



THE LIGHT

February 2022 Newsletter

FBC CONNECT CARDS

Our connection cards are a way to not only keep the church records correct on your information but a way for you to connect any many ways with our church.

- Add a prayer for our prayer warriors to pray.
- Tell us what you are interested in joining.
- What areas you would like to server.

Connection cards are at the front door under the Connect board, within the back of the pews or ask a usher.


 First Baptist Church *Olathe*
CONNECT CARD

Date _____

Visitor
 Regular Attendee
 Member

PRIMARY CONTACT

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____

Preferred Communication: Email Text Postal Mail

Would you like to meet the Pastor?

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

I'M INTERESTED IN:

Women's Groups
 Men's Group
 Small Groups
 Baptism
 Joining the Church
 Being a Prayer Warrior
 Worship leadership
 Bible study leadership
 Music

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Hospitality: Set up events and/or prepare food
 Cafe Helper
 Children's Ministry
 Youth Ministry
 Missions

IN NEED OF PRAYER

LENT

During the season of Lent, we will follow Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. During the week you will have the opportunity to join along in the recommended devotional book, **Grace Unbounded: Devotions for Lent 2022 by Pricilla Austin**. Each week during our midweek message, Pastor Reed will reflect on stories told in that book.

On Sundays we will follow Jesus as he fulfills his promise to the Disciples to make them fishers of men. Our sermon series, Discipled, will look at stories in the Gospel of Luke with an eye towards understanding both what and how Jesus taught.

Devotion book can be found. <https://www.christianbook.com>

D GROUP

Discipleship group meets every Wednesday in the Cafe from 9:30AM to 11AM.

Please contact Jan Sipe at 785-764-6854 to join a group



DON'T MISS THE MIDWEEK MESSAGE

Pastor Reed provides a midweek encouragement message. Please see the **Be In The Know** email on Thursdays or go to our **YouTube channel: Worship At FBC Olathe**



SAVE THE DATES

- Lent - March 2, to April 14th
 - March 2nd - Ash Wednesday - Service Time TBD
- Easter - April 17th
- Mission trip to Murrow Indian Childrens home 6/19 to 6/24. Please contact Paul Wood at woodp@fbcolathe.org
- Bethel Summer Kickoff June 11th. FBC volunteers entertain the children and serve a meal while the parents hear the orientation for the summer program.

Featured Members



HERMAN & ROBERTA CLINE

In a history class at Northeast State Teachers College, Herman sat the back of the class noting all of the lovely ladies. His eyes clearly were set on the lovely blonde in front of the room. He wrote a note to ask her for a date and passed it to her by the classmates.

They dated through college and were married following graduation in 1957. The newlyweds moved to Springfield, MO.

After receiving their master's degrees, they began careers in Olathe Schools. Roberta was a Speech Language Coordinator and Herman was the Director of Special Ed.

Both are dedicated to serving the Lord. Herman taught Adult Sunday School, served as Moderator and sat on the Diaconate. Roberta was involved in ABWA and served as director of VBS. She helped develop a MDO program that became Connection Preschool.

Herman fishing trips to Canada in the 80's and turned into a family annual homage in 1998. They have a home on Lynn Lake in Manitoba. Roberta became quite good at fishing for Walleye. They often shared their catch.

The note written many years ago was only a beginning of the love story of these Silver Saints.



BARBARA NEWBANKS

Barbara grew up on a farm in the Prairie Center area. She initially met her husband Don of 73 years in VBS in 1st or 2nd grade. She went on to high school at Gardner High. Barbara was the CEO of the home and six children.

Barbara worked at Jetmores, a children's clothing manufacture. Later she worked at Olathe School District in the Payroll Dept. as clerk. Barbara oversaw payroll online when technology came to that department. She was often asked if she would have worked with her husband. Her reply was "No way, I had a job I loved."

