

FSBC Messenger

November
2014

Mark Your Calendar

11-2

Finger foods lunch 12pm

11-2

Daylight Savings time Ends

11-2 & 9

Youth Practice 5 pm

11-16

Youth Led Service

11-30

Business Meeting

12-7

Between the Holidays Lunch

Metamorphosis

Webster defines **metamorphosis** as *a change of physical form, structure, or substance especially by supernatural means, transformation.* These past few months that word pretty well describes what has happened to our physical building here at FSBC. The foyer, offices, and library have undergone some major changes. However, as beautiful as the building is looking, that is not the change that really matters. What I mean is, as I have been speaking with individuals and observing our church body I'm seeing a spiritual metamorphosis.

All Sunday school classes, youth programs, children's programs, and family ministries that we offer all should lead to a clear goal. Transformation. I fully acknowledge that the kind of transformation I am writing about is divinely brought, it is truly a transformation by supernatural means; a metamorphosis.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

11-3

Jessica S.

11-4

Marvin E., Michelle S.

11-5

Margaret G.

11-11

Calvin and Margaret G.

11-16

Rod L.

11-20

Lloyd T.

12-9

Alta J.

12-10

Diana S.

12-20

Nathan W.

12-23

Hattie H.

12-26

Susan B., Tom E.

12-29

Lloyd & Jackie T.

12-31

Quinlynn H.

Metamorphosis continued

God desires to see a metamorphosis in your life. He desires to see a transformation in your actions, your attitude, your marriage, your relationships, even your finances. But most importantly God wants to transform your heart. A transformed heart always creates spiritual growth.

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

Love God, Love Others, Serve All.

In Christ,

Bro. John

Finance Team

God has so richly blessed our church this year. We have ministered to people in many different ways. From Adult Bible studies to children's programs. From Sunday morning worship to Vacation bible school and our recent fall festival, God has been working through our church family. In recent years our building has been transforming to an inviting environment that both welcomes all and meets the needs of our less mobile members and visitors. We have useable space, and handicapped accessible bathrooms. God is so good, and we appreciate all that each of you has invested in His work. You have invested of your time, your gifts, and your money.

In these changing times, we realize that not everyone carries cash or checkbooks with them everywhere they go. We live in a society where most monetary transactions are done with computers and debit or credit cards. Because there will always be a cost to ministry—both in our time and our finances, we wish to make giving easier for our members. We now have a church paypal account that allows members to give online through our website. We have a QR code on our weekly bulletin and announcements that will take you straight to the correct page, or you can go to <http://www.fsbceldorado.com/> and find the link on the home-page. We also have the ability to take automatic deposits from your bank account. You can set up monthly transactions and have your tithe taken out automatically every month. If you are interested in this, please talk to Laura to fill out the form. Our church motto is "Love God, Love Others, and Serve All". Thank you again for your investment in His church.

Sincerely,

Johnie Gragg



Children

As some of you may know, my youngest boy started Kindergarten in August. I had several people ask me what I was going to do with all my spare time. And to be honest, I was wondering the same thing! But the last few months have flown by. As much as I miss my little one being at home, it has given me time to work on improving the children's department.

I have been working on a policies and procedures document which entails guidelines that will be used in the nursery and children's department. These documents will contain important information for workers, such as how to spot and report suspected child abuse. In this day and age, all workers need to be able to spot the warning signs. It will also outline the steps we will proceed with if there are behavior problems, sickness, etc. I hope to have this finished around the first of the year. Another item I have been laying the groundwork for is a child check-in and check-out system also to be implemented around the first of the year. Praise the Lord we are seeing new faces almost every Sunday, and with a child check-in/check-out system, this will give visitors peace of mind that their child is in good hands. This new system will also give the Church a chance to get all the family's information for follow-up with that family.

In August we started a Wednesday evening program for the children ages five through fifth grade called Exploration Kids. We are averaging 10-11 kids in this program. We are using a curriculum called "Exploring the Bible" which is just fantastic! Each child has their own "Explorer Guide" that reinforces the lesson learned that day. There is a short 5-8 minute video that we watch every week that reinforces the main lesson while the children enjoy a snack. We have also been learning new songs that the children really enjoy.

October 19 was our Harvest Festival and puppet show. We had roughly 300 people attend! A HUGE PRAISE I want to share with you is the fact that we were allowed by the El Dorado Public Schools Superintendent Sue Givens, to take flyers to each of the elementary school's offices and the schools distributed the flyers to all of the children. We printed and cut approximately 1000 flyers. This was a God thing because we have never been allowed to do that before! There was a sign-up for a drawing and through that we have lots of new contact information. Postcards inviting them back were sent out last week. I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who showed up to help. "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for God's Glory." 1 Corinthians 10:31

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November/December

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2 Daylight Savings 12 pm Finger Foods Pastor Appreciation 5 pm Youth Practice	3 Jessica S.	4 Marvin E. Michelle S.	5 Margaret G.	6	7	8
9 5 pm Youth Practice	10	11 Calvin and Margaret G. Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16 11:00 Youth Lead Service	17	18	19	20 Lloyd T.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 Youth Money Due
30 Lord's Supper Observed	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Between the Holidays Lunch	8	9 Alta J.	10 Diana S.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Nathan W.
21	22	23 Hattie H.	24	25 Christmas	26 Susan B.	27
28	29 Lloyd & Jackie	30	31 Quinlynn H.	Service Times: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Tonight: Bible Study 6:00 p.m. , Youth Ignite 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. , Youth F.U.E.L. 6:30 p.m. , Exploration Kids 6:30 p.m.		



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