



Beloved Community of First Baptist Kansas City, MO

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Around & About - OCTOBER 2025

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Dezo Schreiner

Have you Noticed?

I want to begin by saying thank you. Thank you to each of you who are faithfully praying for our church. Thank you for your unwavering financial support. Thank you for showing up in ways both big and small that are making a real difference. Your love and faithfulness do not go unnoticed, and they are part of what God is using to keep this church strong.

This past Sunday after worship, I noticed a member quietly working behind the communion table. Curious, I asked, "What are you doing?" He explained that whenever he watched the service online, he noticed microphone and audio cables scattered on the floor. In just a few minutes, he transformed a messy space into a clean and orderly one. What struck me most was that no one asked him. He simply saw a need and stepped in. He saw something, and he did something. That's how God works through us.

Not long ago, I had a conversation with another member about the many blessings God is bringing forth in our congregation. She shared how grateful she was that our church is still going strong in these challenging times. As we talked about rising costs everywhere, she paused and said, "I need to increase my giving to the church. I can do better. I am going to do that right away." That moment moved me deeply. She saw the faithfulness of God and wanted to respond with faithfulness of her own. She saw something, and she did something.

A few weeks back, during our church workdays, I watched two volunteers trimming bushes and pulling weeds. It was hot, hard, tiring work. I remember thinking, "This is a lot for just a few people." Later that same day, a family from the church called me and said, "Pastor, we'd like to bring our landscaper to give a bid for the church grounds." By the very next day, they had gone beyond that and generously offered to cover the full cost of the landscaping. What a beautiful example of generosity flowing straight from the heart. They saw something, and they did something. I could list 20 more stories like these that took place in the past few months. I love how you all are noticing something and doing something about it.

Do you notice the pattern? Time and again, God is stirring hearts. People are noticing, responding, and stepping in. These are not just "good deeds," these are holy moments. These are glimpses of the Spirit at work in our church.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

Friends, God is indeed doing something new among us. We see it in acts of generosity, in prayers lifted, in quiet service, in bold giving, and in the way, people are stepping forward to lighten the load for one another. Every time you notice a need, every time you offer your gifts, every time you pray for the mission of this church, you are joining God in God's work of renewal.

So, let's keep our eyes open. Let's keep noticing. Let's keep stepping in with joy. Together, we are part of God's new thing, right here, right now, and the best is yet to come.

Pastor Dezo Schriener

Announcements



**PEOPLE NOT
POLITICIANS**

Have you heard about Gerrymandering in KC?

People NOT Politicians is a non-partisan campaign to stop the new redistricting efforts in Missouri. If you want to stop the new redistricting, and live in Missouri, you can sign the petition at the church office or after worship. You can also call Toni Page, if you have any questions.

**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**

If you would like an updated directory, please notify Robin, in our church office

WELCOME BELOVED COMMUNITY

**New
Date!**



Beloved Community
of First Baptist
Kansas City, MO

The Transforming Congregations/Sacred Listening Program is doing a fantastic job. We are getting close to finishing the first phase.



TRANSFORMED

Thank you to all who have participated.

*** CELEBRATING OUR PUNKIN PATCH FAMILIES IN WORSHIP ***

Join us on **October 12th at 10:50 AM** as we celebrate our Daycare family. Staff, teachers, and parents are all invited to worship with us.

Don't forget to wear your Church T-Shirt on October 12th for our Punkin Patch Celebration Worship!



The Spirit Lives On, a Welsh Concert

Come join us, as our guests, for an afternoon of inspiring music taken from the heritage and culture of the Welsh people, its roots spanning thousands of years of spiritual unfolding.

It will be delivered by Dr. Ann Marie Rigler on the Fowler Memorial Organ, a creative instrument offering, in addition to conventional pipe sounds, it includes many orchestral and other symphonic voices.



She will be joined by Dr. Eric Williams, on the violin, with further musical enrichments to tell the story of the Welsh Celtic spirit.



We will gather at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5325 Nieman, Shawnee, Kansas 66203, on Sunday, October 5th, at 3:00 p.m.

A simple Welsh tea will follow the concert.

ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE

WE PRAY FOR...

