

First Baptist Church
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First Baptist Church March 2021 LINK





See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19



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First Baptist Church Augusta, KS - January Newsletter

Hello there church family, Pastor Mac here.

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Usually at this point you get to read words of great wisdom from our awesome pastor, but this month he's asked if I wanted to write this portion of the link to share with you how my first year of being with you all has been.

I know, it's crazy to me as well to think that it's already been a year since Brandi and I joined into the family here at First Baptist. Partly it doesn't seem real because for a good amount of that year we never got to see you in person. While you got to see me on your computer or phones weekly when we livestreamed our gatherings, all Brandi and I got to see was a camera on the back wall of the sanctuary. We were so excited back in February/March of 2020 about all the potential those first few months had for building a foundation of relationships with you all. Summer too was going to be such a fill for us getting to have our first year of camps with the students to really pour into getting to know them, then all that changed. I'd be lying to you if I said we weren't heartbroken about that. We were even questioning why God called us to a new church family only to make it impossible to gather together with them just two weeks after we started. Yet, as many of you know well, God can make something beautiful out of the worst of situations.

While those months of not getting to gather with you or the kids were difficult, you all made Brandi and I feel very loved and welcomed with the cards, gifts, and notes of encouragement. Even when walking through Walmart you'd stop us to say how much you were glad to have us in the church and how much you loved us. We feel bad though because many times back then we had no idea who you were because we really hadn't met you yet! All this though made the moment when we finally were able to regather all the more special.

We loved getting to finally begin those relationships we longed so much for with you all. We loved getting to see the youth group take shape and find a new identity. We love being able to go through Walmart and actually know who you are now! What excites me the most is the potential of what 2021 can hold. Camps are a go, Sunday gatherings are growing, and we're finally able to get back deep in the community. God has great things ahead for this church family and we're blessed to be a part of it. Thank you for inviting us into the family and into the work you all are doing here in Augusta. While this past year has been...unique, it's given us the rest and perspective change needed to make this next one a victory for Jesus. We look forward to future dinners with you, future conversations in the halls at church, future times of serving alongside you, and many more future conversations with you by the Oreos in Walmart! As always know I love you, but Jesus loves you more - Mac



Dear Cindy,
The work of the American Red Cross never stops. Thank you, Cindy and the First Baptist Church community, for your sustained support. Your blood drive played an important part in ensuring we can meet the blood needs of patients in our community. **Thank you** for a successful blood drive Friday! Your stats:

- The blood drive goal was 42 pints of whole blood and your drive collected 49 pints!
- 62 donors were scheduled and 49 showed up for their appointments
- 9 donors were first-time donors – that’s an impressive turnout!

On behalf of patients and their families, thank you for all your work to keep the blood supply stable and secure. I look forward to working with you again. Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback about your blood drive.

Sincerely,
Lori

Lori Miller
Account Representative

*Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your generous donation. We appreciate you thinking of us.*

Susan, Sunlight Children’s Advocacy and Rights Foundation of Butler Co.

Thank you to the FBC Deaconesses for the beautiful card. My 83rd birthday was February 14th.
Bonnie Sommers

First Family News



2/21/21 Kolby Payne, son of Kevin & Donna Payne

2/21/21 Korynn Payne, daughter of Kevin & Donna Payne

2/21/21 Ellie Rider, daughter of Tracy & Jesse Rider

3/3/21 Addyson Pocock, daughter of Bridgette Pocock

3/3/21 Taylor Osborn, daughter of Beth & Tate Osborn

Augusta Christian Counseling Center

First Baptist Church
1501 State Street
Augusta, KS 67010



(316) 775-7545

The Augusta Christian Counseling Center:

- ◆ Located in our FBC building.
- ◆ Ministry is supported by the church.
- ◆ Provides quality counseling services.
- ◆ Provides a scholarship fund for clients who cannot pay the full fee for counseling services.
- ◆ Offers a lifeline to many folks who are struggling.
- ◆ Please support by making a donation to the fund!
- ◆ Mark you check or donation "Counseling Center."

THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KEEP STILL.

EXODUS 14:14



Our Mission at FBC

To help people:

- **Belong**-feel welcomed, valued & connected in the church community.
- **Believe**-develop a relationship with Jesus by grace through faith.
- **Become**-passionate followers of Jesus who live out our faith in every aspect of life.

