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

SAVE THE DATES

- 2/22 - Ash Wednesday
- 3/10-3/12 - Youth mission trip - CANCELED
- 3/17 - Serve at Grace Community Church
- 3/26 - SENT Conference rally
- 4/9 - Easter Sunday
- 6/24 - SENT Conference

Missionaries

On January 25th, Missionaries, Anita and Rick came to discuss their ministry with FBCO. They are doctors that train and equip local missionaries, or Health Builders, to combat lifestyle-related diseases like HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, heart and artery disease, diabetes, and malaria in homes, schools, places of worship, and markeplaces. Health Builders also receive training in gardening and poultry skills so that they can promote good nutrition and create income, and they lead Bible study groups in their communities.



Anita & Rick Gutierrez



Featured Members



JAN SIPE

Home has been coast to coast for Jan Sipe. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland when father was in the Army. Her parents moved nine times before she finished the first grade. Jan is a graduate of Center High School in South Kansas City and has a degree in Botany from Ottawa University. (She does not have a green thumb but can tell you why the plant died!)

Shortly after she married Dick, Jan made the decision to follow Jesus. Soon thereafter God called Dick and Jan into ministry. They served churches in Coalinga, California, El Dorado, Kansas and Marshalltown, Iowa. Jan has worked in mortgage banking, oilfield maintenance, community college and law offices.

When Jan retired four years ago, they moved to Spring Hill, Kansas to be near family. Jan's folks live in Kansas City. Their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live in Overland Park.

She enjoys travel and has been in 41 states and 29 countries. She served on the National Board of American Baptist Women and ABW Ministries for 7 years. She loves to lead Bible Studies, quilt, knit, scrapbook and watercolor.

Jan has survived a 6.8 earthquake, EF-3 tornado and a variety of life challenges so she claims Philippians 3:8 as her life verse.



SHERI LAYTON

Sheri was born in Kansas and at age 6 her parents moved to Olathe. You may know her as Sheri Drake. She and Steve Layton were married in January on a trip to Hawaii.

Sheri is the mother of two young adults, Shelbi and Nash. Motherhood has been the most stressful job and the best job she has ever had. She loved raising her kids, as they taught her so much!

Sheri volunteers on the Communication Team for the church. She and several other ladies work to provide the newsletter and other communication items to the church members. She is very excited to help and participate in the SENT conference, this June at FBCO.

One of her dreams is to have a non-profit diabetic supply company for diabetics that cannot afford the leading edge technology to keep them healthy. This passion comes from walking through the journey of Type 1 diabetes with her son.

Sheri's favorite hobby is remodeling projects. She isn't afraid to take out a wall or demo a kitchen to the studs and has had great support with her project from her husband, son and close friends. The next project is build a house in Olathe. She really feels she is the Jill of many trades, master of none.

Sheri's excited that she has a life partner that is in the same faith journey space.



HALEY SCHROEDER BY EMERSON WEBSTER

Haley is 14 and is in eighth grade. Her parents are Laurie and Chad. She has an older brother, Connor, who is in college, a younger brother named Luke, and a younger sister named McKinsey. The family lived in Lawrence for several years before moving to Olathe.

Her favorite book is Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech, and her favorite movie is Shrek 2. One of her favorite memories is going to a Mitski concert in Minnesota with her family, and she also likes to listen to My Chemical Romance. Haley loves to eat fettuccine alfredo. Her favorite hobbies include playing guitar and ukulele, reading, and writing. She would like to learn to play piano also. Her favorite school subject is Social Studies.

Haley and her family have been at FBC Olathe for a little over a year, and she is involved in youth group. She wrote a novel for her best friend in first grade. She likes working on the stage crew for her school's theater productions, and she was one of the stage managers for the most recent production, The Audition. She has worked on Matilda, Jr. and Sister Act Jr.

She has been a school spelling bee runner-up three times! Haley used to be obsessed with writing songs, and she also wanted to be an inventor...although this mostly involved collecting and taping paper towel rolls together in creative ways.

