside.

Maury the Money monster collected \$213.25.