



The Light

FBC OLATHE NEWSLETTER

MEET INTERIM PASTOR, BILL HENDRICKS



Dr. Hendricks is our Interim Pastor, serving our church until a new pastor is called. He brings extensive expertise in architecting solutions that make a difference in people's lives. This strategic approach defines purpose, drives commitment and builds engagement.

For 40 years Dr. Hendricks has shaped organizations and developed people, through world-wide consulting engagements. His experience spans, from local church to corporate conglomerates; coaching world-class athletes to working on the streets with youth who are struggling with drug addiction.

Dr. Hendricks completed his BA in Education from the University of Northern Iowa, his M.Div from Asbury Theological Seminary and his D.Min. from the University of Dubuque, with a focus on organizational conflict.

Dr. Hendricks is the Director of Interim Ministry for the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region.

IN PERSON CHURCH UPDATE

Currently the church leadership is looking at the Covid situation monthly to determine the best time to return to in-person church. Please keep an eye on email, mail and the website for updates.

ONLINE CHURCH

We encourage everyone to join in on Sunday around 10:20AM to church online and join in and chat with our church family.

Go to our website fbcoolathe.org and click on Worship button.

WORSHIP

CHURCH INFORMATION

Office is currently open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9AM to Noon.

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RESHAPE Emerging Church Practice in a Volatile World is a research project of Central Baptist Theological Seminary and funded by the Lily Foundation. Our church is one of 12 churches involved in this landmark study. We will learn and listen to what we want and where we are headed as together, we transform. Small groups are forming to learn, discuss and study transformation and change. The current groups are listed here. Have questions or would like to participate in one of the groups contact Jan Sipe (phone or text 785-764-6854; email jansipe2001@yahoo.com). While there will be lots to learn and consider, there are no right or wrongs, just a journey together - We will discover, together, God's call to mission for FBC Olathe.

RESHAPING GROUPS

You Are Invited to Join Any of These Reshaping Groups

Rick Hunsaker/Matt Sonsthagen

- Sunday, 9:30AM Mornings, weekly beginning Jan 31st, in person/Zoom

Mona Huggins/Jan Sipe

- Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., weekly beginning Feb 17, Zoom *primarily women*

Bill Hendricks/Albert Sampson

- Sundays, 9:30 a.m., weekly beginning Jan 24, Zoom

Lisa Sonsthagen/Morna Wood

- Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., biweekly beginning Jan 30, Zoom *primarily women*

Bill Hendricks/Lauren Edwards

- TBD, K State Students, Zoom

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Search Committee continues to meet each week. Below are some of the steps they have been working on to find our next Pastor.

- Survey to understand what kind of church and pastor is wanted.
 - **Survey's are still needed to ensure we have input from all.**
- Creating our church profile to let candidates know who we are.

Search Committee members: Bob Huggins, Lisa Sonsthagen, Rick Hunsaker, Carolyn Holland, Sheri Drake, Matt Ricketts, Miriam Laws.

Prayer Needs

Pray for wisdom and patience for the search committee.

Pray for wisdom for our future pastor, the one God has specifically called to join with us.

Pray for hope and excitement for our church family as we are companions in this adventure of trust.



Matt Sonsthagen & Megan Porter Wedding Shower

February 21st, @1:30 PM

via Zoom

Registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond

Please drop your gifts off at the church.

Church Finances

Cash available for General Operations \$91,482.81

2020 Revenue \$305,891- 2020 Expenses \$303,368.29 = + \$2,522.

Expenses do not include A/C \$39,735.71 which is in our loan.

Loan balance at end of Dec. 2020 was \$70,757.56

Two generous donations totalling \$15,000 were applied to the loan in January. PPP loan (Government loan due to COVID) of \$44,400 plus interest has been forgiven.

I want to personally thank everyone who continues to tithe to our church. Every dollar given makes a huge difference and without all of you being able to give, FBC would not be in the financial position it is today. If anyone ever has any questions about the financial position of our church please feel free to contact me. **Deb Ruse, Treasurer**, 913 206 6342