Note from Dale and Amy

We have a heart for building bridges of relationships through multiple generations and love to find avenues to do so. Each generation needs each other. We hope to build ways in which each generation feels passionate about serving each other, growing in relationship with each other and the Lord.

We invite you to volunteer:

Worship - If you would like to explore being part of the worship team (and are musically or creatively inclined), please contact us.

Youth

Birthday cake baker - When a teenager gets a birthday cake with their name on it, they light up. Even faces who rarely crack a smile recognize the gift of joy and love when they get their own special birthday cake at youth group, they light up.

Youth Meals on Youth nights - Gather food and/or prepare/serve a light dinner for the youth (about 15 students currently) on Sunday evenings. There is funding to help support the Sunday evening dinners.

If there is any way you'd like to get connected in either of these ministries, please let us know.

Go Chiefs!



Church Finances December 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

January Diaconate Meeting Highlights

- Legacy Fund grant approves for SENT Conference, June 24
- Church directory coming soon.
- Office/nursery location swap 2/2/23.

Members Promoted to Heaven in 2022 correction

George Chesney
Mary Ann Goff
Karen Vanaman

Terry Holcomb
Millie Bowles
Christine Norman

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

From the Pastor

Dear FBC Olathe family,

I hope life is going well for each of you. I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you my excitement for the plans that are taking shape for the season of Lent. As you may know Lent is a 40-day period of reflection and prayer. The season begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 22nd this year. The 40-day period of Lent does not include Sundays. Sundays are meant to be a resurrection celebration. So, during the week we reflect, focus on God, and listen for where He is leading us. On Sundays we celebrate the life we have in Christ.

This Lent I want to give you some tools to help you live into this rhythm. First, in order to help you reflect I would like to give you some guidance and have you pray, in specific ways each day. We will divide the 40-days into shorter 10-day periods. During each 10-day period you will have an area to pray for, and for each of those days you will be given a specific prompt. The four 10-day periods will have you focus on yourself and your family, your church family, your community, and the world. I will also be making available a 40 day reading plan for the Gospel of Luke. During these 40 days my Midweek Message will focus on what God has been speaking to me through the readings.

Second, to help you celebrate the life we have in Christ our sermon series will focus on 5 of the "In Him" or "In Christ," statements made in the Pauline Epistles. The sermon series is called In Christ: Knowing Where You Stand. I am excited to dive into the Word with you and gain a better insight to what it means to be In Christ and how understanding these truths can lead us into a deeper relationship with God.

Be Blessed, Be a Blessing,

Pastor Reed

The season of Lent is time Prayer Focus Ourselves and Family

Here are the first 14 days of prayer.

Day 1 – Wednesday, February 22nd
Pray that God would open your ears to hear Him.

Day 2 – Thursday, February 23rd
Pray that God would show you where you need to forgive yourself.

Day 3 – Friday, February 24th
Pray that God would reveal any unforgiveness you carry in your heart and the strength to forgive.

Day 4 – Saturday, February 25th
Pray that God would reveal where you might need to seek forgiveness and the strength to seek it.

Sunday 1 – Sunday, February 26th

Day 5 – Monday, February 27th
Pray that God would help you to experience His joy.

Day 6 – Tuesday, February 28th
Pray for the stresses in the lives of the people in your family who are older than you.

Day 7 – Wednesday, March 1st
Pray for the stresses in the lives of the people in your family who are younger than you.

Day 8 – Thursday, March 2nd
Pray for the marriages of the people in your family.

Day 9 – Friday, March 3rd
Pray for those in your family who are struggling with finances.

Day 10 – Saturday, March 4th
Pray that your family members would see God at work in their lives.

Sunday 2 – Sunday, March 5th

Day 11 – Monday, March 6th
Pray that God would help you see the gifts He has given you to serve Him.

Day 12 – Tuesday, March 7th
Pray that the kids in the Children's ministry would see God's love.

Day 13 – Wednesday, March 8th
Pray that the senior members of our body would know they are loved and valued.

Day 14 – Thursday, March 9th
Pray that God would help us to become more committed Disciples of Christ.