First Baptist Church Information Central

You can keep up with all things FBC through our web page and social media platforms.

Pastor Rick Neubauer

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First Baptist Students AK



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Melissa Rebel, Children’s Ministry

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FBC Augusta Children’s Ministry (KS)

Deadline for the April LINK by March 24th.

**Thank You, Cindy
Administrative Assistant**



As February ends and we look forward to March and the arrival of spring! It is good to reflect again on where we are as a church. I believe that 2020 overall was a positive year for our church. With the Lord's leadership and your trust in Him our finances did not suffer at all during the height of the pandemic. Probably like every group everywhere we have and continue to have members getting the virus. Through God's fortune for us and your consideration of each other so far no one became infected through a contact at a church event. As we continue to pray for the virus pandemic to end, we also continue to pray that our church will remain a place that where we can attend and feel safe with the precautions we take to minimize the potential for spread.

As we move into March, we see more people returning to in person worship and new people coming. More people coming is a great thing, but also means sometimes those that come in just before a service starts are having trouble finding a place to sit with our social distancing guidelines. We ask that you do everything you can to allow for all to find a seat. This might mean leaving the ends of the pew open by sitting in the middle if you are one of the early arrivals or if you don't mind wearing a mask going to the Friendship Room. These might seem like an inconvenience to you, but they are a way to serve others.

Also, we are planning another evening of community prayer for the last Sunday of March, we hope even more of you will be able to join us.

Growing together

Jim Beadle, Deacon Chair

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

March 13th 7:30am
Augusta Prayer Breakfast
In the Friendship Room

Contact Charles Klassen for more information about Stephen Ministry

stephen MINISTRY

Get in on the ACTION

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in others' lives when they need it most—and in your own? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.

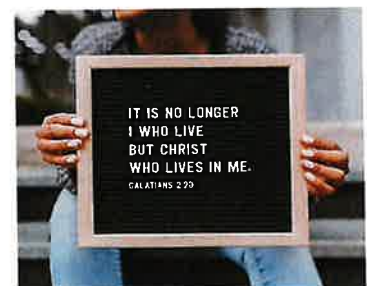
Stephen Minister training equips you to do an excellent job as a Stephen Minister as well as to improve the quality of all your relationships. Topics include—

- listening
- feelings
- confidentiality
- providing Christian care
- maintaining boundaries
- crisis theory and practice
- ministering to people experiencing grief, divorce, hospitalization, illness, and more

Once equipped, Stephen Ministers are prayerfully matched with people who are going through a stressful time or life difficulty. A Stephen Minister meets with this person once a week for about an hour to listen, care, encourage, and pray. The Stephen Minister brings Christ's presence into the person's life and also experiences Christ in the other person. It's really a life-changing ministry for both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister.

If you'd like to learn more about how to become a Stephen Minister—talk with one of our pastors or Stephen Leaders.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." —Galatians 6:2





Melissa Rebel, Children's
Ministry Coordinator

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FBC Augusta Children's Ministry (KS)

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- ⇒ Sunday School: We are moving into the resurrection of Jesus and his return to Heaven. Come join us as we dive into God's Word!
- ⇒ Kids Connect is available during the 8:30am Sunday Service for preschool-3rd grades AND during the 11:00am service for preschool-5th grades.
- ⇒ Nursery is available for all services and Sunday School time.
- ⇒ March 10-31st will be the March Madness Food Drive for AWANA (and church) benefitting the Augusta Community Caring Center.
- ⇒ April 25th at 2:00pm VBS mtg. in the Friendship Room
- ⇒ May 5th will be the celebration of our final AWANA for this semester. It will be held in the west parking lot.
- ⇒ June 21-25 will be VBS week!
- ⇒ July 25-28 is Elementary Summer Camp!



A FRIENDLY COMPETITION TO SEE WHICH KANSAS TEAM CAN BRING IN THE MOST GOODS. COME WEARING YOUR KSU, KU OR WICHITA STATE ATTIRE ALONG WITH YOUR DONATION.



Mothers of Preschoolers
& Beyond

DECIDE TO RISE

MOPS 20-21 at FBC Info.

