



THE LIGHT

April 2022 Newsletter

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

Egg-stravaganza Event



VALUES WORKSHOP

On April 3rd Pastor Reed held a Value Workshop to continue the process of the FBCO Vision. During this workshop the leadership and church attenders to Discover what Core Values are, Consider why they are important, Review our initial list of Core Values and Learn how we will use them. Stay tuned for more on our Vision process.

EASTER LILIES

Nell Bowen In Remembrance of John Bowen

John & Becky Burns

Jan Crumly -In Remembrance of Hazel and Henry Blum (Parents)

Bill Eddings & Mary Hildreth In Remembrance of Michelle Eddings and Bob Redman

Rick & Carolyn Holland In Remembrance of Eleanor Gooch

John & Rene Holmes In Remembrance of MesCal Holmes and Leone Bryant

Bob & Mona Huggins In Remembrance of Carl & Eva Bumpers and Roy & Pat Huggins

Carolyn Ibach In Remembrance of Jim Ibach and Kay & Pauline Hawkins

Dinah & Ron Mellard

Don & Colleen Miller

Diana & Brian Neely In Remembrance of Charlie (Chuck) Neely

Don & Barbara Newbanks

Brian & Patty Robinett In Remembrance of Donald Koss

Jim & Deb Ruse In Remembrance of Our Loved Ones who have Passed

Rita Shelton & Jeannie Peterson In Remembrance of James Shelton

Chad & Laurie Schroeder In Remembrance of Grandpa & Grandma Cole

Lisa & Larry Sonsthagen In Remembrance of Lynne Tomasch

Janice Tow In Remembrance of Gary Tow

Ruth Ann Wallace

Charles & Debby White In Honor of the FBC Youth and Children; and In Remembrance of our daughter, Dawn

Paul & Morna Wood In Honor of the birth of Leonard James Wood and In Remembrance of Rev. Apolonio & Lydia Prancia and Rev. Jim & Doris Wood

PRESCHOOL OUTREACH

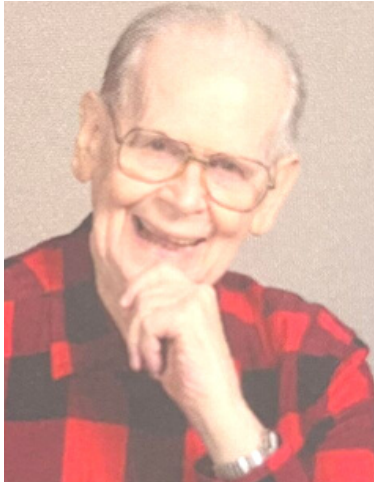
This year students in Connections Preschool are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. As an application of our learning, we collected 254 packaged Hot Wheels cars for patients at Children's Mercy Hospital.



SAVE THE DATES

- 4/17/22 - Easter
- 5/15/22 - Congregation Value Workshop #2
- 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



BERT DOLL

A native Coloradan, Bert grew up in Rocky Ford, Colorado. After attending Junior College nearby, Bert attended Colorado State for a degree in education.

The pastor at the Baptist church he attended while a college student, encouraged him to consider attending seminary. Following completion of his study, Bert was called to a small church in the southwest corner of Colorado.

During the three years of ministry and teaching, his wife became ill. The needed to get closer to quality medical care and move to Denver where his wife passed.

In changing locations, Bert found employment as a teacher. He became involved with the Civil Air Patrol. He attended classes which allowed him the knowledge to teach aeronautics along with math and the sciences. Bert also lead a group of students in a youth Civil Air Patrol unit.

He and his wife Barbara moved with his son to Overland Park. Barbara passed and he has continued living in the Towers of Olathe. Bert's hobbies are reading, learning more about computers, and board games to be hobbies. He is very fond of reading the Old Testament and theology books and has a deep love for Israel. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is a scripture dear to him.



DICK SIPE

Dick's life was about to change when he was a Senior in high school in Rochester, New York. College was not on his radar until then. He filled out an application to Ottawa University to play soccer. Ottawa is a Christian college, but that didn't mean much until he saw he would have to attend Chapel and take religion classes.

