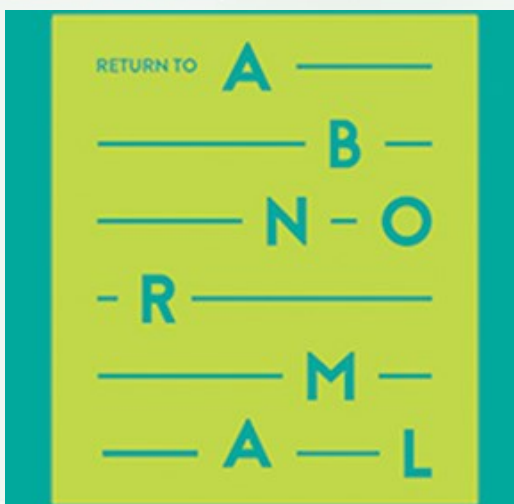


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Youth

This summer youth who have completed 6th-12th grade can go to Super Summer with us July 26-30. The speaker will be Ryan Fontenot and the musician will be Matt Atherton. The theme, Return to Abnormal, will be helping students realize we are not supposed to be like the world but to be different. It will be a week full of fun, fellowship, worship and bible study, and not a lot of sleep!!! See Lisa if you or your student would like to go. You can call or text her at 785-207-7189 or email her at busylee4@yahoo.com.

Operation Christmas Child

We are excited to share with you the results of God's faithfulness and your incredible dedication this past year! Here are the final 2020 shoebox numbers:

- 9,113,853 shoebox gifts collected WORLDWIDE!
- 7,809,410 shoebox gifts collected in the UNITED STATES!
- **623,408 shoebox gifts collected in the LOWER MIDWEST!**

PRAISE GOD for such a harvest, in the midst of a pandemic! Each one of these gifts is precious in the sight of the Lord. As each shoebox reaches up to 10 people with the Gospel, what God did through your Area Teams in 2020 will introduce up to 6,234,080 people to Jesus, and His great love and salvation. How humbling it is to be part of God's great plan of multiplying the Gospel to every nation, tribe and tongue!

Let's pray that God will use us again in 2021 to bless the lives of children all around the world.

Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! Love You Church!

Slowly take in these words from Isaiah 32:1-4 which spoke to me:

32 Indeed, a king will reign righteously, and rulers will rule justly.

²Each will be like a shelter from the wind, a refuge from the rain, like flowing streams in a dry land and the shade of a massive rock in an arid land.

³Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen.

⁴The reckless mind will gain knowledge, and the stammering tongue will speak clearly and fluently.

Oh, what comfort these words bring to our troubled times! There is a King of Kings who will reign! And righteously! And those He puts in leadership will rule justly! What a refreshing time that will be! The environment will have everything rightly and righteously in place for the people to live without the barrage of troubles. There will be relief from the brutal "elements" that are hounding us today as we struggle through the woes of this world. One day we will clearly see without closing our eyes for either rest or death. We will more clearly hear the voice of God, knowing what He wills for us, than if we were wearing the highest tech headphones this world will ever know. Our minds will know what we have longed to know. We will no longer find our tongues struggling under the weights of confusion, doubt, chaos,

stress, pain, or brokenness. Oh, what a day to look forward to experiencing!

That day will ultimately come, of course, during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth and in eternity with Him in Heaven or the City of God. This good news of encouragement is the ribbon that runs through the Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ which we are preaching in our series, "Victorious Living in Troubled Times." I hope you are joining us in person or on our Facebook livestream each Sunday as we seek the encouragement and understanding of what is coming.

It seems as though the burdens of this world are getting heavier each day. People are increasingly experiencing death, fear, sickness, chaos, hurts, depression, isolation, and other troubles such that nearly everything around them feels as if it is falling apart. Relationships are suffering at home and public, even at church. Many are just about ready to give up on all of it.

