



# THE LIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2021 Newsletter

## POP UP SUNDAY

Years ago it was called Promotion Sunday. Children would move to the next grade in Sunday School.

We call it "Pop Up". This year It was great fun seeing so many children receive a Hands-on Bible and be recognized for their advancement in school. Pastor Bill lead the church in prayer for all the kids in school this year.

New growth of all types is popping up in our church!



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." .... Jesus

## AV (Audio Visual) Team Lead

woodp@fbcolathe.org

- Coordinate volunteers.
- Serve on the AV team to provide online connection to our online viewers.

## GrandPad Administrator

tows5@comcast.net

- Understand GradPad administration.
- Add options
- Review usage and determine if users are utilizing.
- Work back with GrandPad company on technical issues.

## Check-In Attendant

guilliamsj@fbcolathe.org

- Check in kids at the beginning of the service.

## Nursery Attendants

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- Birth - School age
- Two attendants required Sunday 10:15 am to End of service.

## Children Ministry helper/leader

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- Kindergarten - 5th grade
- Rotation is twice per month.

## Greeters

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- Greet people at the door.
- Direct people were to go.
- Provide visitors connection card.

## Cafe Helpers

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- Take orders
- Make Smoothies
- Clean cafe

# EVERY SIP SAVES LIVES

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20. This familiar verse is the origin of the name of our coffee bar "Cafe 18:20". For nearly four years this space in the lobby of the church has been the gathering place of spiritual friends.

Cafe 18:20 offers barista styled hot drinks and fruit smoothies. Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings homemade sweets add to the gathering experience. Donations are accepted when you order your favorite cuppa. The proceeds are given to missions, both local and international.

Mission is the heart of the cafe vision as the official coffee of the Cafe 18:20 is Lanna grown in Northern Thailand. This brand of coffee was introduced as an alternative income source in an area previously known for growing poppies for drugs. American Baptist missionaries, Dick and Marlene Mann, began this project. Their son, Mike Mann, directs projects to bring clean water to villages in Thailand. Part of the proceeds of our cafe aids this water project.

To date 1426 cups have been served. While we sip our drinks and gather with church friends, we supplement the income of people in Thailand as well as assist the healthy delivery of life giving water to villages. Don't miss the opportunity to gather with friends and save some lives!

# CANDIDATE WEEKEND

OCTOBER 8-10  
2021

Pastor Reed Webster and his family are coming to town. Events are scheduled to give you an opportunity to meet them. Listen to him preach on Sunday. A business meeting will follow the service.

*Save the date*

FBC FALL BAZAAR  
NOVEMBER 13

# YOUTH AT WORK

If things around the Church look a little shiny, thank a hard working Youth. Our work evening was amazing. (It was a hot evening! Thanks again to our Youth.)



# CONDOLENCES

Long time FBC member, Betty Hemmer, passed away July 31st.

She has been living with her daughter for several years.

Sympathy cards can be sent to:

Donna Finter

1249 E Baranca Road  
Gilbert, Arizona 85297

# Featured Members



## NORMA PAYNE

On December 20th, Norma will celebrate her 100th birthday. Recently she moved to her son and daughter-in-laws home in OP. She enjoys sharing time with her family, consisting of 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Norma worked for the Army during WWII, after the war she worked at the Olathe Naval Air Base with the Air Force and Navy. For twenty-six years Norma worked at Kansas School for the Deaf. This was the beginning of a relationship with the deaf community at FBC.

For seventy years Norma has been a member of FBC. She taught Sunday School, cooked dinners, and was involved with the Youth, assisting with their choir of thirty-eight teens. Norma enjoyed mission work. She was involved in the FBC Bazaar where you could find her wonderful apple pies.

Her most recent service was serving on the Silver Saints and Young at Heart.

Norma agreed to organize the programs for Young at Heart.

Our humble friend finds joy in being a prayer warrior, keeping a list and praying daily. Finding that a person was ill or having a problem in life, she was quick to ask "what can I do for you." Well done good and faithful servant!