- In-person meetings meet in the Friendship Room.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month.
- 9-11am/Friendship Room
- Nursery provided
- **3 Additional Nursery Workers needed**
- **Two Monitors for Homeschool room needed (18 & older)**

New safety measures will be provided: Temperature checks for adults & children required. Masks not required but OK to wear.

Call or email the church office to volunteer!



March Schedule:

3rd.....Regular Club
 10th.....March Madness Night
 17th.....No Club Spring Break
 24th.....Regular Club
 31st.....Regular Club



First Baptist Church Missions

Adult Mission Trip

Community Ministry Projects

Counseling Center

Deacon's Benevolence

Missions Discretionary

Personal Growth Scholarship

Augusta Wyldelife

Central Kansas Prison

Community Caring Center

First Baptist Preschool

Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

Sunlight Children's Advocacy

Bacone College

Bethel Neighborhood Center

Murrow Indian Home

Union Rescue Mission

AWANA-Tyler O'donnel

Avant-Lee Svanda

Discovery Ministries-Leah Fuller

Ethnos360-Walter Spicer

Ethnos360-Jeremiah Markley

International Ministries-Gutierrez

Koinoneo Inc-Jennifer Hill

One Collective-Michael & Whitney Bryant

Navigators-Brandon Crouch

YWAM-Ariel Tatum

Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps." We had planned to return to the Philippines first semester, but with the travel restrictions due to the COVID-19, we were not allowed. Then things started opening up and we were approved to return in January, but with the new Coronavirus strand, the Philippine government banned the citizens from many countries, including the US. With all the changes in travel plans, we talked with our leadership (both Ethnos360 and Faith Academy) and decided together that it would be best for us to take our home assignment early this year instead of later. (We were scheduled to return in June to attend Abby's wedding and begin our six-month home assignment.) Pray for wisdom as we transition to home assignment in March. Pray that we can take care of unfinished business in the Philippines (our housing, our vehicle, etc.) due to our long stay, plus we need to plan our furlough time here.

We are thankful that Walter has been able to continue his ministry as Deputy Head of Faith Academy for the past seven months. Pray for Walter as he transitions out of most of his administrative jobs and pray for those who will be taking over them for the remainder of the semester. Walter will continue to do a few of them, plus in May and June the administrators will begin planning for next year.

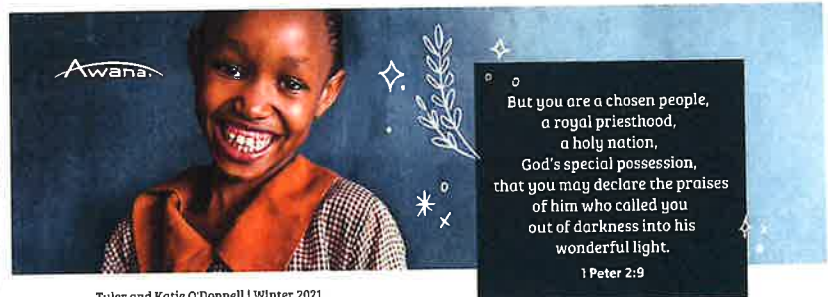
As I am sure you are all aware that distance learning is difficult on all involved: pray for strength for the staff, students, and parents as Faith Academy continues distance learning. Plus pray that we will be able to get the rest of our staff at Faith Academy into the Philippines as well as our New Tribes missionaries.

We are thankful that we have had healthy bodies, but this year has been different for Walter. He had his double hernia surgery in October; we both contracted COVID-19 in November; and now on March 11, Walter will have eye surgery. When he went to the eye doctor, he told him he couldn't see out of his left eye due to cataracts and was referred to a specialist who confirmed it and scheduled him for surgery.

When his surgery is over, we will begin traveling and are excited that we will get to see many of you as we begin our home assignment.

Interesting note: in Rose Hill, Kansas, it is 7⁰, but in Manila it is 77⁰!

I want to close with a familiar passage: Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." We do not know what the future holds, but we are confident in Him Who holds the future and are thankful to serve Him.
Secure In Christ,
Walter & Cheryl



Tyler and Katie O'Donnell | Winter 2021

Thank you for helping us make disciples who stand RESILIENT in their faith!



