



# THE LIGHT

JUNE 2022 Newsletter

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

## Family, Fun Summer Nights



ALL AGES WELCOME

### First Baptist

SUMMER **FAMILY FUN NIGHTS** 2022

2024 E 151ST ST OLATHE KS

JUNE 8 5:30  
JULY 13  
AUGUST 10

Full of FOOD FUN AND BEING TOGETHER



# VALUE AND VISION UPDATE

Dear Church Family,  
I hope life is going well for each of you. I want to give an update on our Vision 2027 process. I am excited to say that we have now confirmed our Mission Statement and identified and defined our Core Values. On June 18th the diaconate will meet one last time to solidify our vision for 2027 and formulate our strategic plan for the year ahead. After I return from vacation on July 18th we will begin to organize and implement the first steps in our strategic plan for the year ahead. During the last couple weeks in July and through August we will communicate our vision for 2027 and share our goals for the year. Below please find our Core Values. Remember these Core Values along with our Mission Statment will serve to shape our vision and ministry for the years ahead. Blessings, Pastor Reed - *continued on page 4*

# ABW MINISTRIES

Mona Huggins has been a part of the FBCO family since she was a child. At the June Summer Conference, she was elected and installed as President of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region for the next three years. (The Central Region includes churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.)

Mona is organized, a leader/teacher and loves all things mission-related. She has served as local Circle President, Secretary/Treasurer, and White Cross Chair. (Circles are small groups of women who meet to learn about mission ministry, provide resources for missionaries and study God's Word.) She has served as Secretary for our church's ABW Ministries Board of Officers. Mona has been Luther Rice Association ABW Ministries President. (Area churches gather as associations to encourage and support missionaries and their ministries.

Luther Rice Association includes churches from Waverly to Shawnee.). She has been the Region Board Representative and the Conference Intern and Associate for ABW Ministries of the Central Region.

ABW Ministries is a Christ-centered ministry with the commitment to encourage and empower women and girls. The vision for ABW Ministries is every American Baptist church have a vital women's ministry encouraging women to become and develop as God's person, build God's faith community, and serve God's world. The Central Region ABW Ministries supports and encourages local churches to carry out this vision.

Mona feels "very called" to serve as President of ABW Ministries of the Central Region. When you see Mona, thank her for her "willingness" to serve.



## KATRINA & KYLE WILLIAMS AT FBCO



Dozens of youth and adults gathered Sunday evening June 5 for a light supper with missionaries, Kyle and Katrina Williams. The meal was delicious and included two "desserts"—sweets and an enlightening presentation by Katrina and Kyle. The Williams serve as International Ministries Global Servants in the Mekong Delta of Southeast Asia. Katrina has been a chemistry teacher at Chiang Rai International Christian School. Kyle uses his training as a psychologist to address the issues causing conflict in that area. He joins efforts to provide food and shelter for the displaced by violence. He also specializes in Conflict Transformation. He works with local organizations, village pastors and students to alter their understanding of conflict from often negative to an opportunity to learn about themselves, others and most importantly God.

Absolutely an inspirational evening!



For more information:  
[www.internationalministries.org/author/kk-williams](http://www.internationalministries.org/author/kk-williams)

## SAVE THE DATES

- 6/19/22 to 6/24/22 - Mission trip to Murrow Indian Childrens home. Please contact Paul Wood at [woodp@fbcolathe.org](mailto:woodp@fbcolathe.org)
- 7/9 - GALs All Church garage sale
- 7/13 - Family Fun Night 5:30pm
- 8/10 - Family Fun Night 5:30pm

# Featured Members



## JOY KEARNEY

If you'd like a piece of happiness in your life meet our saint, Joy Kearney. She exudes the meaning of her name in all she does. Joy met her husband in high school and they married. It was God's calling that she be a pastor's wife. She lovingly supported her husband as he returned to college and the seminary. While being a mother of two small boys, Joy would sew, cook and care for her family. They would be off to a small country church on Sunday's which was an adventure. Joy would drive Bob to Bendix to work a full time job in the night shift.

Through the years, Joy would call on visitors at church with Bob weekly. She was involved in ABWA, VBS, Sunday School and most everything related to church, but not limited. She was an avid runner, tennis player, and gardener. Joy enjoyed artistic and crafting opportunities. When her boys went off to K-State, she became a true Wildcat.

