

FSBC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO, KS | JULY 2021

JULY EVENTS

- ◆ Sundays 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
- ◆ **11th—Family Meeting—Please come help us plan!**
- ◆ 18th—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after 3 pm July 20th will be printed
- ◆ 21st—6:30 pm Sonic Shake night (for youth)
- ◆ 22nd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
- ◆ 26th-30th—Youth Camp-Super Summer Salina Kansas

AUGUST EVENTS

- ◆ Sundays 6 pm—Women's Bible Study
- ◆ Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
- ◆ Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
- ◆ 8th—Potluck, A-Team
- ◆ 15th—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after noon August 18th will be printed
- ◆ 18th—Kid's Club and Youth kick-off
- ◆ 26th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Pastor's Pen

Reconstruction Zone

Greetings Church! Love You Church!

I recently attended the 2021 Convention of Southern Baptists in Nashville, Tennessee, as a messenger from our church. You will be glad to hear (and I am glad to report!) that I saw everything that is good and right about our denomination on display! Although there were predictions in social media of great conflict and division coming, the false prophets were mistaken as God answered our prayers by bringing His uniting, peaceful presence. Our unity for the advancement of the Gospel to the Nations, our devotion to the Scriptures as the Word of God, and our respectful kindness were all on display as we deliberated the business of the event. I encourage you to visit www.digitalpass.lifeway.com and watch the powerful messages and encouraging reports from our entities. Click on the Nashville banner.

Some important highlights:

- We confessed our need for God. A Sunday night prayer meeting was set up for just over 1000 people. It was standing room only! One powerful convention speaker proclaimed, "If God is with us, nothing else matters. If God is *not* with us, nothing else matters."
- Several new campaigns were introduced:
 - ◆ Who's Your One? is an evangelism campaign which encourages us to each choose one person we know who may not know Jesus to begin

praying for them to come to know Jesus and for an opportunity to have a Gospel conversation. Then we commit to having that Gospel conversation with them. Go to www.whosyourone.com to get more information and register your commitment.

- ◇ SEND Relief is a cooperative effort of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the International Mission Board (IMB) to get relief funds available to missionaries to help with human needs so that a hearing of the Gospel may be opened. Go to www.sendrelief.org for ways you can be involved!
- ◇ Go2 is a campaign targeting high school and college students to encourage them to spend their first two years after education/training using their skills somewhere in the world to help missionaries who are sharing the Gospel and planting churches. Perhaps they could use their education degree to teach in an inner-city school in an area where a church planter is establishing a church. Or maybe they could use their business degree to work for an African business where a missionary could use their help. Visit www.go2years.net.
- The NAMB reported that even in the middle of the pandemic, 588 new churches were planted, 143 established churches affiliated with us, 126 new campus ministries were begun, for a total of 857 new outposts for the Gospel.
 - ◇ SBC churches baptized 235,000 people in 2019. Baptisms are trending consistently down. The largest percentage of those baptisms were in churches planted in the last 10 years.
 - ◇ In 2020, 237 people went through SEND Network training assessment retreat (virtually, due to the pandemic) with 85% approved to move toward planting a church.

- The IMB reported that every day 154,937 people die without Christ (one precious person every 2 seconds). More than 215,000 people join our world every day. Yet estimates indicate that evangelical Christians share the Gospel about 275,000 times per week. We cannot – we must not – be passive in our efforts toward Gospel advance. We must be strong, focused, and committed. Our missionaries are on the march!

- ◇ 535,325 people heard a Gospel witness last year as IMB missionaries and their indigenous partners continue to share the Gospel boldly.
- ◇ 89,325 people committed to follow Jesus Christ, with 47,929 following through with believer's baptism.
- ◇ 12,368 new churches were planted.
- ◇ Missionaries reported 174,393 participants in ongoing Bible Study.
- ◇ 90,532 people received theological training, including pastoral training, church-planting training, advanced training, and more.

In the Monday afternoon session, I was able to witness the moving sending of 57 new missionaries to nearly every region of the world!

The urgency of sharing the Gospel hits home to us in our church as well. We must answer the call to rebuild our church! Please try to join us each week the rest of the summer as we wrestle with this calling. Additionally, please come July 11 to our Family Meeting following our monthly potluck dinner. We will be having a very important conversation about what our church is going to have to consider if we are going to grow. We may have to look at doing things very differently. Please come!

Above all, please keep on praying!

Pastor David

Operation Christmas Child

Wow, can you believe that this year is halfway over? I just wanted to take a moment to remind or tell you about the amazing journey of these simple shoebox gifts we pack. It all begins with you and results in evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication.

Packing

From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country.

Collecting

Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes from their communities. Some churches also serve as drop-off locations for shoeboxes the 3rd week of November every year.

Shipping

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international

shipping. Every hour work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.

Worldwide Distribution

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement "The Greatest Journey" follow-up discipleship program.

