



# THE LIGHT

May 2022 Newsletter

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

## Baptism



On Easter Emerson Webster and Gary Reeves proclaimed their love of Jesus as they were baptized.



# VALUES WORKSHOP #2

As we have walked with one another through the Vision 2027 process, I have been incredibly blessed by your willingness to engage in authentic dialogue. On April 30, your Leadership Team met to do the work of defining our Core Values. We also appointed a wordsmithing crew to continue to work on those definitions. On May 15, you are invited to engage in our second Values Workshop. There we will share the most up-to-date versions with you.

Please plan to join us for about an hour following worship.



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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADS



### Grade School

Peter Daws  
Aaron Kuetche

### Middle School

Zach Sonsthagen  
Eldad Takoukam  
Lydia Laws  
Max Albert  
Dylan Sander

### High School

Elizabeth Cross  
Connor Schroeder  
Shyanne Falkner  
Riley Frasure-Smith

### College Grads

Emily Sonsthagen  
Cameron Kincaid

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATES

- 5/15/22 - Congregation Value Workshop #2
- 6/6/22 - Kyle & Katrina Williams, Global servants from Thailand, dinner and speaking
- 6/8/22 - Food, family and fun
- 6/11/22 - Bethel Summer Kickoff  
FBC volunteers entertain the children and serve a meal while the parents hear the orientation for the summer program.
- 6/19/22 to 6/24/22 - Mission trip to Murrow Indian Childrens home. Please contact Paul Wood at woodp@fbcolathe.org
- 7/9/22 - GALs All Church garage sale

# Featured Members



## JACK & LUCY PILGRIM

The Pilgrims are a part of the Silver Saint Ministries of FBC. Jack had a personal outreach ministry for forty years, sharing the salvation message. Lucy enjoyed doing charity work in various capacities.

Lucy and Jack came from Georgia to live near their daughter. Jack is a cook. He finds that grocery stores here don't carry foods and ingredients he enjoyed from his Southern roots. Lucy finds a good fried chicken dinner with chicken stuffing, fried okra and all the chocolate she can get to suit her fancy. Homemade biscuits or fried green tomatoes followed Jack from Georgia. He would say sea foods and Mexican fair suits him fine.

Jack likes to watch football. He cheers for the Chiefs to win another Super Bowl. He has been active in many sports. Jack likes to tell a joke to see a smile. Next time you see Jack ask him to tell you a joke. Lucy likes to sew and watch her favorite TV programs. A large puzzle is on the table ready to find just the right piece. At ninety-six years of age she prays daily and stays as active as possible.

These Saints enjoy using the GrandPad to participate in our Sunday worship. They strive to stay connected to the God they have so faithfully served.



## COLENE MILLER

This charming woman grew up on a farm in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Colene was one of seven children that her widowed mother raised. Her family was active in the local Southern Baptist church. Around the age of twelve, Colene was baptized. The baptism took place in a nearby creek.

Colene married her high school sweetheart Don McEver. They moved around and in 1975 settled in Olathe. She became a widow in 1989. Colene worked many years as an office manager - bookkeeper.

In 1993 Colene married Don Miller. They have been active at FBC since that time, attending Sunday School and services. Colene is involved in the American Baptist Women's Association. Between the two, Colene keeps busy with their blended family.

In their early marriage the Millers were in a group of Square Dancers. They enjoyed sharing this hobby with others from FBC. Colene plays golf and loves playing bridge. Rumor has it that she is quite good at bridge.



## CHRYSTAL DAWS

Chrystal was raised in Salina, Kansas. She knew her husband from childhood on at First Baptist Church of Salina. It wasn't until her Senior year of high school they started dating. She married in 2008 and a year later were living in Olathe. Chrystal is the mother of two wonderful children.

She is involved in a small group and was active in Merge Ministries. Vacation Bible School was an event of the church Chrystal enjoyed. Presently, she serves as the manager and the head barista of Café 18:20. Stop by the Cafe to say hello.

Chrystal has taken on scouting. She is learning everything she can about navigating the program. Recently she went with her family camping on a weekend BSA family event through FBC sponsored troop.

Along with being a wife, mother and volunteer at FBC, Chrystal works remotely as a retirement planner. One day she hopes to go to South Dakota to enjoy the sights and sounds of that beautiful state. She enjoys Marvel movies and has been to a Comicon Convention where people who attend often dress as their favorite character. Chrystal is looking forward to being part of enhancing the coffee café to expand fellowship opportunities. Stay tuned.



## CHURCH FINANCES MARCH 2021

General Operations \$160,153.83  
Capital \$14,528.76  
(paying \$2,786.25 for Furnace in April)  
Loan Balance \$27,734.49

Brazilian Grant \$2,450  
Reshaping Grant \$3,350  
Grand Pads \$5,425 (annual bill April)  
PS Grant \$5,116.41

Revenue \$27,182  
Expenses \$24,476 = +2,706

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.



## April Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- Gardner property listed with commercial realtor.
- Preschool has received a second sustainability grant.
- Easter Worship attendance = 124
- Plans for staffing our ministry to be developed.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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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)

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR REED

"Christ is Risen!" and the response, "He is Risen indeed!" are words that ring out early and often on Resurrection Sunday (aka Easter). I want to thank you all for choosing to celebrate this day at FBCO. It was truly a special day. From the indoor sunrise service to ending our Sunday service with the baptism of Gary Reeves and Emerson Webster, it was a wonderful experience to share with you all. I want to especially thank Alex Cross and Connor Schroeder for the parts they played in our special guest quartet.

As special as that day was, I want us to be aware that what we celebrated should not only be reserved for those special moments together. We are a people of the resurrection and know that God is capable of works beyond our imagining. As we chase after Him together, let us lean into that resurrection power.

Blessings, Pastor Reed