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FSBC *Messenger*



Hunger Games

By Kurt Spivey

On February 16 and 17, 2014 the youth will be doing an event called the Hunger Games. We will start on Sunday afternoon and finish up on Monday afternoon. The entire event is based around teaching the youth about hunger and how it affects God's people.

We will be doing two different activities everyone in the church can get involved in. We will be collecting canned and boxed food items for the Salvation Army and we will be doing a Numana food bagging at our church on February 17, 2014 starting at 10:30AM. Here is how you as a church member can be involved. There are three different ways.

1. You could donate to Numana to help support the food bagging. For the youth to reach their goal to

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Mark Your Calendar

2.14

Jesus Loves Me Banquet

2.16-17

Youth Hunger Games

2.23

Kids Kamp fundraiser taco bar

3.1

Winter Jam

**Check our current
calendar anytime at**

<http://www.fsbcdorado.com/events/church-calendar/>

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do the bagging they must raise \$2,000.00 for Numana. You can donate any amount to any one of the youth or to Kurt Spivey. We ask if you can afford it to donate \$65.00. That purchases one box of food (216 meals) for the project. You can also donate by going to

<http://numanainc.com/fsbc021613ks> and donate directly to Numana. If you use that website location we receive credit for it.

2. You may donate canned or box food items. There will be a donation box in the foyer to put the food in all this month and the first part of February. Any food donation will be given to the Salvation Army locally.
3. Last, but not least. You could assist with the Numana food bagging on 02-17-14 at 10:30AM to 12:30PM. We will need approx.. 30 people to help with this bagging and we do not have that many youth. We are in need of volunteers to help with the bagging. If you have never done a bagging they are fun and the joy of knowing you are bagging food for people in need is a rewarding experience. Please contact Kurt Spivey, or the church office if you are interested in helping.

If you have any questions about this event or the youth program please call Kurt Spivey at 316-323-4134

Children's church

Happy! Happy! Happy! With the start of a New Year, comes new opportunities and events. And we are off to a running start! The Children's Church Team met on January 26 to discuss and decide on a VBS theme, and new Children's Church curriculum.

We are also gearing up for Kids Kamp which is open to any child who has completed fourth or fifth grade. The camp dates are June 9-13. Cost is \$140.00 per child. We will be looking at fundraiser options to help with the cost for all those interested in attending. Kids Kamp is a great opportunity for kids, and we don't want anyone to be left out! This year we have 9 children who qualify for Kids Kamp.

We are in need of more bus monitors. Praise the Lord, we now have 11 stops that our bus is making on a weekly basis. If you would be interested in engaging with us, please contact me at 323-5975 or e-mail me at children@fsbceldorado.com.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2.8 Tyler L.

2.14 Marvin & Deb D.

2.16 Marvin D.

3.15 Jacob E.

3.29 Charlsie B.

And the second is
like unto it, Thou
shalt love thy
neighbor as thyself.

— Romans 8:30

Children's church continued

Something new we are going to give a try is called "You Earned It!" Children will put a sticker up for every week they attend, and after 13 straight weeks of attendance, they will be awarded a new Bible or T-shirt. They will be given one free space to use during those 13 weeks, because we all get sick! Their award will be presented to them during Sunday morning worship services while the children are still in the Sanctuary, so that everyone can congratulate them. I see this as a way to encourage children to worship every Sunday, and to reward those that do.

Another new idea the Lord has put on my heart is a "Me, You and God" banquet. This is geared towards parents and guardians whose children attend Church regularly, but the parent or guardian doesn't attend Church. All children from Children's Church will be encouraged to attend. It is similar to a Mother-Daughter or Father-Son banquet, but doesn't put limitations on who comes with the child. We will have a dinner and game for the children to enjoy with their guardian or parent and then a devotional. We will then have the children give their guardian or parent a gift they have made ahead of time. I will post dates at a later time, as this idea is a fresh one!

One last new idea is to become "Prayer-Pals" with the children of Sesheke where Mark and Melinda Wint are serving. The goal of this is for our children to see how others worship God, and to maybe even get to Skype with them some day!

After seeing how the children worship in Sesheke, I would like to have a "Sesheke Style Sunday" and take the children outside and worship, sitting on blankets under a tree, maybe even at the park! This teaches the children that you do not have to be in a Church to worship, it can be done anywhere. It also teaches children that we should act like Christians wherever we go.

Last but not least, I want to extend a big THANK YOU to all those who helped make the Angel Tree a success! This year we reached five families, and we planted a seed with them. Now we watch for that seed to grow! Thank you to all the team members who helped, and to one special member who helped wrap all the presents. Doing the Lord's work is gratifying, and I hope you will engage with us this year and become involved in some aspect of the church if you aren't already. We all have gifts, big or small, that the Lord can use. I heard a great saying by Alexander Hamilton the other day that went like this, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything." So, what are you standing for? Blessings!

Lesá Rumsey

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Alexander Hamilton



It's Time!

We are now well into 2014 and the Lord is continuing to bless us here at FSBC! Just this last Sunday I had a little girl inform me that she accepted Christ in Sunday school! Later on this week I am meeting with another lady about baptism. The Lord is certainly blessing us in 2014!

Along with the stirring of the baptismal waters, it is always a pleasure see new faces and meet new people in our congregation. What I am beginning to realize is that our facility is starting to fill up on Sundays! With the extra blessing of bodies in our worship services we begin to notice the "weaknesses" in our current facility; namely the foyer gets crowded!

I know it's hard to believe, but it has been over a year and a half since our Children's Wing was remodeled. ***It is now time to begin Phase 2 of our remodel.*** Phase 2 will include an expanded foyer, additional office space for Lesa, and a new Library that will honor Alta Johnson's decades of faithful service.

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It will also include new carpet & paint in the sanctuary, and new carpet in the adult wing! In other words Phase 2 will give us a much more useable, and nicer, facility with the entire top floor being renovated!

Please be in prayer that God will provide the funds for this remodel. The Facilities Team and I will begin promoting this new remodel on February 2nd with hopes of having the needed funds by May 4th. Thank you again for your prayers and support and I hope to see you all this Sunday as we continue our sermon series "Teachings from the Top!" Don't forget to bring a friend.

In Christ,
Bro. John

Constitution

The Constitution Committee has finished its work and disbanded. The committee was created in February of 2013 for the purpose of rewriting the Constitution and By-laws of the church. The committee spent many hours pouring over samples from the state convention, meeting with advisors from the state level, and praying for the Lord's guidance in putting together the document. The committee disbanded after the ratification of the document at the December 2013 business meeting. If you see a committee member, thank them for their service. The committee members are Johnny Mehaffey, Johnny Gragg, Deb Spencer, John Harms, Robert Harris, Lisa Rumsey, Penny Stephens, and Rod Luehrs.