



SAVE THE DATES

- 11/8 - ABW General
- 11/15 - Silver Saints ministry meeting
- 11/17 - Serve at Grace Community
- 11/19 - Hanging of the Greens
- 11/24 - Thanksgiving

FROM THE PASTOR

I don't know about you, but for me, it felt like October went by in the blink of an eye. I guess the saying is true time flies when you are having fun. I want to thank all of you who worked hard, planned, and participated in the events of the past month. In addition to public events such as the ABW Bazar, our Trunk or Treat, Serve Workshops, and Ministry Fair, our search committees have been hard at work behind the scenes to discern who God might have prepared to join our staff at FBC Olathe. We were able to get all four positions posted. By the time this Newsletter is in your hands we will have interviewed candidates for both the Administrative Assistant to the Lead Pastor and Director of Worship Arts. In the coming weeks we will hope to begin interviews for the other two positions as well. I truly believe most, if not all, good things begin with prayer. So, I would ask you, please continue to pray for the search process.

Blessings, Pastor Reed

Featured Members



JOHN HOLMES

John has been in the FBC family since the 80's. He has been active in many facets of the church. Presently, he is on the AV team. His background in electrical engineering helps when the church needs to rewire for the tech system that is often changing from one end of the building to the other. He and his wife Renee went with the mission team to Murrow this past summer. John encourages others to go.

This "tech man" has taken a bike that he found on the curb for trash and turned it into an electric bicycle. From time to time he will ride it to church and other places. It can still be peddled but is very heavy so prefers to use it as an E bike.

John is the vegetable man at FBC. He starts seed in Feb/March and begins the process of growing starter plants. These plants show up in the outer hall for sale in the Spring. The money made for this passionate gardener goes to the AV needs in the sound system for one.

A newly retire man sees more travel in the horizon. Perhaps, more trips to NC to visit his grandchildren. Train travel has always been a favorite mode of travel. He and the family have traveled from KC to each coast on Amtrak. Europe is on the list of possible places to visit. He is open to plane, train, and automobile to follow his dream.



ROSE BILDERBACK

Rose is an active 10 year old with many interests. Like most kids her age she likes talking to her friends, jumping rope, playing games. She takes piano lessons and sings in her school choir. Her favorite color is purple.

Family is important to her. Rose likes spending time with them, especially her twin sister Rachel. They talk and do arts and crafts. Board games are a great family activity as is watching shows together. Biking and taking walks is an activity she looks forward to doing.

Rose likes mom to make Apple Cinnamon Pork. Her favorite bible story is when Jesus and Peter walk on water. Biscuit is the name of her pet dog. In school Rose like reading and English/ language arts.

Rose has a favorite memory "This summer my sister, my mom, my dad and I built a Do it yourself planetarium. It was pretty cool. Down in our basement with the lights off, we could see all of the constellations on the ceiling."



COURTNEY BOUTWELL

Courtney is an 8th grade student at Summit Trail and currently considering options for which high school she will attend next year. Her favorite class is in the arts. She plays string bass in the orchestra and jazz ensemble.

We find Courtney sitting with her family in church Sunday morning. She attends the youth program and enjoys learning and all the personalities of the group.

She went to Murrow with her family and others on a mission trip. She liked being helpful. It was a good experience.

Courtney might be seen wearing a Denver Bronco shirts as she is a Bronco fan. She plays video games and draws to relax. She is an animal lover and likes to go to the zoo.

Camping with her dad is a treat but fishing takes too much patience. They catch and release. She and her brother like to be in the kitchen together cooking. Her mom's corn beef is a favorite that she can't get enough.

This outgoing teen has a cat named Pepper. Courtney said she is a crazy cat, "kind of like me." Her dream is one day to go to Alaska.

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-off

The evening of October 26 began with chili and hot dogs for dinner. Five contestants submitted their finest chili for the cook-off competition. Three judges sampled the chili and awarded Laurie Schroeder the first place engraved ladle. The chefs who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place received Culver's gift cards.



Twenty-five costumed cuties posed for the judges of the costume contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners also received Culver's gift cards. Sophia Guilliams won 1st place with her "Fries before Guys" costume.

The finale of the evening was Trunk or Treat. The costumed kiddos filed their buckets with candy and treats. A great evening for all ages!



Church Finances September 2022

General Operating \$927,107.61
 Capital \$21,028.76
 Grand Pads \$1,945
 Brazilian Grant \$2,450
 Reshaping Grant \$3,350
 PS Grant 1 \$2,680.19
 PS Grant 2 \$54,000.00

Revenue \$27,449
 Expenses \$27,370
 = +\$79.00

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

October Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- Bazaar great success. Sales total \$6,000+ and counting!
- Preschool year start is great!
- Progress on new staff positions (Administrative Assistant to Lead Pastor, Custodian, Director of Worship Arts and Director of Next Generation Ministries)
- Playground vandalism being addressed.

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.

Gather and Go

We've learned our mission statement, explored our core values and now... it's time to go into the world! Our church family begins a journey. Like a family on a vacation let's be recognizable to the world and each other with "Gather and Go" T-shirts.

We want everyone to have a FBCO family shirt!

T-shirts will be available in teal and black for adults (S to 5XL) and red and black for kids(XS to XL youth). To be sure to have your size and color pre-order. Free-will donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the T-shirts - give as you are able and led.

Adults



Sizes
S - 3XL



Sizes
XS - 5XL

Youth



Sizes
XS - XL



Sizes
XS - XL

Thank You

Trails West Barber shop quartet, thanked First Baptist Church Olathe for allowing them to use our facility.

Advent Season

ADVENT

WAITING WITH ISAIAH

November 27 Advent Week 1 Title: Hope Isaiah 2:1-5
December 4 Advent Week 2 Title: Love Isaiah 11:1-10
December 11 Advent Week 3 Title: Joy Isaiah 35:1-10
December 18 Advent Week 4 Title : Peace Isaiah 7:10-16

Christmas Services



Christmas Eve December 24th @ 6:30
Sermon Title: As Promised

Christmas Day December 25th @ 10:30
Sermon Title: The Reign