Look ahead, again, oh weary one, to the day when all is made right! Hear the Spirit again as you reread Isaiah's forecast and be strengthened! Experience anew what Paul testified in 2 Corinthians:

¹⁶Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. ¹⁸So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Children's Ministry

Here at First Southern Baptist Church, we find ourselves in a time of transition. Nikki, our Children's Ministry Director, has chosen to resign to focus on her family. She is also in a time of transition dealing with the loss of her mother and the additional responsibilities that go along with that.

That being said, the children we serve are very important to us, and we want to make sure to continue to love on them

and minister to them. At this time, we are not searching for a "replacement" for Nikki. People cannot be replaced, and we are not rushing into big changes.

February 11th we had a meeting with our staff and children's workers. Everyone is pitching in to help fill the gaps. Sandy DeWitt will be our bus coordinator. She will organize drivers and make contacts to make sure everyone gets a ride that needs one.

We have a cell phone for the bus (316-452-3595) to keep things consistent with that ministry.

John Brickley is going to be our nursery coordinator. He will find volunteers to work and help keep the schedule filled to care for our youngest family members.

Karen Leibbrandt is in charge of Children's Church and Wednesday nights and will keep those classes staffed.

Laura will be sending out reminder post-cards and keeping the workers rotations listed in the bulletin.

Please bear with us as we learn our new roles. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these ministries, please contact the office.

We thank Nikki for her service, and thank all of our volunteers for stepping up in her absence.

MARCH-APRIL 2021

28 5:30 Women's Bible Study	1	2 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	3	4	5	6 River Horner, Mary & Gene Herrmann
7	8 Eliza Thiessen Noon WOM Luncheon	9 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	10	11	12	13 Joey Simpson, Shannon Wothington
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS Potluck, A-Team	15 Jenny Frye	16 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	17 Spring break, no children or Youth Programs	18 Burgundy Bennett, John Brickley, Stanley Nixon	19	20 Lexi Simpson 3 pm Food Packing and delivery
21 Newsletter articles and dates due	22	23 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	24	25 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	26	27
28 Children's Easter Program	29	30 Deacon Davis, Jessica Zumalt (Ann) 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	31 Jeremy & Molly Thiessen	1	2	3
4 Ulala Prewit, Tom & Vicki Edwards Easter Easter Egg Hunt	5 Donna Gragg	6 Caiden Williamson, Mackenzie Balsinger 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	7	8	9 Karley Faudere	10
11 Potluck, A-Team	12 Grady Rumsey Noon WOM Luncheon	13 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	14	15 Jessica Hayes	16	17
18 Newsletter articles and dates due	19	20 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	21	22 Dwayna Todroff 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	23	24
25	26	27 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study	28 Sue Mohler, Johnie & Donna Gragg	29 Veloma Hill	30	1

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

6th—River Horner, Mary & Gene Herrmann
8th—Eliza Thiessen
13th—Joey Simpson, Shannon Wothington
15th—Jenny Frye
18th—Burgundy Bennett, John Brickley, Stanley Nixon
20th—Lexi Simpson
30th—Deacon Davis, Jessica Zumalt (Ann)
31st—Jeremy & Molly Thiessen

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th—Ulala Prewit, Tom & Vicki Edwards
5th—Donna Gragg
6th—Caiden Williamson, Mackenzie Balsinger
9th—Karley Faudere
12th—Grady Rumsey
15th—Jessica Hayes
22nd—Dwayna Todroff
28th—Sue Mohler, Johnie & Donna Gragg
29th—Veloma Hill

March Events

5:30 Sunday Nights Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Step Study
8th—Noon WOM Luncheon
14th—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS
14th—Potluck, A-Team
15th-19th Spring break, no children or Youth Programs
20th—3 pm Food Packing and delivery
21st—Newsletter articles and dates due
25th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
28th—Children's Easter Program

April Events

5:30 Sunday Nights Women's Bible Study??
6:30 pm Tuesdays Celebrate Recovery Step Study
4th—Easter, Egg Hunt
11th—Potluck, A-Team
12th—Noon WOM Luncheon
18th—Newsletter articles and dates due
22nd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