- Geneva, going through therapy. She is doing so much better.
- The family of Gay Barton. Gay passed on September 17th and funeral was on September 26th in Columbia, Missouri. Cards to be sent to: Breck Barton, 3603 Birch Bank Ct. Columbia, MO 65203
- Jim Kelly recovering from toe surgery.
- Dixie Kelly recovering from surgery a second surgery for blockage arteries.
- Al Madrid, Dixie Kelly's brother is in hospice. Pray for the family.
- A member healing from knee replacement surgery. Pray the swollen will go down.
- Blake and Meghan Severson, friends of the Humenczuk. Meghan has been battling liver cancer, and we ask for your continued prayers for the family.
- Rob Page (Toni and David Page's Brother) starting a new treatment. Let's pray that he will be able to tolerate this treatment.
- Leonard and Lyn Barbee. It was good to see them at church on September 28th.
- Sue Fugitt experiencing back pain, at home. And Denni Fugitt dealing with eyes problem.
- Susan Smith, who is bedridden at home. Please also pray for Sallie's health as she cares for Susie.
- Bill and Chris Rinck. Valerie Carroll, daughter of Bill and Christine Rinck, and Mary Ann, granddaughter, courageously facing health issues in Ireland.
- Sue Hansen at Brookdale Care Center in the memory care unit.
- Pat Betteridge is home but struggling with vision and back pain.
- Eyvonne Walker who is grieving the passing of her sister. Pray for her Mom, she was recently in the hospital, but she is now home. Eyvonne is her Mom's caregiver.
- Vonda Breedlove healing from a broken humerus.
- Andre, Geneva Abel's grandnephew.



WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

- The wonderful family who has paid a landscaping company to remove all the volunteer trees and trim all the bushes. We appreciate it. The church's grounds are looking so much better.
- All the members who participated in the workdays.
- Matt Clingan and Bill Humenczuk for their faithful service in handling the technology and livestreaming our worship service. Thank you, Matt and Bill, your dedication is greatly appreciated.

WE REJOICE WITH...

- Vickie and Brad Dawdy who joined our church on August 31st.
- For the Letha Turner who joined our church on September 21st.
- Jonas and Megan Bedford-Strohm who will dedicate their son Bo on October 12th.
- Pastor Dezo who was elected the president of International Ministries for three years starting January 2026.

WE SHARE OUR LONG-TERM PRAYER FOR...

Nancy Bundy (Fighting Cancer) — Leonard Barbee — Dixie Kelly — Susan Smith (bedfast at home) — The Dawdys, Avery & Gregory Family — Marquett, Teen & Dee (Pat Hester's friends) — Bill Rinck — Rion Russell (Diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma [Kathie Manda's Friend]) — Mia Gunter (Care-Giver for Eveyln Brooks) — Evelyn Brooks (Suffering from severe memory issues) — Eyvonne's Mom — Blake Severson (Bill's friend from Alaska. Wife, Meghan, is battling liver cancer) — Patty Vann's Family (Patty passed away) — Donna Durham (Lost her daughter in a shooting [Lynette's Friend]) — Pat Betteridge — Valerie Carroll (Daughter of Bill & Chris Rinck) — Justin Prigel (In the Military)

OFFERINGS

Financials



SEPTEMBER OFFERING

AMOS Health and Hope is a Christian 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that reduces health inequities in Nicaragua by empowering local leadership to prevent disease and save lives.



We gave: \$6,215.00

OCTOBER OFFERING



American Baptists have long been known by the effectiveness of our overseas mission overseas and around the world. We have been directly connected to our global mission workers in Zimbabwe, in Mexico, in Nicaragua, but there are effective missionaries serving around the world. All our gifts go 100% in support of these ministries! World Mission Offering Envelopes are in the pews and you can give online designated to WMO.

Please give generously!

Spotlight on Roberta Stevenson

Roberta has been a part of our church family for many years. Born in Kansas City, Kansas, at what was then called Bell Memorial (now KU Medical Center), she is the oldest of three children. Growing up, she attended segregated schools and remembers how 27th Street marked the boundary for Black families. Those early challenges shaped her strength and outlook on life.



She went on to work more than 25 years for the Internal Revenue Service as a tax examiner. Alongside her career, she has always carried a love for art. She once won a prize for her artwork at the downtown Emery Bird Thayer store. Though she doesn't draw as often as she once did, her love for creativity remains part of who she is. She has some beautiful art pieces at her home that she has drawn.

Music is another passion, especially Black spirituals. One of Roberta's favorites is James Cleveland's "Give Me My Flowers." Its message, honoring people while they are alive, speaks deeply to her. She also enjoys traveling, having visited Houston, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, and other places.

