

# FSBC *Messenger*

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## Pastor's Pen

Time to Fly, Church!

David Huxley owns a world record in an unusual category: he pulls jetliners.

On October 15, 1997, he broke his own record at Mascot Airport in Sydney, Australia. He strapped around his upper torso a harness that was attached to a steel cable some fifteen yards long. The other end of the steel cable was attached to the front wheel strut of a 747 jetliner that weighed 187 tons. With his tennis shoes firmly planted on the runway, Huxley leaned forward, pulled with all his might, and remarkably was able to get the jetliner rolling down the runway. In fact, he pulled the 747 one hundred yards in one minute and twenty-one seconds. A superhuman feat indeed.

The church resembles that 747 jetliner. The strength of a few extraordinary humans can pull the institution of the church for very short distances. Or we can pray until God starts up powerful engines that enable His church to fly thousands of miles on the wings of the Holy Spirit.

I don't know how many superhuman individuals in our church are carrying the load in our church, but I am very sure that we

could use a few more people strapping in, putting feet to the ground, and pulling what weight they can. Our church needs to be on the move. There have been several forces at work the last year which left us sitting quite still. We know that God has put us on the runway of this city to reach people with the Gospel and build His Kingdom as we build our church, but the engines are quiet. Our fuselage contains too many empty seats. Our tank does not seem to have enough fuel to power us forward.

What cables can you strap on to help get the church moving again? Invitations! Who have you invited to church lately? To whom have you reached out since Covid put on the church brakes? **How many children have you asked to sign up for our one-day VBS to be held June 5?** (At the time of this writing, we have had only one family sign up.) Who will come if you don't go to them and ask them? There is a harness that fits only you. Pick it up, put it on, and help build the church.

We do need to rebuild the church. I will soon be starting a series emphasizing rebuilding the church with a focus on CHRIST. You

can find out what each letter stands for if you will join us in worship. You pull your weight, I'll pull mine, but we still need one more thing!

We need to pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit of God to fire up the engines of our church! We need revival, and our city needs an awakening! Those only happen if Heaven moves in mighty ways! And Heaven waits for our prayers with fasting. Have your prayers moved much of Heaven in recent days? Pick up your harness, put it on, and pray for Heaven to fire things up!

We will join other churches in our city on **June 6, 6:30 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene** to pray together for God to move in a mighty way. We will also be having other prayer rallies and vigils over the summer to pray for revival and awakening in our city in preparation for a city-wide outreach on the heels of El Dorado's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday bash in September.

Will you pray? Will you invite? Will you work? Will we fly?

Pastor David Crook



# Operation Christmas Child

Thank you all who brought in items for Operation Christmas Child in May. In June we are collecting Accessories. Some examples are hair ties, headbands, hair clips and bows, sunglasses, hats, visors, small purses, wallets, and drawstring bags. Both Dollar General and Walmart often have good clearance sales. Keep on the lookout! Dollar Tree is a good place all year round for items.

Last month I shared some encouraging articles from last year's collection. Here are a few more to brighten your day.

Over in Uganda, boxes were handed out to over 300 refugee children and 250 of them completed "The Greatest Journey". At the graduation ceremony there was just enough food to feed the graduates, but hundreds of other children showed up. Our ministry partners didn't turn away a single child. They trusted God, and 750 children were fed from the food that had been prepared. Praise God!

Last year in a Tanzanian village, local elders became angry when the Gospel was shared, and they took all of "The Greatest Journey" materials and burned them. But later they saw how blessed the children in the village were by the shoebox gifts so they allowed another distribution to take place this year. At the event,

the elders listened to the Gospel message and gave their overwhelming approval to Operation Christmas Child. Now, the elders are reading the discipleship materials themselves!

In Colombia, a boy who came to Christ through "The Greatest Journey" began praying for his parents who were struggling with drug dependency. As a result, his mother and father accepted the Lord and now are in a Bible study begun by our ministry partners and are leaders in a drug rehabilitation center. A new church was also started as an outgrowth of the ministry. "One of our original prayers was that "The Greatest Journey" experience would bring whole families together," said a prayer coordinator. "And God answered!"

Around the world, we saw God who *"performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted"* (Job 5:9 NIV) do mighty and miraculous things. In Panama, 11-year-old Maike began "The Greatest Journey" but soon became very ill and was diagnosed with Stage 3 cancer. He wanted to complete the course—and he did so from his hospital bed. Unfortunately, his condition worsened. His doctors sent him home and gave him very little time to live. His "Greatest Journey" teacher

prepared a special graduation ceremony for him and asked a pastor who is one of our ministry partners there to pray for Maike's healing and for salvation to come to his family. And God answered both prayers! Today, Maike is cancer free, and his entire family are Christ followers.

