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Church Office Hours
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
9:00 am - Noon

SAVE THE DATES

- 1/19 - Serve at Grace Community Church
- 3/10-3/12 - Youth mission trip
- 3/17 - Serve at Grace Community Church
- 6/24-6/25 'Sent' Conference

Don't miss out

HOW TO HAVE FUN IN A NEGATIVE WORLD

Bible Study: Book of Phillipians of the New Testament
4 Sundays in January. 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
6pm to 7pm in Heritage Chapel
Teacher: Duane McCracken
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Volunteering in Children's Ministry

Join the fun with our young members
Contact Heather Ricketts
Email: hlynnmcfann@gmail.com

Featured Members



JD DAILEY

JD grew up in the southern edge of KCMO city limits. He had a difficult childhood with divorced parents. He attended five grade schools and four high schools. Often the moved in the middle of the night. School wasn't a happy place for him. When he could, his mother signed so he could enlist in the Marines. Before shipping out JD was baptized.

The Marines raised him, as "Nam" was tough place to grow up. He feels that experience got him focused and the best thing that could have happened. He was home on leave when he met Pam. They knew that they were meant for each other and were married less than six months later.

JD felt that the skills God gave him, he was to put use at the church. He, Rick Holland and Charles White are busy keeping the facility in good repair. JD helped the church cooks in the kitchen. Outside of church he joins the Wednesday bible study group on Zoom.

Watching cowboy movies and doing puzzles on the computer fills his free time. He has a servant heart when he takes people older than he to appointments, visit their friends or whatever need they may have.

JD sees being poor as a blessing. It kept him grounded. As an adult, he rededicated his life to Jesus.



PHYLLIS LEWIS

Meet our "Saint Phyllis". She started her life in Osborne, Kansas. The town's population was 2,000 people. Everyone knew each other so that kept the kiddos in line. Later on Phyllis went to business college in Wichita. About that time, she met a good looking, nice, kind man. She and John dated. He was in the service and at the time, dating someone in the service was frowned upon. Phyllis just knew he was a good man, and the rest is history.

John worked for the A&P grocery company, and they moved to Olathe. Phyllis became a mother of two adorable daughters and loved being a mommy, it was fun. She became a stay-at-home mom. Her favorite thing to do as a housewife was to clean house. It wasn't until the girls got older that Phyllis worked outside of the home, and it was only part time. She was able to continue be available for the girl's activities.

She enjoyed going away for the cold months of winter. Phyllis and John made friends where they rented a place and looked forward to going there for several years. The couple joined friends from FBC in a Square-Dancing club. Phyllis attended Sunday School, church and was active in ABW. She truly misses not being able to come to FBC.

This 90-year-old is a grandmother. She sees her daughters often. Phyllis is grateful for their loving support.



EMMA ERICKSON

BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Emma Erickson is fourteen years old and is in high school at The Daniel Academy, a Christian school. Her parents are Dale and Amy, who are our new Directors of Next Generation Ministries and Worship Arts. She has a sister Ellarie who sings with the worship team, and a little brother named Elliott. Emma also has a dog named Teddy. She has been at FBC Olathe for a little over a month and has also lived in Michigan and Missouri. So far she isn't involved in a specific ministry but plans on helping wherever she can.

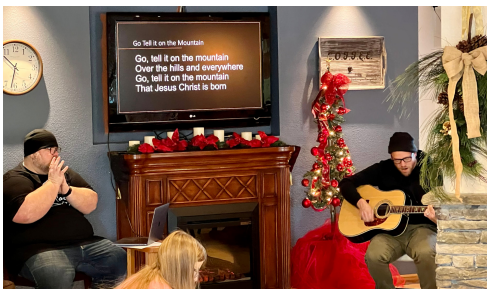
Emma's favorite hobbies include reading, journaling, and hanging out with friends. Among her top books, the series Green Ember is her favorite. She loves the movies Enola Holmes and Little Women. She enjoys worship music, theater and history. She acts in her school plays and musicals. Emma's favorite food is dark chocolate. She loves the ocean. One of her favorite memories is of a high school retreat at her school.

Emma is taking ASL(American Sign Language) classes, and you may have seen her sign during Christmas Eve Service, to the song Away In A Manger. In addition to knowing American Sign Language, she loves being with kids and when she grows up she wants to do a job that involves interacting with kids. This Christmas break from school was spent on a surprise trip to Branson with her family and with friends.

Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Day Service



Church Finances November 2022

General Operations \$942,210.02
Capital \$26,253.76
Grand Pads \$1,945
Brazilian Grant \$2,450
Reshaping Grant \$3,350
PS Grant 1 Zero
PS Grant 2 \$81,000

Revenue \$48,470
Expenses \$32,271 = +\$16,199

December Diaconate and Annual Meeting Highlights

- 2023 budget approved. Projected revenue - \$497,752; projected expenses 480,908; balance \$16,844.
- Legacy Fund-using the funds formerly in the Endowment will be used to equip future clergy by funding an internship program at FBC Olathe that will seek to prepare candidates through formalized education and hands on learning opportunities and to equip our laity to be fully formed disciples for Jesus who are on mission by supporting educational opportunities and resourcing grass roots missional endeavors.
- "Sent" Conference hosted by FBC Olathe, June 24-25, Authors Ashley and Heather Holleman. How to live life that will invite others to follow Jesus.

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

Meet the New Staff



Dale and Amy Erickson

FBC Olathe Directors of Next Generation

The Directors of Next Generation Ministry will design and implement ministries that help to shape our youth and children's sense of identity, belonging, and purpose. The purpose of this part time position will largely be focused on middle and high school aged students. In the future, when resources allow, we see this position expanding to fulltime to take on more duties in our ministries to children and young adults.



Building changes

Change in our church building will be happening soon. The nursery will be moved to where the front office is currently. Office will be moving to the north side of the building.

Members Promoted to Heaven in 2022

George Chesney
Mary Ann Goff
Karen Vanaman
Terry Holcomb
Millie Bowles

From the Pastor

One day, while on vacation, we ventured across the street, over to Heritage Park. The kids wanted to play on the playground and Kelsey wanted to take a walk along the pond. At some point Kelsey and Emerson began to walk and Max and I stayed at the playground. Eventually other families began to arrive. Kids connected with kids and a game of tag broke out.

As I watched, I was taken back to my childhood. For me, games of tag were a daily occurrence on the playground at school. I was reminded that, though I was fleet of foot for my size, there were many kids I knew I would never be able to chase down. On normal days, those who I knew I would never catch, were the ones I didn't even attempt to tag. On abnormal days, when the slower kids were not around, once tagged, I faced the unenviable task of tracking down kids I knew I could never catch.

Sometimes life feels like a normal game of tag. Always running to play the game, most often enjoyable, but sometimes exhausting. Then there are days, or even seasons, that feel like an abnormal game of tag. Always playing and chasing, but never catching. These are the seasons of doubt and struggle. Never feeling fulfilled, but always chasing what we think might. It's in these seasons that we need to be reminded that while it might feel like we are the ones chasing, it is God who has sought us out.

In this truth, that God has come to us in the person of Jesus and has gently wooed us through the sending of His Spirit, that we can and should find rest. In the relationship that he offers is the place we should find fulfillment. If you struggle to grasp these truths for yourself, I encourage you to take the intentional journey with Jesus called discipleship. If you would like to take that journey, but are not sure how, give me a call I would love to help you on the Way.

Blessings,

Pastor Reed Webster