Something that most people might not know is that there is an opera singer in her family. Also, our beloved member Pat Hester is her cousin.

Now 92 years young, Roberta feels blessed to be in good health. Although she no longer drives, she faithfully attends worship online each week. "It's a blessing to have the internet," she says, "but it's nothing like being at church in person." Her hope is that more people will come back to worship together. In the meantime, she is committed to supporting the church financially and prays for its continued flourishing.

When asked who inspires her, she immediately points to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose courage and sacrifice opened doors for so many. And when asked how she would like to be remembered, her answer is simple: "As a person concerned about other people."

We give thanks for Roberta's faith, her wisdom, and her example. What a gift she is to our church family!

FBC Music

-- Eyvonne Walker

From Eyvonne, to the truly Beloved Community of First Baptist Church of KCMO -

"I LOVE You!!!"

Many thanks to each of you who have weekly, prayed for my Mom, and for the gentle and compassionate way that you have shared your condolences in the "Heavenly Reclaiming" of the Spirit of my Elder Sister, Adenike AmenRa-Mosley, who returned home to God on September 4, 2025.

My Sister has served our FBC church family through our Music Ministry, when She, Her husband, Kenneth Mosley and my Nephew, Michael Williams lent their voices in our Christmas Cantata just 2 years ago. The peace in my heart from your outpouring of compassion is only surpassed by the love we all share in as children of our Almighty God and Creator. —Rich blessings to you!

As God temporarily closes the door on our earth-bound relationships in the flesh, He opens a window to allow new beginnings for us who remain. Brad & Vicki Dawdy also had a home-going in their family with the passing of Brad's Mother. I'm sure it was the love and compassion that our Beloved Community so freely shares that allowed God's open window to allow Brad to come and add his wonderful Baritone voice to our Chancel Singers! Welcome aboard! And Vicki - - you too are part of our FBC Music Ministry as a spouse to our participants, we couldn't do what we do for our church family without the support of our own family members! We love you too! 🎵🎶



Missions

international
ministries



World Mission Offering 2025 is being collected in the month of October! God is at work, and we invite you into the *new things* happening in ministries around the world. The theme for this year is:

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?
ISAIAH 43:19

WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs.

The World Mission Offering enables the transformative ministries of IM global servants and partners around the world. World Mission Offering gifts can:

- **Train and equip local leaders** in times of crisis.
- **Bring health** and well-being to those hurting and in physical need.
- Create sustainable projects that **give abundant life to the vulnerable**.
- **Renew hope** for the future for refugees through vocational training, theological education, and language learning.

A hill tribe gains access to clean water, refugees receive medical care, and a child learns to read: **lives are transformed**.

Join with us, as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

Please give generously to the World Mission Offering!

Upcoming Worship Schedule

—In-person in the Sanctuary and LIVE on Facebook at 10:50 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. on our website—

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES 2025 OCTOBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

The Beloved Community of FBC KCMO

Rev. Dr. Dezo Schreiner, preaching

+ **Sunday, October 5th — 10:50am**

"The Playfulness of Faith," based on Ecclesiastes 3:4; Zephaniah 3:17.

Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.

+ **Sunday, October 12th — 10:50am**

"The Humility of a Child," based on Matthew 18:1-4.

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

Punkin Patch Sunday. Celebrating our Punkin Patch Families and Teachers.

+ **Sunday, October 19th, — 10:50am**

"The Curiosity of Faith," based on Luke 2:46-47.

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

+ **Sunday, October 26th, — 10:50am**

"Becoming God's Children," based on 1 John 3:1-3.

Pastor Dezo, preaching.

FOOD PANTRY

RED BRIDGE FOOD PANTRY ACTIVITY DATES

Monday, October 6th — 1:15-3:00 p.m. — Restocking Day
(Volunteers Needed!)

Wednesday, October 15th 6PM — Deadline for clients call Food Pantry Phone Line. If you know of a family in need of food assistance, have them call the Food Pantry Line (816-908-7800) anytime **BEFORE 6 p.m. on Wed., October 15th.** They will need to provide the requested information and a phone number. They will then receive a return call which must be answered before their request for food can be processed.

