



# THE LIGHT

AUGUST 2021 Newsletter

## SERVING TOGETHER



Paul and Morna Wood, Charles and Debby White and Deb Ruse began work at Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, early Monday morning. During the week we did yard work, plumbing, weatherstripping, cleaning, window repair, tree trimming, organizing the gift shop, mowed, raked, weedeated, mechanical and electrical work, installed a vanity and faucet, and replaced light fixtures and bulbs, (when the lights came on we sang the "Hallelujah Chorus"! The kids loved it!). Do you know how many Baptists it takes to change a light bulb? (5 adults and 5 children!)

Just as the facilities needed our attention, so did the children. They wanted to help, to please and to be with us. Each child became entwined in our hearts. To think of the environment these children came from, we still felt hope of how resilient these children are. We pray that with the care of Murrow and the love of God, they will overcome the life they came from.

It wasn't the beautiful patch of God's creation that blessed us or inspired us to get up and work the next day. It was the joy of serving, of working with such dedicated, fun, caring friends from our faith family and the smiles and energy of the children who were so eager to help, to feel needed and to feel important. They were on our front porch before breakfast.

It was hot, for sure, but when you are doing God's work, He provides the cool breezes at just the right time. We pray you will put this trip on your bucket list and join us next time. We need you and so do the children.

# GOD BROUGHT THE BRAZILIAN CHURCH TO FBCO

by Pastor Bill

One Mondays in April, I was at church, though I normally take Mondays off. The phone rang. Claudemir asked, "Do you know of a building I can rent to start a church? We are meeting in my home, but we're getting too big." Apparently, there are about 2000 Brazilian families in southern Johnson County, drawn by the soccer fields.

I asked if Olathe was too far. Claudemir agreed to come to the church. He fell in love with our building, the amount of space, and the possibilities. Two days later our ReShape Team met and I mentioned the need. There was instant excitement... Over the next few weeks, Claudemir and I became brothers in Christ's service. I shared the vision with the Diaconate. Again overwhelming support and encouragement. I answered a phone call and found Christ's need. FBC was available. We followed His Lead. Our church is excited to be stewards of God's resources.



*save the date*  
FBC BAZAAR  
NOVEMBER 13



## EVERY SIP SAVES LIVES

Every cup of coffee Cafe 18:20 serves Lanna Coffee from Thailand. Coffee cultivation was introduced to the villagers of northern Thailand in the late 1950s by American Baptist missionaries Dick and Marlene Mann, enabling the villagers to break free from poppy cultivation and the stranglehold of the drug lords. Today Lanna Coffee purchases directly from the villagers, providing a steady and adequate income that helps ensure family security and stability. Profits from Lanna are returned to Thailand where American Baptist global servant Mike Mann, the son of Dick and Marlene, uses the funds for clean water projects for the villagers.

## ENDOWMENT NEWS

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that \$1,000 was sent to Baptist Center Church Choir in the Philippines to help support their choir. As you know, their choir has been such a blessing to our church with COVID and the transition of our worship. The following is the Thank You received from them.

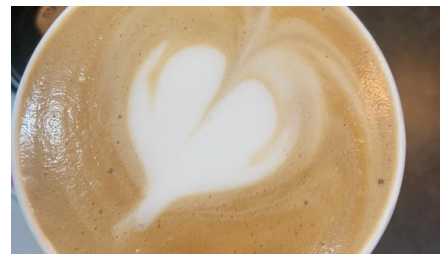
"In behalf of the Baptist Center Church Choir, I am writing this letter to acknowledge the amount of USD1,000 you have shared with us this week. Our hearts are overwhelmed by your generosity and love. Making music for the Lord has been our passion and Virtual Choir Singing has been an awesome way to continue singing for His glory, and even more, touching lives not only with our local church but even globally. God is indeed Good All the Time. Dr. Cherryl Fracia, President, Baptist Center Church Choir"

Your Endowment Committee

## 20TH BETHEL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 28, 2021  
7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Play and/or volunteer to help.  
Volunteers talk to Paul Wood by  
August 15th



## CAFE 18:20

Come and enjoy  
a cup of coffee, latte,  
cappuccino or smoothie  
with friends.

