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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FSBC EL DORADO | NOVEMBER 2020 | PUBLISHED 10-22-2020

# Operation Christmas Child

A global pandemic isn't stopping Operation Christmas Child from delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls in the far corners of the world. Children need hope now more than ever in such uncertain times, and these tangible expressions of God's love can be a great encouragement. Most important, children need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Church, now is our time to help reach these children with our shoebox gifts. Remember that our Church packing party is Wednesday November 11th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Don't forget to bring a personal note/picture to include in your box(es). If you can't make it, please take a shoe box or two from the table in the foyer and fill them on your own.

You can always build a box online <u>www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox</u>

Thanks for all your help.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Karen Leibbrandt

#### OCC Items Needed

\*toothbrushes
\*washcloths
\*notebook paper
\*small balls
\*boy toys, i.e. cars
\*combs/brushes

## OCC Dates November 11th 6:30 pm Box Packing Party

#### November 16th—23rd

OCC Collection—We are a Drop-Off Location!

Monday—Friday 5-7 pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

Sunday 2pm-5pm

Monday (23rd) 8-10 am then load -up to take to Wichita

# Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! Love you Church!

Never before have I felt more concerned for America and our freedom to worship and proclaim Jesus Christ. Yet, due to the prevailing winds in our culture, I often feel less than confident that there is anything I can do to fight back the spiritual forces from hell which are bringing chaos and destruction in our world. Doesn't it feel overwhelming at times, as though we can't prevail? Let me remind you that as American followers of Christ we have three powerful weapons that must be wielded if we will win this culture war.

Our first weapon is our vote. This weapon is not given by Scripture and few in the world are privileged to have one as powerful as we do in America. I have many times felt like my one vote would not accomplish much on its own. However, I have always voted because I cannot keep that part of my voice silent if I hope or expect any positive change to come or liberty to be preserved. My single vote is more needed now than ever before! So is yours. PLEASE be sure to vote! Make your voice heard. Vote for America. Vote for liberty. Vote for the best opportunity for the Gospel of Christ to freely go forth in this land. Vote for the most restriction of hell's influence in our land. If you need help figuring that out then get a Christian Voter Guide or talk to me directly. But cast your vote with principled conviction and informed opinion. America needs it.

Our second weapon as American believers is prayer. Oh, how often we make that sound fatalistic and powerless! It is not our last weapon but our best! And yet, we wield it so very little! Jesus taught and modeled how we can pray with power which influences the spiritual realm. This weapon is infinitely more powerful than our vote and more urgently needed! Hell trembles when the people of God pray. Together in prayer, we can break Satan's strongholds in our land! Do we believe it or not? If we believe it, we MUST do it! Pray for forgiveness for our nation's sin. Pray back the forces of hell. Pray for our government leaders to have integrity and Biblical honor with righteousness. Pray for these elections to produce God's chosen. Pray for peace and civility while we await the results and transition power. Pray for revival in the Church. Pray for another great awakening in our land. Pray! Pray! Pray!



Our third weapon is sharing the Gospel. NO government changes hearts for the better. Political power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Unless that absolute power is Jesus Christ, THE absolute power which is absolutely good and right every time! Without following Him as Lord, our pursuits in life end only unto ourselves in this life and eternally separated from God in hell in the next life. People caught in this world's mindset are unknowingly captives of Satan who need to be set free! More than ever before, we must share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our families, neighbors, and city. Our fellow citizens will only experience a change of heart through a relationship with Jesus, never from law or government. We need to know the Gospel so well that whenever God starts answering our prayers for awakening, we can clearly tell someone how they too can be saved. As more of our citizens are saved, our society is saved. Oh how we need to tell others the old, old story of Jesus and His love!

The culture war will not be over after the election regardless of who wins. It will only ultimately be ended when Christ returns as the Father puts all things under His feet and Satan is bound in hell. Until that day, may we join the battle with these great weapons to fight back the forces of hell and bring home those held captive to hell's power by the power of the name of Jesus Christ.

# **Children's Ministry**

On Saturday, Oct 17th, we were blessed to be able to host the Shepherds Party out at the Greenwell ranch. I want to say a big thank you to Jill and Charles for hosting this event. At the party the children watched a puppet play, rode on a hay rack ride down to the creek and performed a skit over the 23rd psalm. We had nine children attend.

Starting October 22, the children will be learning the books of the bible. There is a song that we will be using called the <u>Bible Book</u> <u>Bop</u> by Go Fish. The prize for this challenge is yet to be determined.

Starting in November the Children's department, along with Mrs. Julie's youth, will start practicing the music for our Christmas program, set for Dec 20th during the Sunday worship hour. The plan is that the children will be in Children's church every Sunday in November. We will have a small party after the performance on Dec 20th. Along with getting ready for the Christmas program the Children will be studying the Christmas Story. We will start with Mary and the Angel and conclude with Jesus growing up.

The first Young Leaders class concluded the in-classroom training on October 11th, with two of the youth getting ready to start serving in the Children's Ministry. I will still meet with the youth and discuss their Bible studies as well as their feelings about the program. I am excited to see where the Lord leads them in the Future.

I want to congratulate Agnes, Emma, and Ida for completing 4 books in the Bible buddy reading club. I still have plenty of buddies that need new homes. Please be in prayer that there will be more interest in this program.

I want to thank all our awesome volunteers. You are the reason we have great programs . We can always use more volunteers in the children's departments. If you feel led to help, please let me know. Please be praying for these ministries.