It wasn't until moving to Olathe, that Joy worked outside of the home. She was a Para Educator. Joy enjoyed being a docent at the 1855 Harrison-Kearney House, part of their family history. She loved going to see their granddaughter in Colorado and making trips to Mexico. Joy continues to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Thank you for your servanthood!



## JANICE TOW

INTERVIEWED BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Janice is an outgoing person. Wherever she is she can find happiness, whether all alone or surrounded by people. She is part of ABW and is a supportive and loyal friend. Janice was the wedding coordinator for FBC Olathe for more than twenty years. She helped plan many weddings and only cried a few times. Some couples still go to FBC Olathe today, raising their family in the same church!

She enjoys playing bridge, knows how to sew, and loves breathing in the salty air at the beach. Janice was born in January. She grew up in Olathe but was born in Springfield, Missouri. She has three children and six grandchildren. She enjoys creative activities, loves to craft, and plays the piano. She met her husband at Pittsburg University and got married at the original FBC Olathe building, which is also where she got baptized. She has lived in her house for more than 50 years, a little over sixty five percent of her entire life!

Janice loves being a prayer warrior for our church family and serving our shut-ins, called the Silver Saints, in many ways. Janice is a member of the Communications Team and usually writes the "Featured Members" section of the monthly newsletter.



## JENNIFER BOUTWELL

Jennifer considers herself a country girl living in the city. She grew up outside of Salina, Kansas and still maintains that kind of lifestyle. Jennifer enjoys being outdoors and the activities that are found there. Going to State Parks, the Zoo or museums, like the World War I interactive Museum are her "cup of tea" and fitting for the various ages of the Boutwell family.

Bethany College is where she met her husband, George. Jennifer believes in traditional values of husband and wife. Her husband's job relocated the family. Moving from central Kansas to Olathe, Jennifer arrived with her husband, four children, two dogs, five puppies, 3 cats and gobs of fish. She is happy to be able to be a stay-at-home mom and be involved in the children's activities. When she and hubby want to be alone, they find a nice ride on the back roads on the motorcycle to be a perfect way. Jennifer developed an interest in construction from her father, who was a carpenter. Jennifer likes to knit, do counted cross stitch, read fictional history in a Christian genre. She enjoys music of all kinds but is cautious in listening, filtering the lyrics to guard her mind.

Jennifer is a quiet, interesting, fun-loving and godly soul. So don't be shy, don't miss the opportunity to approach her and get to know her.

## Church Finances APRIL 2022

General Operating Account \$164,971.68

Loan Balance \$26,841.96

Revenue \$31,737

Expenses - \$26,920 = +\$4,817

Grand Pads \$5,425.00 (\$3,480 paid in May for annual premium)

Brazilian Grand \$2,450

Reshaping Grant \$3,350

PS Grant 1 - \$4,762.95

PS Grant 2 - \$9,000.00

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

## ONLINE CHURCH

We encourage everyone to join in on Sunday around 10:15 AM for online worship to chat with our church family.

Go to [fbcolathe.org](http://fbcolathe.org) or Scan this QR code.



## 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.

## May Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- Children's church will be every other week through the summer.
- Contract pending on Gardner property.
- Visioning work continues.
- Plan to staff future ministries in discussions.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Phone: 913-764-7088

Email: [fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org](mailto:fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org)

[www.fbcolathe.org](http://www.fbcolathe.org)

### Church Office Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

9:00 am - Noon

If you would like to submit news for the newsletter, please send to : [Communications@fbcolathe.org](mailto:Communications@fbcolathe.org)

## VALUE AND VISION CONTINUED

As a congregation we aspire to be shaped by these core values:

**Trinity** - The Bible speaks to us of a loving God who has created us for a deep relationship with Him. We acknowledge that God exists and works in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and strive to know each through prayer, Scripture, and quiet listening.

**Discipleship** - God calls us to be and make disciples. Together, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we pray, learn, walk, watch, serve, and encourage one another to live as Jesus taught.

**Mission** - Our God-given mission is to share Jesus anywhere, anytime, with everyone and to help others to do the same.

**Worship** - As God's family we will worship and honor Him with whole hearts surrendered. We seek to encounter the living God and celebrate His goodness both as we gather and as we go about our daily lives.

**Generations** - Jesus values each generations' unique perspective and gift to the community. We seek to connect, empower, and appreciate one another regardless of generation with empathy and love as Jesus modeled.

**Participation** - God has entrusted each and every person with gifts, talents, and abilities that are necessary for His mission. At FBC Olathe we join together to discover, develop, and use these to participate in His work.