



# THE LIGHT

November 2021 Newsletter

## NEW CHAPTER BEGINS AT FBC

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 begins the next chapter of ministry at FBC. Pastoral Candidate Reed Webster and family were introduced to the FBC family. Several small get acquainted events were held during the weekend culminating in Sunday morning worship led by Pastor Reed. Following worship the business meeting was held. Pastor Reed received an overwhelming positive vote to become be our next pastor. Welcome to our family Websters. We look forward to your leadership.



# Gingerbread BASH

December 11th, 2021

Can you believe it? It's almost here—Christmas is right around the corner! There is so much joy surrounding this season, but there can also be a lot of chaos! There are decorations to put up, parties to throw, and presents to purchase. It's so easy to let the entire month of December pass by and totally forget why we celebrate Christmas. We don't want that to happen this year, so we're hosting an event called "Gingerbread Bash!" This is a fun and interactive experience designed for the whole family! We'll build gingerbread nativities, play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover that sometimes the best gift comes in the most ordinary box. It's a truly sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

We'll be hosting this event on December 11th at 3 pm at First Baptist Church. You are absolutely not going to want to miss out on the fun, but we need you to register! If you are interested in helping please contact Krystal Laws or Jennifer Guilliams. or go to [fbcolathe.org/events](http://fbcolathe.org/events).

## Fall Bazaar



November 13, 2021  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Olathe

## THANK YOU PASTOR BILL

Pastor Bill Hendricks has served as our interim pastor for more than a year. His last Sunday with us will be November 28.

Please join us on the 28th to share our appreciation. Please bring a side dish or dessert for a fellowship meal after service.

It's been a challenging time. We worshipped in-person, then online, and again in-person. Pastor Bill has led us through a confusing time when perhaps we felt lost with an uncertain future.

He has been the one to paint a vision of the remnant entering a new season of ministry at FBC Olathe.

He has skillfully taught us. Optimistically emphasized our future, not our past, and made us smile with humorous swimming stories.

Thank you, Pastor Bill, your ministry to, for, and with us has gone smooth and satisfactory or in a word, swimmingly!

## NEW GIVING OPTION



### Text2Give

1

#### Register

Text **REGISTER** to  
**913-361-5961**

2

#### Enter Info

Click on register link  
and completed  
information.

3

#### Give

Text giving  
amount.

4

#### Designate

*Optional* - Click  
on link to  
designate funds.  
Defaults to  
General  
Operating funds.

### Giving via website

On October 1st we updated our online giving program to save money. Be sure to enter your envelope number, if you don't know your envelope number please contact Deb Ruse. Be aware that giving from your checking account instead of using a credit card/debit card has the least amount of fees. Also, there will be a prompt that if you wish to pay the fees for card donations you will be able to do so. Online giving can be found at our website [fbcolathe.org](http://fbcolathe.org), click the giving button.



Online Giving

# Featured Members



## RENE HOLMES

Rene's family lived a number of different states before settling in Kansas. She met her husband of forty-one years, John, at K-State. Olathe was where they settled and had two boys. Rene is a proud mother and mimmy to three precious little girls.

She loves to travel and one son moved to a favorite destination, North Carolina. Rene just returned from a mimmy visit there. Although they live a distance away she wants to be fresh in her grands memories so visits several times a year. Another favorite vacation spot is majestic Oregon. When timing is right she wants to join friends in Finland and tour the British Isles.

Rene retired after twenty-one years of working in the Nurses Office at Olathe South. She assists and supports John's project of planting seeds to grow the wonderful plants we buy in the Spring at FBC.

Active in the ABWA, Rene is in the Dorcas Circle and participates in planning, preparing and delivering Silver Saint remembrances.

Rene is creative and likes to make things, whether it's baking, sewing or quilting. Her favorite genre in reading and movies are mysteries and science fiction.



## BRETT VAUGHN

Before moving to Texas, Brett lived in Olathe where he attended grade school. He moved back to town a few years ago and started attending FBC. He was happy to discover that Ms. Debby, one of his Prairie Center teachers, also attended church there. He watched the service when Pastor Reed delivered his candidate sermon. Brett was very pleased to be able to vote on line.

You might see Brett if you shop at the Price Chopper on 159th where he is a Courtesy Clerk. He is very outgoing and loves greeting customers and assisting with their shopping needs. Brett has a passion that he hopes to develop into a business and that is making greeting cards.

Brett has been on several cruises. The fact he can't name a favorite food bodes well on a cruise ship. He likes to read the Bible, go fishing and collects Back to the Future movies.



## MAYA NEWKIRK

Maya is a ninth grade student at Olathe Northwest. She is in the Twenty-first Century Program, where she is presently studying Digital Design. In order to dedicate her time to this elite program, she has tabled orchestra, where she played violin and now plays piano for her own pleasure. She is an artist and enjoys learning new mediums. Drawing is a favorite endeavor.

Youth group at FBC is enjoyable for her as the lessons are always presented in interesting fun ways. Maya likes giving back to the church when the youth has activities like work day.

Maya's favorite food is comfort food. A good PB & J hits the spot. She does enjoy Pasta Pizzoli. She bakes occasionally, mostly when something sounds good. Her favorite trip with family was to Tennessee and Dollywood.

Anything avian interests Maya. She loves birds and has two parakeets. One is named Tweet and the other Twitter.



# CHURCH FINANCES

## September 2021

General operations account \$126,203.02

Capital fund \$9,898.02

Loan Balance \$47,249.07

Revenue \$29,048

Expenses \$19,640 = +\$9,408.00

Grand Pad account - \$5,425.00

Reshaping Grant - \$5,000

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to tithe.  
It is appreciated more than you can know.

Deb Ruse, Treasurer (913) 206 6342 if you have any  
questions.

## 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](http://fbcolathe.org)  
or Scan this QR code.

WORSHIP



## CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Phone: 913-764-7088

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[www.fbcolathe.org](http://www.fbcolathe.org)

## COMMUNICATION TEAM

If you would like to submit news for the  
November newsletter, please send to :  
[Communications@fbcolathe.org](mailto:Communications@fbcolathe.org)  
by  
October 24, 2021. Thanks.

## NOTE FROM PASTOR REED



On behalf of Kelsey, Emerson, and Maxwell, I want to thank you all for your hospitality. We were blown away by the food, warmth, and interest that we experienced while amongst you. I do not think I have ever answered so many questions before in my life. It is oddly exhausting talking about myself. While at the youth bonfire I was stumped by one of the most basic questions one could ask a pastoral candidate, "What is your favorite Bible verse?" I must admit I totally blanked. It wasn't the only time a question caught me off guard over the weekend, but even in my flubbing you all graciously allowed me to move on. It is with this same sense of grace that I hope to walk with you. I can promise that I will not be perfect and neither will I expect that from any of you. I look forward to chasing after the Perfect One as we seek Christ together. And as for the verse, one of my favorite passages is 1 Peter 2:1-12 - the next time you see me feel free to ask why.