Sunday morning &  
Wednesday 9 - 11:30

# Featured Members



## REVEREND JACK KUME

Jack was born and raised in North Dakota. He began his undergraduate studies at the U of ND until he was drafted. After serving his country he returned to his home state and continued his education. Jack went to work for the US Geological Survey as a hydrologist geologist. He worked for the Atomic Energy Depository before retiring.

Jack was involved in the Scouting enjoyed target shooting. While stationed in Japan he discovered the love of skiing. Another favorite passion for Jack was travel. He was introduced to the World's Fair in Seattle and from there went to New York, Quebec, and Japan for more exposure.

Jack's interest in the bible opened a door to seminary. He attended Central Seminary for Lay Pastor's and became licensed and ordained. He had joined the American Legion and volunteered to be their Chaplain and served in this post for twenty-two years. Thank you for your service Chaplain.

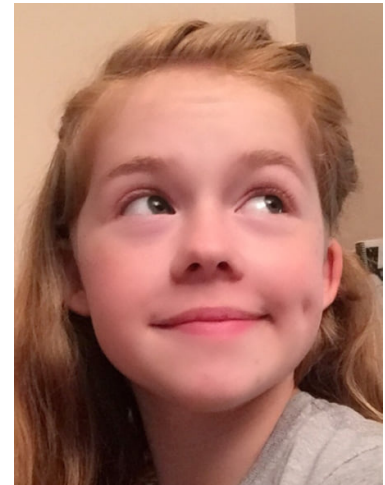


## GEORGE BOUTWELL

George grew up in Colorado, so yes, he is a Denver Bronco he is also a follower of Colorado State. He developed an appreciation of the great out doors with hiking and camping activities. George favorite spots to set up a tent are State Parks. George likes to take in a Sporting KC match when possible.

George is a passionate software developer and works for a local financial institute, This is one of the reasons he came to Eastern Kansas. They are his hobby, According to his wife of twenty-five years. computers are his hobby. When FBC is need of computer help he is always willing to do whatever he can.

Since moving a distance from family, George and family vacation mostly to see their loved ones. Recently his parents moved to Arizona and he is looking forward to new sights to see and adventures.



## LYDIA LAWS

This Eighth grade student, one day would like to be a police officer. She is active at FBC as a vocalist in the Praise Team. Before church she assists in Café 18:20 as a Barista and comes in on Wednesday mornings to serve the crowd that gathers at 9:30. Lydia is a valued member of the FBC Youth as well.

Lydia is very involved in the 4-H program winning blue and purple ribbons for the art work she produced and presented. In the six years she has participated Lydia has learned to shoot an air gun, placing first in the state in her age bracket. Presently she is taking archery and finds she likes the challenge.

The passions continue as she loves to write. Her favorite style is fantasy, but enjoys all kinds of writing with journal writing as one. She could write all day and skip math if that were possible in her Home School curriculum. Lydia just returned from a camping and float trip with family, lots of good writing ideas for sure.



# CHURCH FINANCES

## June 2021

Cash available for General Operations \$115,175.73

Revenue \$18,675

Expenses \$17,047

= + \$ 1,628.00

Capital fund = \$16,563.02

(\$8,725 designated towards painting the church exterior)

Loan balance \$49,686.91

Grand Pad Fund: +\$595.00

after annual payment for 5 pads

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**

# 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)

## BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY

- Updates to constitution approved.
- Approved to sell Gardner Property

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

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

- Discussions with top candidate to come to Olathe for a private visit.

## 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.

WORSHIP



Online Worship

## COMMUNICATION TEAM

If you would like to submit news for the August newsletter, please send to:

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([jansipe2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jansipe2001@yahoo.com)) or  
Sheri Drake  
([sheridrake27@gmail.com](mailto:sheridrake27@gmail.com))

by August 24, 2021. Thanks.

## "D" GROUPS

"D" (Discipleship) Groups will be organizing this fall. This small group ministry will grow us as followers, disciples, of Jesus.

Together we will study and pray to become spiritual friends with the mission to be Disciples Developing, Disciples Serving and Disciples Caring.

Sign up to join a D Group beginning August 15.

Contact Dick and Jan Sipe [jansipe2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jansipe2001@yahoo.com) or 785-764-6854.

Youth & Children's Ministry

## POP UP SUNDAY

### August 15, 2021

As we start a new school year we will be honoring our students as they "Pop Up".

