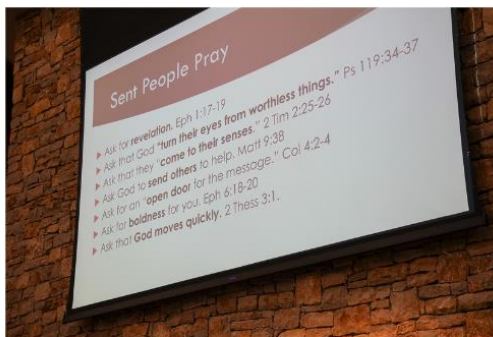


Sent Conference



Featured Members



CHARLES FORGEY

Charles was a Moundville, Missouri native. He was the oldest of thirteen children. Due to a need to help the family, Charles dropped out of high school to get a job to help support the family. He worked on a ranch, then heard about the Park System and could earn \$1.25 an hour.

War was on the minds of people and Charles knew that he would be drafted so he volunteered to be in the Army before he was 17. He was in Basic Training with Elvis Presley

Charles worked at the park and helped develop both Shawnee Mission and Antioch Parks in Johnson County. When he retired, Charles calculated that there had been two and a half million cars visiting Shawnee Mission Park.

Vintage cars are a passion for Charles. He has a 1992 Ford Tempo that he holds dear. On his 80th birthday, his son found a Rolls Royce and driver. He and Hazel were driven to breakfast, church and a party. After celebrating, the couple returned to the home they built 54 years ago.

Charles is a mechanic and has kept the lawn equipment and machines in working order for FBCO. He often drives people to church and volunteers as an usher. Charles also enjoys traveling and has driven all over the United States. Charles reads his bible and daily devotional. He has never missed a day.



MARY CROSS

Mary came to the United States from Burma. With her parents and six siblings, the family settled in Battle Creek, Michigan. The family was sponsored by the ABW of the Baptist Church they would attend.

At the age of 12, Mary began her formal education in the US. She graduated from high school and attended the University of Michigan, graduating from Western Michigan where she obtained a biology degree.

Mary met her husband, Will, while she attended church in Battle Creek, Michigan. They lived there for several years before Will's job would take them from coast to coast. While living in Indiana, they found that the church they attended was one that Rev. Dick Sipe of FBCO interim pastored later. Small world!

Mary enjoys cooking and many can attest to the fact the cultural foods she makes is delightful. Rice is a grain used in many dishes and she finds the comfort foods she makes are based in rice.

Mary played violin and now appreciates listening to it, including practice time of her children's instruments. Mary loves to discover new things. Traveling to and through forty-nine states has let her discover. She likes to view nature while hiking. Over the 4th of July, Mary and the family were in Michigan for her Family Reunion. It was a joy to be with her parents, siblings and many, many nieces and nephews.

Mary claims Romans 8:28 as one of her favorite scriptures.



PEGGY INGLEHART

Michigan is Peggy's home state. She was born and raised in Monroe. She has two brothers and is the only sibling to leave the state. She met her husband, Kevin, in high school. When it was time for Kevin to attend seminary, Peggy worked in the secretarial field.

For thirty-five years Peggy was a pastor's wife, serving at churches in Ohio and Kansas. She was a homemaker until the oldest child graduated from high school. Peggy worked in food service for the school district.

Retiring in Gardner, Peggy is grateful that only one of her adult children moved to the Northwest and the other two are in Kansas. This gives her the opportunity to be at the sporting events, including gymnastics and flag football, of her grandchildren. Retirement offers the couple the opportunity to travel to visit relatives and twice a year check in on her parents who are in their nineties.

Peggy likes to read, sew and cook. She heads the Hospitality Committee and is in the Dorcas Circle at FBCO. When cooking her family's favorite dinner is Thanksgiving all year round. The husband's favorites are her peanut butter molasses cookies and blackberry cobbler.

Peggy always knew about God. At age 18, she found Jesus as her personal Savior. She loves interdenominational work as we all are united in Christ.

Introducing Aleasha Winters

Hi FBC Olathe Family! I am glad to be coming on board as the new Children's Ministry Director. I received my undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies and then spent 20 years in Costa Rica as a missionary where I helped found a Christian elementary school.



I have also had the privilege of working with Franklin Graham, the son of the late Billy Graham, with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child reaching children around the world. I am excited about teaching kids everywhere about the love of the heavenly Father. I look forward to meeting you all and growing together. Blessings!

Silver Saints Delivers

The Silver Saint Ministry celebrates holidays with those who are not able to be at church for service or activities. The committee delivers a remembrance along with a visit. They often want to know what's happening at FBCO.



Near home mission trip

FBCO is needing volunteers for cutting and sewing dome covers to send to Global Servants, Rick and Anita Gutierrez in South America. Contact Mona Huggins for details. Event is July 24th & 15th, 8AM (breakfast served).

Bethel Campaign

Kansas City, Kansas is a melting pot of new immigrants, long time residents, and people of varied ethnic backgrounds. Bethel Neighborhood Center is our American Baptist ministry making a difference amid this mix. Vital ministries at Bethel include after school and summer programs for elementary to high school kids, vacation Bible school, ministries to senior adults, skills training, and a food pantry

To better minister to the community, Bethel has undertaken a \$1,700,000 project to add a multipurpose room and make other improvements. The multipurpose room will be a space for exercise, indoor sports, and large gatherings. Bethel has a capital funds campaign to raise \$800,000 to complete the project. We at FBCO are privileged to be a part of this campaign and have a goal of \$15,000. At the end of June we had received over \$6,000 in contributions. Please keep Bethel's staff, ministries, and this campaign in your prayers. You can contribute on-line at our church website or by check to the church adding Bethel Campaign to the memo. Our campaign will run until July 31.



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FBCO NEWSLETTER

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

SENT Conference

John 20:21 reminds us "...Just as the Father sent me, I send you." The Sent Conference on June 24 reminded each of us that God uses us to work with Him to bring others to Jesus. We each have been sent into this world to do the work of an evangelist regardless of whether we have the supernatural gift of evangelism.

70 folks of all ages, representing at least 13 churches gathered in our church to be inspired, challenged, and encouraged by the authors of the book, Sent, Ashley and Heather Holleman.

The Reshaping Grant, received as part of a church study during the pandemic, and the Legacy fund, created from funds previously called the Endowment fund to be used to equip our members to make disciples, were used to sponsor this event.

Quotes heard at the end of the day;

"It was an amazing day-full of God-stories!"

"It was a great reminder that we are not working for God, rather working with God."

"I feel moved by the Spirit to share with others in my church about the Sent Conference."

SAVE THE DATE

- 7/11- Craft Day
- 7/12 - Family Fun Night
- 7/16 - Quarterly Business Meeting
- 7/14 & 15 - Stay-near-home mission trip
- 7/20 - Serving at Center of Grace
- 7/25 - LR/ABWM Summer Rally
- 8/1 - ABWM General Meeting
- 8/6 to 8/11 - Murrow Mission Trip

May 2023 Finances

Checking \$348,268.42
Wells Fargo General \$487,431.31
Wells Fargo Legacy \$285,916.10

Grand Pads \$0
Brazilian Grant \$1,803.27
PS Grant 2 \$116,607.45

Capital Fund \$33,263.76

Revenue \$30,832.00
Expenses \$36,096 = -\$5,264.00

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

June Diaconate Highlights

- Tell your friends enrollment for the fall session in our preschool is open and has space for kiddos!
- Summer is time for our ministry review and preparation for fall.
- Follow FBCO Facebook page and share posts of our events with your friends.