



# 1st WEDNESDAYS

AT FIRST BAPTIST

SUMMER 2021

JULY 7 AUGUST 4  
6 - 8 PM

Fun, Food and Being Together



July 7th

Water fun & games



First Baptist Church *Olathe*  
2024 E 151st St Olathe KS 66062

## IN PERSON CHURCH UPDATE

FBC is now having in person service. All Covid safety precautions will be in place.

- Mask wearing inside the building.
- Hand sanitizer at the entrance.
- Social distancing.
- No congregating in the lobby.
- One way entrance and exit.

## 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 [fbcoolathe.org](http://fbcoolathe.org) or Scan this QR code .



## CHURCH INFORMATION

Office is currently open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9AM to Noon.

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

## PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for wisdom and patience for the search committee.

Pray for wisdom for our future pastor, the one God has specifically called to join with us.

Pray for hope and excitement for our church family as we are companions in this adventure of trust.

## DIACONATE & BUSINESS MEETINGS

May Diaconate met 5/20/21

Notice: Next Church Business meeting in July, stay tuned for details.

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## Church Finances

### April 2021

Cash available for General Operations \$105,961.01

Revenue \$20,694

Expenses \$15,530

= + \$ 5,164

Capital fund = \$15,688.02

(\$8,275 designated towards painting the church exterior)

Loan balance, end of January was \$53,563.35

Grand Pad Fund: \$3,170

Thanks to everyone who continues to tithe!! It is greatly appreciated. Contact our Treasurer for any questions regarding church finances.

**Deb Ruse 913-206-6342**

## Promotions & Graduates

### Promotion from grade school to middle school

Coco Laws, Mia Albin, Courtney Boutwell

### Promotion from middle school to high school

Alex Cross, Marlee McDonald, Maya Newkirk, Kaylee rider, Joseph Boutwell

### High School Graduates

Henry Boutwell (ONWHS)

Kyndal Holland (ONHS)

Mara Newkirk (OWHS)

### College Graduates

Megan Edwards Drey 2020 - Emporia State

Lauren Edwards 2021 - Kansas State University

Keith Laws 2021 - Kansas State University

Miriam Laws 2020 - JCCC

Naomi Laws 2021 - Kansas Christian College

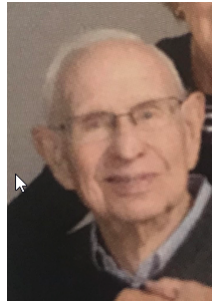
Emily Sonsthagen 2020 - Kansas University

### Seminary Graduates

Tolla Feyissa - Central Theological Seminary

Albert Sampson - Central Theological Seminary

## Featured Members



**Don  
Miller**

Don grew up in Heston, Kansas. He attended Heston Academy. During his childhood Don learned how to Square Dance.

Don moved to Colorado where he had a thirty year career with Ford Motor Company. When his plant was closing he elected to relocate to Olathe. During his long time membership at FBC, Don has served as an usher as well as participated in the Budget and Finance Committee.

Don enjoys the mountains and trails of this beautiful country. When it's "date night" at the Miller's, he likes taking his wife out for dinner at a restaurant, like J Alexanders. Don will get out his Kindle to read a good book for a quiet night at home.

Learner, Busy and Family. Three adjectives describe Krystal Laws As the mother of nine children Krystal is busy! As a home school parent she embraces learning the subjects her children study. Her fields of study are not just reading, writing and arithmetic, it includes Spanish!

Krystal also volunteers in the church children's ministry, is active in 4H and coaches soccer, cheer and baseball. Whew! That's a busy woman!

Family is also central to her list of hobbies which include card and board games with her family. Baking and crochet round out her crafting past time.



**Krystal  
Laws**

Mara is a recent graduate from Olathe West High School and will be attending JCCC to study Cosmetology. While at Olathe West Mara s's studied American Sign language and it was a favorite subject.

Mara enjoys sewing aprons. This soon-to-be college freshman is a Country Western fan with Kelsey Ballerini being a favorite vocalist. Her love of horses and riding them is a hobby that her uncle encourages her to do when she visits him in Grissly, Kansas.



**Mara  
Newkirk**

## The Ingredients for a "Perfect Evening!"

Get togethers. They were few and far between in the last year. Now is the time to gather, grow and have fun! First Wednesday was one of our first gatherings in a long time.

The description of a "perfect evening" was overheard from one present at First Wednesday on June 2, 2021.

- Fresh Air. The weather was perfect, no rain, no wind, no heat.
- Food. Almost professionally grilled hot dogs, beans, chips and ice cream.
- Friends. Reacquainting with the regulars as well as greeting new friends and neighbors!
- Fun. Bubbles, badminton, giant Jenga, cornhole, and more. Perfect form was observed!

Missed this event? Good News. The next First Wednesday is July 7 at 6 pm. Mark your calendar NOW!

Photos of the event on blog:

<https://www.fbcolathe.org/post/tis-the-season-to-gather>



## Pastoral Search Committee

The search committee continues through the process to find a new pastor.

- Phone interviews being conducted.
- Discussions with top candidate to come to Olathe for a private visit.