Dick also attended law school at Washburn for a couple of years then ended up coming back to his alma mater as a recruiter. This is when he met Jan. Within two weeks they were engaged and married in 8 months.

God had more in store for Dick. During a Sunday School class, he and Jan both felt called to ministry.

After 3 years in seminary, Dick prayed that his Call to a church would come in a letter. Many phone calls but no letter. Then one day the letter arrived. It was off to California and many other states. Dick is somewhat retired. He is a transitional pastor with short stints at churches.

Travel is something Dick has enjoyed, especially, Maui, Hawaii. He is very fond of winter trip through Yellow Stone. Ask Dick about sports and he will tell you he likes them all. Rib Eye steak is his favorite food. His cooking claim to fame is Coconut Cake. Just ask the D group he leads with Jan.



HEATHER RICKETTS

Where is almost the exact geographical center of the state of Kansas? Ask Heather Ricketts. She and her brother and sister were raised in Great Bend and Albert, Kansas. Her home was a farmhouse and it had no central air or heat.

Heather is the mother of three wonderful children and aunt to five active boys. She has worked her job at Farmer's Ins. for fourteen years. Presently she clocks in from home. Heather and her husband Matt met while working in an Italian restaurant in Lawrence. She was a student at the University of Kansas. Her degree is a BA in Human Biology with a Psychology Concentration.

When traveling, Heather tends to look for areas where they can hike. No doubt she loves being outdoors. Heather would choose an AirBNB or VRBO over a hotel when one would be available.

Heather does enjoy reading but usually listens to books. Her favorite authors are the likes of Jen Hatmaker, Shauna Niequist, Brene Brown and Katy Bowman. She is musical but it's been a while since playing the piano which she's self-taught or the clarinet that she played in band.

CHURCH FINANCES FEBRUARY 2021

General Operations \$157,477.69
Capital \$13,634.27
Loan Balance \$28,634.27

Brazilian Grant \$2,450
Reshaping Grant \$3,350
Grand Pads \$5,425
PS Grant \$6,504.93

Revenue \$33,436
Expenses \$23,311 = +10,125

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
or Scan this QR code.



March Diaconate & Quarterly Meeting Highlights

- “Second Wednesdays”, Family, Fun and Food events will be June- October.
- Grant to Preschool has provided new floors, tables, chairs and a wall.
- Grant for Brazilian congregation may be used to upgrade technology in Fellowship Hall.
- Endowment Fund governing document voted dissolved to be restructures to reflect the current mission of the church and its core values.
- AV team have hearing assist devices for the sanctuary available.

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 :
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A NOTE FROM PASTOR REED

Have you ever seen something that made you stop and praise God for His goodness? If you are like me, you've had many. Perhaps you saw a beautiful sunrise or a breathtaking vista. There, God has given us much to be grateful for. I am lucky enough to be able to say that FBC Olathe has been a part of two such events in as many weeks.

The first was last Sunday during our first Values Workshop. I was not sure what was going to happen. Were people going to stick around? Would they engage in the conversation? Would fights break out? Ok... that last one was a stretch, but truth be told, I wasn't sure what would happen. Many people did indeed stick around, and they weren't just warm bodies in the pew. They were active participants. People wanting to engage what it is God is about to do at FBC Olathe. To those who were there, thank you. To those who weren't, we still desire to know what you think. Feel free to drop me an email or give me a call.

The second was this past Saturday during our Eggstravaganza event. Many hands went into making this event a fun and safe Gospel-centered event. There is really so much that could be mentioned but I wanted to share the one aspect that truly gave me pause. As I stood in front of the group for the first time, I saw our youngest generation sitting with our oldest. They each were not simply present at the same event, but they were present to one another. This did not happen by accident. Early in the planning process, Krystal Laws proposed that we have our children invite our seniors to be their buddies during the event. It worked beautifully. It was fantastic to watch our kiddos be adopted by new grandparents in the faith. Maxwell loved being able to share the Easter story with Carolyn Holland, and I know other children felt loved and appreciated by adults other than their parents.

Thank you, FBC Olathe, for providing moments to give thanks. Let us embrace this Resurrection season, celebrate the new life we have in Christ, and the new work He is doing amongst us.