- During a turbulent year, many churches are still "on hold" and are just starting to get back into the flow of things after so many disruptions and ones that still come along due to the pandemic and lack of volunteers. Pray for not only your local church but the many churches that need the physical support to do ministry
- We're thankful that we're able to start getting back out and visiting churches in person!
- We are thankful that even though Covid hit our home, we were able to recover quickly and the girls never showed any symptoms. Katie's taste is still not fully back, but other than that we're back to normal
- February 2 was the anniversary of Tyler's dad's passing. We're thankful for all the prayers and support during a difficult year both personally and in ministry.

Since August 2019, I have been busy collecting lesson videos and building out a great tool for Awana Clubs across the country on AwanaPlus.com. If you haven't checked it out yet, there are great discipleship tools for kids ages 7-18. Awana Leaders from across the country, including Katie, have put together lesson videos for each age group. For the High School videos, we have shared the great content that goes with the student handbook from Sean McDowell and Josh Griffin who are both phenomenal teachers and ministers.

I never thought that being an Awana Missionary would also include putting together and running a website that is seeing over 6,000 site visits a month and being so helpful to reach and disciple kids during a pandemic, but here we are!

We're thankful for the RESILIENT leaders and kids who continue to see Child Discipleship as an integral part of the mission of the church. Our children are looking to us and how we respond to crises and continue to follow Christ during this time. What a great way to show and share our faith with this generation! Despite the roadblocks, we have seen two new Awana Clubs start in the fall and one more that is starting this Spring!

I've learned a lot this year and seen how God moves in incredible ways. I pray that we will keep our eyes and ears open to how God guides us to reach and disciple kids for the Fearless future of the Church!

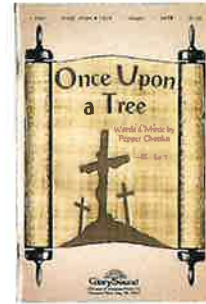


Upcoming Events:



CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays At 7:00pm in the Sanctuary



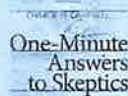
Easter Cantata practice starting now during weekly Choir Practice.

March 28th is the Cantata Date.

THE WELL
BEGINNING JAN. 24, 2021
NEW TIME: 6-7 PM
HIGH SCHOOL STUDY

PRACTICING YOUR APOLOGETICS 101

As Iron Sharpens Iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov. 27:17



Join us at Joe & Kristey's home
506 Stone Lake Ct
Augusta - 316-371-1044
a First Baptist Church Ministry
Note: New shortened time with interactive format.
Bring a friend and hope to see you Sunday!

March Deaconess

8:30 a.m. Service Lynn Faulkner
11:00 a.m. Service Amy Wells



FBC Share a Shawl Ministry

We have Beautiful Shawls made with Love that are prayed over & ready to share with someone who is in need of a reminder that Jesus cares for them.

Contact the Church Office

Augusta Community Caring Center

- All volunteers will be required to wear a mask. (we will provide gloves).
- No clients will be in the building during these hours.

Working hours: **Monday - 1:00 to 4:00**

Wednesday - 9:30 to 12:30

Friday 9:30 12:30



- Week of 3/22/2020 First Baptist Church Volunteers**



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2021

March 15-19 -No Classes for Spring Break

March 22, 23 -Picture Day

March 22 - Enrollment begins for returning students

April 1 - Public Enrollment Begins

preschoolfbc@gmail.com *** 316-775 3500

Free Food

(fresh apples, oranges, canned peaches, peanut butter, beef, canned chicken, orange juice, vegetable soup, tomato sauce and more!)

for low-income individuals in Butler County

March 20th 8:30 - 11:30 am

at The Augusta Community Caring Center
Commodities Distribution Center
208 W. 4th St.

Boxes of food will be passed out the 3rd Saturday of each month

- No paper work to fill out
- No appointments need to be made

Proof that you are from Butler County is required!

Sunday mornings at 8:30am and 11:00am
online or in-person Worship series.

the book of
MARK

JESUS: SUFFERING SERVANT

27 Jesus said to his disciples, "Go out to the villages around Jerusalem and preach the gospel there. Ask them, 'Why do people persecute the Son of Man?'"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."
Mark 8:27



Easter
at First Baptist Church



First Baptist Church
EASTER AT FBC

Go to fbcaugustaks.org to sign up! Call the office for more info.