We also witnessed God move mightily in South Asia where half of the unreached people groups in the world live. The Lord opened the way for us to visit 55 of these groups and proclaim the Gospel among them. In one extremely poor community the people lived in patchwork huts. Children had no shoes and wore rags for clothing. There were no schools for them to attend. They had never received a gift—until they opened their shoeboxes! "The joy on their faces was incredible," a ministry partner said. And many of the boys and girls enthusiastically responded to the Gospel. As a result, a door is now open to the Good News in these regions so that *"those who have never been told of Him will see, and those who have never heard will understand"* (Romans 15:21 ESV).

Our God is so good, no matter what is happening. Children all around the world need to hear the good news of Jesus. Let's tell them!

Karen Leibbrandt



# Youth

Even though our youth won't be meeting on Wednesday nights until August, we still have some activities going on for them to grow!

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the youth room we meet and are studying counterculture right now.

June 25<sup>th</sup> we will have an overnigher at the church. We will meet at the church at 7 pm. We will have fun, fellowship, some devotional time, and **PAINTING!!!** Please have your

student bring clothes to paint in as well as other clothes for the night. Boys, please bring a 2 liter to share. Girls, please bring a bag of chips to share. Any other snacks they want to bring will be great!

July 21<sup>st</sup> we will meet at Sonic for shakes! The youth group will cover the cost for each student to get a small shake. If they want anything else, please have them bring money. We will meet at 6:30 and hang out there until 7:30.

July 26-30<sup>th</sup> is "Super Summer" in Salina. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to bring

money for lunch on the way. We will travel to Salina and be back Friday afternoon around 3 p.m. Students will have an amazing week with lots of fun, fellowship, and growth in Christ. If you haven't signed up your student, please do

so ASAP! **Deadline for sign up is 5/31/21.** Sign up at [kncsbevents.org/sscamper](https://kncsbevents.org/sscamper) and our group ID is W411435. Make sure to get \$20 to the church for your student and start praying for God to move in their lives!!!

Lisa Crook



# VBS

Make sure to sign up your kids for our one-day VBS June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-5:30! Registration ends 5/31/21 and is only online so please make sure to enroll them before the deadline. We will not be taking registrations past this date, including the day of the event.

Our theme is Gone Fishing. Our theme verse is Matthew 4:19: *"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* We will be having VBS at the Brickley's home for a true outdoors

adventure! In case of rain, we will hold VBS at the church. Please be praying for families to send their children and let us invest in them for one day!

We will finish up our day with a potluck for everyone to come and join. This will be an amazing opportunity to reach out to families who have not been to our church at all or very much and invite them to be a part of us on a weekly basis!

Register today if you haven't already!  
<https://vbsmate.com/events/FSBCEIDorado/20104>

**June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-5:30!**  
at the Brickley's home  
**Registration ends 5/31/21**



*"Come, follow me,  
and I will make you fishers of men."*  
Matthew 4:19



# JUNE 2021

<b>30</b> Julie Hill, Ray Roberts, Lilly Thiessen, Lucy Thiessen	<b>31</b> Memorial Day  6:15 pm Prayer	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>2</b> Ray & Char Roberts	<b>3</b> Kendall Lemaster	<b>4</b> Madylanne Wint	<b>5</b> VBS "Day Camp" 12:30-5:30 pm, Potluck dinner following
<b>6</b> 6:30 pm City-wide prayer event at the Nazarene Church	<b>7</b> 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Kelly Davidson, David & Christine Baca	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 6 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> Susan Fyffe 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>15</b> Frank Wartick 6:30 pm CR	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Nathaniel Hill, Pastor's "Anniversary" Here	<b>18</b> Joseph Reinert	<b>19</b> David Hill
<b>20</b> Johnie Gragg FATHERS' DAY	<b>21</b> Jeremy Thiessen 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>25</b> Molly Thiessen Youth Lock-In	<b>26</b> Frank & Opal Wartick
<b>27</b> Sophia Baca 6 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b> Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Caleb Deets	<b>2</b> Avery Milligan	<b>3</b>