Blessings,

Nikki











# **Youth Ministry**

November 1st the youth will be having a fall celebration! Meet at the church at 5 pm for instructions then head to the Brickley homestead for campfire food, hayrack ride, and Mission Impossible II. We will return to the church at 9 pm. Dress warm and bring friends!!!

# **Butler County RSVP**

The Butler County RSVP Program is now offering a phone reassurance program to community senior citizens. The purpose of the Care Check Program is to offer another layer of assistance for seniors who have a desire to remain independent in their home. We know that during the COVID pandemic isolation has been a real challenge. The Care Check Program is one way volunteers are finding to help.

Melody Gault, Program Manager, and Keri Tucker, Program Coordinator with Butler County RSVP, are excited to offer the Care Check Program to Butler County Senior Citizens. Clients can receive a weekly call from a vetted RSVP volunteer who will spend a few minutes each week visiting with them. Volunteers will also have other resources available to share with the client if needed. RSVP Care Check volunteers make regular telephone calls to clients as a way of reducing isolation, providing companionship, and to make referrals as needed. Clients must be 55 years of age or older. There are no income guidelines for this program and no fees.

For more information about volunteering or to register to receive a weekly call, please contact Keri Tucker at 316-775-0500.

Sincerely, Keri Tucker Bulter County RSVP\*Melody Gault, Program Manager 2101 Dearborn Ste. 302\*Augusta, Kansas 67010\*316-775-0500\*Fax 316-775-0555 Sponsoring Agency—Butler county Departmenton Aging \* Crystal Noles, Director

See Flyer on Bulletin Board Enrollment forms and referral forms available

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### November

6th—Kathy Heubner 9th—Malia Hayes, Mattie Webb 12th—Marietta Brown 13th—Jeffrey Thomas, Johnathan Thomas

4th—Michelle Spivey

15th—Julie Hager

16th—Rod Luehrs

17th—Rebecca Boender

20th—Don Hager, Lauren Davis, Nikki McCarthy, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt 23rd—Marilyn Williams 24th—Alexander Boender 26th—Jessica Zumalt

27th—David & Julie Hill

#### December

2nd—Olivia Baca 3rd—Taylor Davidson 5th—Mark Wint 6th—David Crook 9th—Marty Scott 10th—Dianna Stroer 11th—Penny Nielsen 12th—Kinley Nielsen 17th—Glenna Wise, John Meister 20th—Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint 22nd—Tony Allmond, Jerry & Sandy DeWitt 26th—Susan Ballard, Tom Edwards 28th—Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson 31st—Barry & Sue Mohler

1 End Daylight Savings	2	<b>3</b> Election Day	<b>4</b> Michelle S.	5	<b>6</b> Kathy H. Shine Lock-In	<b>7</b> for teen girls
<b>8</b> 2:00 A- Team	<b>9</b> Malia H., Mattie W.	<b>10</b> 6:30 Women's Ministry	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm OCC Packing party	12 Marietta B.	<b>13</b> Jeffrey T., Johnathan T.	14
15 Julie H.	<b>16</b> Rod L.	<b>17</b> Rebecca B.	18	<b>19</b> 5:30 Facilities Team	<b>20</b> Don H., Nikki M., Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen L	21
			OCC Colle	ction week	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
<b>22</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>23</b> Marilyn W.	<b>24</b> Alexander B.	<b>25</b> NO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES	26 Jessica Z. THANKSGIVING DAY	27 David & Julie H. Church Office Closed	28
OCC Col	lection					
29	30					

## **Church Events**

## Remaining in October

**24th 4:30** pm Outreach Meeting, food packing and delivery

26th Noon Ladies Luncheon with Presentation by Melynda Wint

29th 6:30 pm Community Prayer Rally

#### **November Events**

**1st End Daylight Savings** 

1st 5pm Youth—"Mission Impossible"

**3rd Election Day** 

6th & 7th—Shine Conference for teen girls

8th 2:00 A-Team

10th 6:30 Women's Ministry 11TH 6:30 pm OCC Packing party 16th-23rd OCC Collection week 19th 5:30 Facilities Team 22nd Newsletter Articles Due 25th NO PROGRAMS OR SERVICES 26TH THANKSGIVING DAY 27th Church Office Closed

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<b>6</b> David Crook Noon Holidays Meal Annual Meeting	7	8	9Marty Scott	<b>10</b> Dianna Stroer	<b>11</b> Penny Nielsen	<b>12</b> Kinley Nielsen
<b>13</b> "A-Team"	14	15	<b>16</b> 6:15 pm Youth Christmas Party	<b>17</b> Glenna Wise, John Meister 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	18	<b>19</b> 2 pm Outreach Meeting, food Pack & Delivery
<b>20</b> Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint 20th Children's Program	21	<b>22</b> Tony Allmond, Jerry & Sandy DeWitt	23 No Programs or Services	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Services 6:30	25	<b>26</b> Susan Ballard, Tom Edwards
27	<b>28</b> Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson	29	30	<b>31</b> Barry & Sue Mohler		

## **December Church Events**

6th Noon Holidays Meal, Annual Meeting

13th 2:00 "A-Team"

16th Youth Christmas Party

17th 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

19th Outreach Meeting

20th Children's Christmas Program

Dec 21st—Jan 2nd NO REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

23rd No Programs or Services

24th Christmas Eve Services 6:30 pm