Friday, October 17th — 1:15-3:15 p.m. — Fill Food Pantry Orders

Saturday, October 18th — 9:00-11:00 a.m. — Clients Pick Up Orders

⇒ Potential clients who live in our south Kansas City area can be referred to call:

816-908-7800

Red Bridge Food Pantry NEEDS — OCTOBER 2025:

- ⇒ Canned Peas (Totally Out!!!)
- ⇒ Canned Mixed Veggies, Spinach, Mushrooms, Potatoes or Others
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Paper Towels
- ⇒ Whole Grain Pastas (for Special Needs Clients)
- ⇒ Spaghetti Sauce
- ⇒ Canned Beans
- ⇒ Deodorant (Men's and Women's)
- ⇒ Laundry Detergent (Small Bottles)
- ⇒ Saltines and Other Crackers

Contact Tarah Kruger with any questions
at tarahkruger@sbcglobal.net

In September, we helped 14 families, with 46 individuals---thank you so much!!! Fruit from SPAAS orchard were graciously provided, which is always so appreciated.



Our pantry is one of the 6% of agencies that Harvester's has needed to cut, so providing the non-perishables (and paper/ cleaning/ trash bag items) are all the more important, as families will need to provide more of the fresh produce and meats on their own. We are working on other options, and in the future consider providing funds for our pantry as you do for Seton Center. Details on that will be forthcoming.

Church Calendar

- October 1st — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- October 1st — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- **October 5th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **October 5th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **October 5th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome!
- **October 5th** — **"The Playfulness of Faith," based on Ecclesiastes 3:4; Zephaniah 3:17. Pastor Dezo, preaching. Communion Sunday.**
- October 6th — Monday, 1:15 p.m. Restock Pantry with Donations
- October 7th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- October 8th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- October 8th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- **October 12th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **October 12th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **October 12th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome!
- **October 12th** — **"The Humility of a Child," based on Matthew 18:1-4. Pastor Dezo, preaching. Punkin Patch Sunday.**
- October 14th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- October 15th — Wednesday, Deadline to Request Food from the Food Pantry
- October 15th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- October 15th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- October 17th — Friday, 1:15 p.m. Fill Client Food Pantry Orders
- October 18th — Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Clients Pick Up Food Pantry Orders
- **October 19th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **October 19th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **October 19th** — Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Musical Ensemble Rehearsal - All are Welcome!
- **October 19th** — **"The Curiosity of Faith," based on Luke 2:46-47. Pastor Dezo, preaching.**
- **October 19th** — Sunday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. KC Jazz Vespers - Mikole Kaar
- October 21st — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- October 22nd — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- October 22nd — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- **October 26th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Journeys Bible Study Class (Cross-Generations Classroom)
- **October 26th** — Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sing & Shout (Children's Choir Time)
- **October 26th** — **"Becoming God's Children," based on 1 John 3:1-3. Pastor Dezo, preaching.**
- October 28th — Tuesday, Congregational Check-in and Bible Study (via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.)
- October 29th — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Celestial Ringers (Handbell Ensemble rehearsal)
- October 29th — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Chanel Singers (Choir rehearsal)
- October 31st — Happy Halloween!



JOIN US ...
for 100 minutes of
popular Jazz!

**Next KC JAZZ VESPERS
Event:**

**Sunday, October 19th
6-8pm
Mikole Kaar**

Visit our website at: www.kcjazzvespers.com



TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION



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Place
Stamp
Here



October Birthdays

John Humenczuk	01
Toni Page	01
Jessie Carpenter	02
Bill Humenczuk	05
Carole Raines	06
Gia Dean	06
Madeline Ferguson	13
Sue Fugitt	17
Kerry Triplett	17
Daniela Gonzalez	18
Cameron Harper	18
Barry Speert	22
Vonda Breedlove	25
Karen Foster	25
Lois Hightower	28
Susie Bolden	30



**TUESDAY MORNING, 10AM CONGREGATIONAL CHECK-IN
AND BIBLE STUDY ON THE TOPIC OF DISCOURAGEMENT**

JOIN US!

(TAUGHT BY PASTOR DEZO)

Method 1 – Video and Audio by Smartphone/Tablet/PC

1. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/555892911?pwd=SFNmQUlVTD0tRaHlDaVYrN3l5bzJlVQY09>
2. Meeting ID: 555 892 911
3. Password: 1

Method 2 – Audio ONLY

1. Call 312.626.6799 US (Chicago)
2. Meeting ID: 555 892 911
3. Password: 1

Website: www.belovedkc.org/

TO WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE AT 10:50AM ON FACEBOOK GO TO:
www.facebook.com/fbckc/

TO WATCH IT ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE GO TO:
www.belovedkc.org/watch

(The services will be posted on our website at 1:00PM)