## STACY EDWARDS

When Stacy is not at home, church or work, she can be found at a local car show with her hubby of twenty-eight years. This is not her hobby but enjoys watching him turn a vintage car into a show piece.

Stacy grew up in Johnson County. After high school she attended Emporia State. She met the love of her life at FBC of Emporia. They married and their family grew to five. She lived in several states before settling in Olathe and FBC. Always a city girl Stacy and family moved to the country. She loves the peace and quiet in this life style, but hasn't gotten fond of the "snake part".

Travel is a favorite pleasure for Stacy. They have taken many wonderful trips but not to Hawaii yet. As an empty nester, she is off to visit one in Colorado and another will be to California. Fortunately, working eighteen years for Olathe school district is a perfect job for getting out of town.

In Stacy's free time she enjoys doing cross stitch projects. A good book is fun and Christian fiction is her choice. She likes to watch "chick flick" or "shoot 'em up" movies.

Look for Stacy working with our FBC kids in the Children's ministry and preschool.



## ZACH SONSTHAGEN

Zach is a busy eighth grade student in Blue Valley. His favorite subject is History. He thinks that might be an area of interest as he moves on to college. We will have to wait and see.

Zach is very musical. You may have seen him play the cello for our worship service. He also studies piano and plays the euphonium in the band. If your not sure what that instrument is Zach explains it is kin to the tuba, a smaller version. One day he would like to play with several hundred in Tuba Christmas at the Kauffman Center.

Zach might be found munching on his favorite candy Twix while watching a movie, a Chief's game or KU basketball. He is a Star Wars fan. His sweet tooth suggests brownies that he bakes with his mom is another favorite.

This summer Zach went to ABCCR camp. He was quick to say that the experience in devotion time brought him closer to God. Already Zach is involved in FBC as an AV Tech and Youth Group in the evening.



# CHURCH FINANCES

## JULY 2021

Cash available for General Operations

\$116,689.41

Revenue \$16,264

Expenses \$14,751

= + \$ 1,513.00

Capital fund = \$17,783.02

(\$9,260 paid for painting the church exterior)

Loan balance \$48,873.44

Grand Pad Fund: +\$5,305

(which includes the \$4,550 grant)

Hardware Fund: Received \$375 toward the  
\$500 for hardware)

Thanks to everyone who continues to tithe!! It is greatly appreciated. Contact our Treasurer for any questions regarding church finances.

**Deb Ruse 913-206-6342**

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Phone: 913-764-7088

Email: [fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org](mailto:fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org)

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

## 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



Online Worship

## COMMUNICATION TEAM

If you would like to submit news  
for the October newsletter, please  
send to :

Jan Sipe,  
([jansipe2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jansipe2001@yahoo.com)) or  
Sheri Drake  
([sheridrake27@gmail.com](mailto:sheridrake27@gmail.com)) by  
September 24, 2021. Thanks.

## CONNECTIONS PRESCHOOL

Over 54 preschoolers will begin the fall session of Connections Preschool, ministry of First Baptist Church. The morning is the academic portion of our curriculum. The preschool offers an extended program with lunch and afternoon activities.

Each month of the school year, the preschool emphasizes the fruit of the Spirit.

September will focus on self-control and explore how we act toward one another even when we may not always get our way. Memory verse, 2 Timothy 1: 7 (For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.) reminds the students that school may be a new experience but it is nothing to be feared.

The preschool ministry touches the youngest of lives and teaches those youngsters to touch others. Examples of the mission outreach of the preschoolers have been collecting pajamas for foster children and donating Hot Wheels to Children's Mercy Hospital.

As you enter the doors of the church this Sunday, take a moment to pray for the little feet who will fill the halls during the week. Pray for the spiritual foundation of these little ones and the teachers who lead them.



Top Picture:  
Stacy, Jenn,  
Valerie, Amy



Picture to the left:  
This year's new teachers  
Sarah & Jessica