## June Events

**Sundays (13th & 27th) 6 pm** Women's Bible Study

**Mondays 6:15 pm** Prayer Meeting

**Tuesdays 6:30 pm** Celebrate Recovery

No Wednesday Night Children or Youth Bible Studies

**5th 12:30-5:30 pm**—VBS "Day Camp" at Brickley's, Potluck dinner following

**6th—6:30 pm** City-wide prayer event at the Nazarene Church

**20th**—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after 8 am, June 22nd will be printed

**24th—5:30 pm** Facilities Team Meeting

**25th—7 pm** Youth Lock-In (overnight)

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd—Ray & Char Roberts

3rd—Kendall Lemaster

4th—Madylanne Wint

10th—Kelly Davidson, David & Christine Baca

14th—Susan Fyffe

15th—Frank Wartick

17th—Nathaniel Hill, Pastor's "Anniversary" Here

18th—Joseph Reinert

19th—David Hill

20th—Johnie Gragg

21st—Jeremy Thiessen

25th—Molly Thiessen

26th—Frank & Opal Wartick

27th—Sophia Baca

28th—Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen



# JULY 2021

<b>27</b> Sophia Baca	<b>28</b> Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Caleb Deets	<b>2</b> Avery Milligan	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Keylee Faudere, Larry Herbel, John Mehaffey	<b>5</b> Mary Mehaffey 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>7</b> Jonelle Reinert	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Larry Huebner, Dani Miller-Kreusel	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> D.J. Baca Potluck, A-Team Women's Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Janna Davis	<b>17</b> Larry & Kat Huebner
<b>18</b> John & Christine Brickley Newsletter Articles Due	<b>19</b> 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>20</b> Jaydyn Miller 6:30 pm CR	<b>21</b> Ben & Pat Leibbrandt Sonic Shake night (for youth)	<b>22</b> John & Mary Mehaffey 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cindy Rhodes
<b>25</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> 6:15 pm Prayer	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## July Events

**Sundays the 11th & 25th 6 pm**—Women's Bible Study (None on the 4th or 18th)

**Mondays 6:15 pm** Prayer Meeting

**Tuesdays 6:30 pm** Celebrate Recovery

No Wednesday Night Children or Youth Bible Studies

**13th-20th**—Laura Out of the Office

**11th**—Potluck, A-Team

**18th**—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after noon June 21st will be printed

**21st—6:30-7:30 pm** Sonic Shake night (for youth)

**22nd—5:30 pm** Facilities Team Meeting

**26th-30th**—Youth Camp—"Super Summer" Salina Kansas

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2nd—Avery Milligan

4th—Keylee Faudere, Larry Herbel, John Mehaffey

5th—Mary Mehaffey

7th Jonelle Reinert

9th—Larry Huebner, Dani Miller-Kreusel

11th—D.J. Baca

16th—Janna Davis

17th—Larry & Kat Huebner

18th—John & Christine Brickley

20th—Jaydyn Miller

21st—Ben & Pat Leibbrandt

22nd—John & Mary Mehaffey

24th—Cindy Rhodes



## **Women's Bible Study Sunday Nights 6 pm**

**Beginning June 13th  
(not meeting June 20th for  
Father's Day)**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT  
TODAY!**

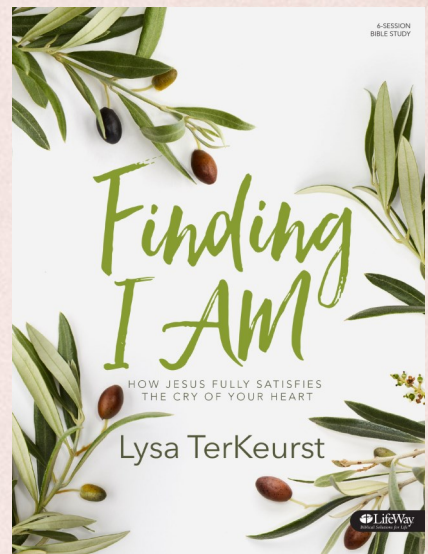
**Books are \$20, see Pastor if  
you need help with that**

**Sign up on your response  
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What is the deep cry of  
your heart? The ache in your  
soul that keeps you up at night?  
The prayer you keep repeating?  
Jesus not only cares about this

deep, spiritual wrestling, but He  
also wants to step in and see  
you through it. This study joins  
Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of  
Israel to explore the seven I AM  
statements of Jesus found in the  
Gospel of John. Through this in-  
depth study, you will  
trade feelings of emptiness and  
depletion for the fullness of  
knowing who Jesus is like never  
before. There are five weeks of  
personal study segments to  
complete between six weeks of  
group sessions. Each week has  
four days, with an optional fifth  
day, of study within each week  
of personal study.

**Please join us!**



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