Outreach Events

Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. Other churches use the boxes as resources for outreach in orphanages and other at-risk areas. In many places, they also offer "The Greatest Gift", a Gospel story booklet Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients,

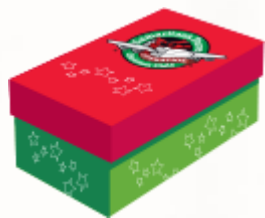
and invite children to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

Discipleship & Multiplication

As a result of what they learn in The Greatest Journey, boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family. The students also invite others to their graduations where the Gospel is shared. This often brings parents, siblings, and friends to accept Christ and become active members in the local church. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

In our church, during the month of July, we are going to collect clothing: flip flops, socks, new shorts, pants, and shirts for ages 2-14 boys and girls. If you would rather donate money instead, that is fine. Mark on your offering envelope that it is for OCC. Thanks for all your help!

Karen Leibbrandt



It all starts with you! Join what God is doing and pack a shoebox.

Youth

Busy month for the youth!

July 21st we will meet at Sonic out front and enjoy shakes together! Youth group will purchase your small shake. If you want more, it's on you! We will

meet at 7:30 for an hour of shakes, fun and fellowship!

July 26-30, we will be going to SuperSummer. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. to get loaded up. We will stop on the way for lunch. We will return Friday afternoon around 3. More information will be sent out to

those going. **Please pray for the following now through the end of camp!** Those going are: David Crook, Lisa Crook, Cory Gill, Aidan Davis, Zara Thomas, Zach Thomas, Kaiden McCaslin, Chance Fields, Isabella Baca, Nicolas Tantaros, Sophia Baca, DJ Baca, Anthony Baca, and Mary Spencer.

JULY 2021

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

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1st—Caleb Deets | 16th—Janna Davis |
| 2nd—Avery Milligan | 17th—Larry & Kat Huebner |
| 4th—Keylee Faudere, Larry Herbel, John Mehaffey | 18th—John & Christine Brickley |
| 5th—Mary Mehaffey | 20th—Jaydyn Miller |
| 7th Jonelle Reinert | 21st—Ben & Pat Leibbrandt |
| 9th—Larry Huebner, Dani Miller-Kreusel | 22nd—John & Mary Mehaffey |
| 11th—D.J. Baca | 24th—Cindy Rhodes |
| | 28th—John Trumpower |



AUGUST 2021

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| 1 6 pm— Women's Bible Study | 2 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting | 3 6:30 pm CR | 4 | 5 | 6 Tim & Rebecca Boender | 7 Rod & Laura Luehrs |
| 8 Potluck, A-Team 6 pm—Women's Bible Study | 9 Tom & Crystal Faudere 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting | 10 Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley 6:30 pm CR | 11 | 12 Char Roberts | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Newsletter Articles Due 6 pm—Women's Bible Study | 16 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting | 17 Tina Baca 6:30 pm CR | 18 Tera McCarthy, Garrett Rumsey, Lexi Davis Kid's Club and Youth kick-off | 19 Kurt & Michelle Spivey | 20 Kurt Spivey | 21 |
| 22 6 pm— Women's Bible Study | 23 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting | 24 Lane Baca 6:30 pm CR | 25 | 26 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting | 27 Joe & Debbie Reinert | 28 |
| | | | Pastor Out of the Office | | | |
| 29 Crystal Faudere, Martha Rowley 6 pm—Women's Bible Study | 30 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting | 31 6:30 pm CR | 1 Melynda Wint | 2 | 3 Austin & Ulala Prewit | 4 |
| | | | Pastor Out of the Office | | | |

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

6th—Tim & Rebecca Boender

7th—Rod & Laura Luehrs

9th—Tom & Crystal Faudere

10th—Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley

11th—El Dorado Schools Resume

12th—Char Roberts

17th—Tina Baca

18th—Tera McCarthy, Garrett Rumsey, Lexi Davis

19th—Kurt & Michelle Spivey

20th—Kurt Spivey

24th—Lane Baca

27th—Joe & Debbie Reinert

29th—Crystal Faudere, Martha Rowley



| Date | Bus | Children's Church | Nursery | Counters |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 7/4 | Sandy & Dianna | None | John B., Mary M. | Rod, Laura & Glenna |
| 7/11 | Steve & Cindy | None | Kat & Jeffrey | Johnie G., Ulala & Norma |
| 7/18 | Deb & Jackie | None | Joe R., Hope B. | Johnie G., Diane & Penny |
| 7/25 | Sandy & Dianna | None | Janna & Glenna | Johnie G., Shawn & Susan |
| 8/1 | Steve & Cindy | Brickleys | Johnie & Donna G. | Deb, Laura & Glenna |
| 8/8 | Deb & Jackie | Brickleys | Deb R. & Hanna B. | Deb, Ulala & Norma |
| 8/15 | Sandy & Dianna | Brickleys | Keith & Allison A. | Deb, Shawn & Penny |
| 8/22 | Steve & Cindy | Brickleys | John B., Julie H. | Deb, Diane & Susan |
| 8/29 | Deb & Jackie | Brickleys | Steve & Cindy R. | Deb, Laura & Rod |