He is Risen! Join us for Easter Worship at FBC! Please review the following instructions to sign-up.

1. Choose a worship time by checking the sign-up box in that field.
2. Scroll to the bottom and click SUBMIT.
3. A form field will open up. Complete the form field. Be sure to note the number of people in your group AND select the corresponding quantity of slots needed (upper right hand corner).

Thank you!



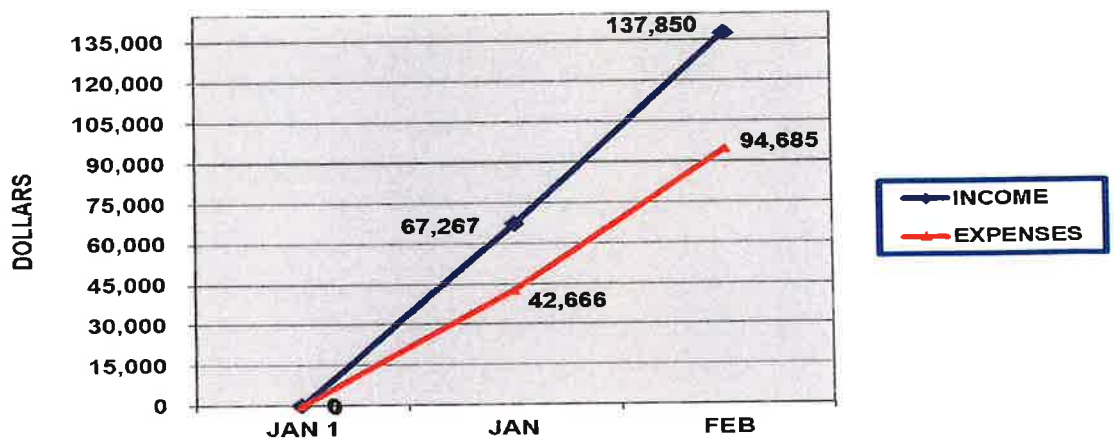
First Baptist Church
Nursery Workers Needed

Must be at least 18 years old, enjoy young children, willing to work most Sunday mornings and possibly Wednesday evenings.

THIS IS A PAID POSITION. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION.

FINANCE SPOTLIGHT

2021 GENERAL FUND STATUS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021



THE CHART ABOVE SHOWS THE ACTUAL GENERAL FUND INCOME COMPARED TO ACTUAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021.

FITNESS CLASS

SCHEDULE - Winter 2020



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30					
8:30					
9:15					
9:15	SENIOR FITNESS		SENIOR FITNESS		SENIOR FITNESS
9:45		OPEN WALKING	OPEN WALKING		OPEN WALKING
4:00					
6:00					

Take advantage of having a fitness program right here in Augusta.

Classes are designed for all fitness levels from beginner to advanced.

No sign up fees. Open to the public. Only \$1.50 per class.

Christian Life Center

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March 2021

First Baptist Church Calendar of Events

Spring Forward

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>2 9:45 Open Walking</p>	<p>3 9:15am Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth AWANA</p>	<p>4 9:45 Open Walking 5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>5 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 12:00pm Home-school in CLC 7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <i>Communion</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am S.S. Classes 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 12:30pm Discipleship Mtg. 6-7:00pm The Well</p>	<p>8 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Missions Team Mtg.</p>	<p>9 9:45 Open Walking 9:00am MOPS</p>	<p>10 9:15am Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth AWANA</p>	<p>11 9:45 Open Walking 5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>12 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>13 7:30am Augusta Prayer Breakfast Friendship Rm</p>
<p>14 <i>Spring Forward</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am S.S. Classes Facilities Team mtg 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 12:30pm Discipleship Mtg. 2:00pm Deacons Mtg. 3:00pm Deaconess Mtg. 4:00pm Implementation 6-7:00pm The Well</p>	<p>15 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>16 9:45 Open Walking</p>	<p>17 <i>Spring Break</i> 9:15 Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group NO FBCA Youth NO AWANA</p>	<p>18 9:45 Open Walking 5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>19 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>20 8:30-11:30am ACCC Food Box Distribution</p>
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<p>28 8:30am Easter Cantata 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 6:30 Concert of Prayer for our community 6-7:00pm The Well</p>						
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. Psalm 63:3 NIV</p> </div>						