



SAVE THE DATE

- 11/12 - Commitment Sunday
- 11/19 - Thanksgiving meal and packing of Children Christmas boxes
- 11/25 - Hanging of the greens

Honoring Charles and Debbie White

On November 5, 2023, Dr. Gregg Hemmen, Executive director of the Central Region American Baptist Churches presented the 2023 Loving Grandparents Award -Nielsen Grant to our very own, Charles and Debby White. This annual recognition honors those who invest their time and life in the next generations. Debby was the children's director in our church for many years. She's been retired for a few years but noticed 3 teens who didn't have anything to do during the "Sunday school hour". She started a class which has now grown to 7 by "word of mouth" of those teens. Charles is the "go-to" guy in our church to fix anything broken! Mr. Charles and Ms. Debby attend school and civic events of the children they are ministering. They have many invites to weddings and baby showers from the children who have grown up in their ministry. Charles and Debby make a great team and role model as they have encouraged generations of children to love Jesus. Charles and Debby White are an example of living out faith and generations of young people are the proof.



Featured Members



MYRNA LAMER

Myrna is a soft-spoken lady who quilts beautifully. She was raised on a cattle ranch north of Salina, Kansas. Myrna attended a one room school, rode the bus, and learned with a class of twelve students, many were cousins.

Myrna was inclined to work the ranch with her dad. Along with tending the cattle, she helped plow the ground and plant the seed that would harvest alfalfa and wheat. At 14, she would drive the grain truck to the grain elevator.

Mrs. Lamer married her high school sweetheart, Wayne, a Navy pilot. Each time he was deployed she would come back to the ranch. She learned the art of quilting with her grandmother, mother and aunt. They would sit around a large frame and quilt. This was a cherished time.

Wayne went to work for TWA. They moved to the Kansas City area. The airline closed. The couple opened a quilting and sewing machine business. Shortly after joining FBC, Myrna got involved in the Lydia Circle. Shortly after she was she was nominated to chair the Annual Fall Bazaar. She enlisted a lot of help and feels she was actually a co-chair. Her love for quilting headed her in the direction of quilting with the ladies at FBC until the group hung up their frame. The mother of two children and three grandchildren, finds 1St Peter 5:7 to be a scripture that sustains her. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.



REV. KEVIN INGLEHART

Kevin calls Monroe, Michigan his home. He and Peggy met each other in Middle School. They went to different colleges. After they married, they went to Elgin, Illinois where Kevin attended Judson College.

Seminary took them to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Kevin's ministry career took them to Ohio and Kansas where they retired. They settled in Gardner to be close to two of their three children and four grandchildren. Most of their travel time is to Michigan to check on Peggy's parents. While there, they take advantage of visiting favorite spots like Mackinaw City in northern Michigan. Kevin grows vegetables in his garden. He finds fishing to be a good hobby. Kevin has joined number of former pastors in a study group who like to read and discuss theology and philosophy. Kevin is a supporter of Michigan University.

Kevin married well in many ways. To note one is to mention he is well fed. His wife is of Czech ancestry and a very good cook. His favorite foods and pastries come from that background.

"The Lord doesn't call the prepared but prepares those He calls," Kevin believes this to be true.



LINDA BETTIS BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Linda Bettis was born on December 18. She grew up in Missouri, and then married Keith, who was in the Air Force. They have lived in Illinois, New Mexico, Mississippi, Washington state, Nebraska, and now Kansas. At one time, Linda had a job decorating Christmas trees! They have two daughters, Laura and Katherine. Katherine is married to Lucas and has a daughter named Phoebe. Keith and Linda also have a crazy dog named Ridley.

Linda has been at First Baptist Church of Olathe since 1993, and is president of Lydia Circle. At the yearly American Baptist Women (ABW) mission fundraising bazaar, you will find her manning the bakery table and all its delicious offerings. Linda considers herself very fortunate and blessed.

Her favorite books are true crime, and specifically Bill O'Reilly's Killing series. She loves to watch "It's a Wonderful Life," "Gone With The Wind," and "The Wizard of Oz." Linda is not picky, but she won't eat sushi or lima beans. She listens to country music and old hymns. She also likes to crochet, quilt, and garden. Linda's favorite place to go on vacation is anywhere with beautiful scenery. Her favorite memory was finally getting to meet their granddaughter Phoebe, who was born during Covid.

Fall Bazaar

Another successful Fall Bazaar. ABW women brought in over \$7,000.



Breakfast in the making!



Hanging of the Greens

Volunteers Needed!
Hanging of the Christmas greens will happen on, November 25th. Please watch the Be In The Know email for details.

Prayer Ministry



September 2023 Finances

Expenses \$32,454.00
Revenue \$35,965.00 = +3,511.00

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

October Diaconate and Church Meeting Highlights

- Refine Process continuing to evaluate and expand our ministries,
- Plans for a Strategic Facility Planning Committee,
- Nominating Committee formed (members- Jan Sipe, Debby White, Krystal Laws, Pastor Reed)

Trunk or Treat and Chili Cookoff



Chili Cookoff Winners!