She enjoyed going on cruises with friends from church. She loved hiking and touring the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

Barbara was active with Cub Scouts, Girls Guild, and chaired the FBC Children's Education Department. She has been involved with ABWA, holding offices. She participated in the Annual Bazaar, where her pickled beets were in demand.

With a large garden south of Ottawa, she had plenty of produce to can. Her favorite food is cranberries, when in season, anyway they can be used. Salads are a favorite. She continues hand quilting, a skill she developed at FBC when the ladies would set up a frame and gathered in the quilting room.



REBECCA BILDERBACK

Rebecca grew up in Illinois and Missouri. She left for college where she met her husband of twenty years, Chris. They married in their Junior year and following graduation moved to Olathe. They have been part of the FBC family since 2005.

Rebecca is the mother of adorable nine year old twin girls named Rachel and Rose. She is a busy mom, CEO of the home and educational Learning Coach. Rebecca is a fur mom to a 2 year old Schnoodle named Biscuit.

She might be found at the Overland Park Arboretum or Heritage Park where she enjoys long walks and bird watching. Rebecca likes to attend the annual Butterfly Festival at Powell Gardens. Biking on the Prairie Spirit, Kill Creek and Coffee Creek trails is an activity she likes to do. The family annually travels to Colorado and visits the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Rebecca's favorite food is Chicken Spiedini. Going to Chris' favorite restaurant and having Garozzo's signature dish, it was love at first bite. She still enjoys the restaurant version. Her personal chef, Chris, makes it for her at home!

Rebecca's favorite Bible verse is John 14:1: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

CHURCH FINANCES DECEMBER 2021

General Operations \$136,917.88

Capital \$30,996.51

Loan Balance \$40,368.45

\$10k donation in December to be applied to Loan Balance in January.

Grand Pads \$5,425.00

Brazilian Grant \$2,450

Reshaping Grant \$5,000

Preschool Grant \$30,000

Revenue \$40,089

Expenses \$29,956 = +\$10,133

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

January Diaconate Highlights

- New furnace in the cafe area.
- New refurbished espresso machine.
- Committee appointed to research the future of the Endowment fund.

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.

WORSHIP



Online Worship

CHURCH INFORMATION

Phone: 913-764-7088

Email: fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org

www.fbcolathe.org

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

9:00 am - Noon

If you would like to submit news for the newsletter, please send to :
Communications@fbcolathe.org

A NOTE FROM PASTOR REED

In 1991, when I was just ten years old, the movie City Slickers came out. Even as a child this movie was memorable and had an impact on me. The movie follows three 40 year old men from Manhattan who find themselves living largely unfulfilling lives. Along the way these men partner with other wannabe cowboys at a dude ranch where they assist real-life cowboys in driving the herd home. The journey that they take is full of laughs, trials, tragedy, and ultimately triumph.

At one point in the movie the grizzled old cowboy, Curly, played by Jack Palance, has a heartfelt conversation with Mitch Robbins, one of the dissatisfied city slickers, played by Billy Crystal. As Curley and Mitch slowly ride side by side, Curly, with a cigarette hanging from his lips, says in his grizzled tone, "do you know what the secret to life is?" Mitch quizzically responds, "No, what?" To this response Curly holds up one finger. Mitch replies, "Your finger?" At this point Curly lets him in on the secret, "One thing, just one thing, you stick to that and nothing else don't mean anything."

As a church there are so many things that we could focus on – many of them good, many worthwhile – but only one is necessary. Only one thing should drive us. When all else is stripped away we exist for only one purpose. For us who call FBCO home that one thing is encapsulated in our mission statement, Drawing our communities and world into a deeper relationship with God.

Over the coming months, all who call FBCO home will be invited to join the Diaconate in a visioning process. Please engage in the process by first praying, second speaking up, and third participating in the two Values Workshops we will have. We are church, from the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between, called together to work toward accomplishing our one thing.

Blessings, Pastor Reed