

FSBC Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of First Southern Baptist Church

September 2021



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st—Melynda Wint
3rd—Austin & Ulala Prewit
5th—Madilyn Lemaster
6th—**LABOR DAY**, Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs
8th—David & Susan Fyffe
9th—Tim Boender, Emma Leibbrandt
11th—Agnes Leibbrandt
12th—James Davidson, David Fyffe, Ezekiel Kreusel, James Todroff
13th—Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt
14th—Laura Luehrs
15th—Dan & Brenda Sherman
16th—Tom Faudere
21st—Spencer Simpson
26th—Kardyn Nielsen
27th—Skyler Simpson, Jesse & Kendall Lemaster
29th—Deb Spencer, Micah Wint

September Events

- Sundays 6 pm—Women's Bible Study Starting 9-19
- Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
- Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
- Wednesdays 6:30—Bible study for all ages
- 8th—6:30 Kid's Club and Youth kick-off
- 11th—City Birthday Parade March
- 12th-18th—City -Wide Tent Revival 6:30 Nightly
- 19TH—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after 10 am September 22nd will be printed
- 19th—Potluck and "A-Team"
- 20th—26th Viola Webb Missions Emphasis
- 23rd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Revival Schedule 6:30 Nightly South of BG Stadium

- ◇ Sunday 9/12: Happy Birthday El Dorado! We will have cake and ice cream and honor our city fathers. We will focus on coming together in unity
- ◇ Monday 9/13: Education night. We will honor educators, administration, and staff
- ◇ Tuesday 9/14: First Responders. We will express appreciation for those who help protect our city.
- ◇ Wednesday 9/15: Youth night. We will have a concert and special activities for our young people.
- ◇ Thursday 9/16: Health Care Workers. We will express our appreciation to those who have given so very much during this pandemic.
- ◇ Friday 9/17: Butler CC night. We will feed and celebrate this significant segment of our community.
- ◇ Saturday 9/18: Veterans' and Biker night. We will offer bike blessings that evening.

Pastor's Pen

Sheep Birthing Center

You know what I didn't see? (Besides angels, of course.) I did not see any sheep that were born to the shepherds. The sheep I saw were obviously born to other sheep and the shepherds were helping them do what sheep do. The shepherds made sure the sheep had pasture to graze. They led the sheep to water at times it was needed. They made sure the sheep didn't get away by themselves or find themselves in danger. The shepherds had their role so the sheep could thrive and beget more sheep.

I once heard a pastor say that shepherds don't beget sheep. Sheep beget sheep. He had a point to make. The New Testament refers to Jesus' followers as sheep of His pasture. It also describes the role of pastors as under-shepherds of Jesus' flock of sheep. It also talks of the role pastors play in leading the sheep, especially that pastors are to equip the saints for the work of ministry. In this metaphor, even though we pastors are also sheep of Jesus' flock, we are to help the sheep beget more sheep. We fulfill that role by inspiring sheep to make disciples who make disciples, providing training to do it with intentionality, and setting up opportunities for sheep to beget more sheep. Like a shepherd, pastors can't force sheep to do sheep things, we can only lead the way and provide what they need.

Consider the **Alive Again rally September 12 -18** as your own personal sheep birthing center. Ok, that is weird, but catch my drift. It is your opportunity to labor for some lost people to be born again through faith in Jesus Christ. It is your opportunity to connect with a new believer to teach them to follow Jesus as making a disciple who makes disciples. It is your opportunity to beget sheep. It is your opportunity to do the work of ministry. It is not the only way to do ministry, but it might just be the catalyst you need to move to new pastures where God has wanted to lead you to beget more sheep. Whether you have ever invested in someone's salvation or not, this is your chance to labor for Jesus, our Great Shepherd.

How can you be involved? Here are many opportunities I suggest:

- Pray. Ok, I have been harping on this for a long

time and given you ample opportunity. So if you have not started praying for God to save many people at the rally yet, I wonder if you will start. However, I know that some people you know will likely not come to Christ if you don't pray for them, so I bring it up again.

- Get trained to be an Encourager, who will meet people at the altar as they respond to Jesus to help them take the first steps toward being a disciple of Jesus. How exciting it will be to watch a sheep be born up close and personal! The training is Wednesday, August 18, at 6:30 pm at our church or Sunday, August 22, at 6:30 pm at Family Worship Center, 701 S. Atchison.
- Wear a t-shirt and promote the event on Saturday, September 11, at the city's 150th birthday festival.
 - ◊ March in the parade and hand out invitations with an encouraging greeting
 - ◊ Man a booth for an hour to encourage people to come
 - ◊ Let me know your t-shirt size and we will get you one
- Share personal invites through Facebook Messenger. You can find the event searching fb for Alive Again 2021
- Start talking to everyone about the event. Your enthusiasm could be contagious. When you invite someone you don't think knows Jesus yet, figure out a way to give extra effort to get them there in the first two nights. Invite them to dinner, promise them a ride and ice cream, give them 20 bucks, whatever it takes! If you can get them there the first two nights, then maybe they will become new sheep who will seek their lost friends and beget more sheep the rest of the week!
- Walk the campus of Butler Community College to meet students and invite them to dinner and rally on Friday night.
- Volunteer to help assemble materials to be used in the parade and the rally.
- Make a cake or homemade ice cream for the first night. Sign ups will be available soon
 - ◊ Volunteer to help make or serve food on Friday night for the college students
- Help keep the event site secure by spending one night under the big tent
- Help man a children's activity table multiple nights

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at the event

- Help direct parking multiple nights at the event
- Give generously ahead of the event to make sure that everything is secured.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, get ready to start a friendship with a baby sheep to disciple them after they come to Christ. Be willing to meet with them each week and talk about how to follow Jesus. Teach them the principles of being a disciple who makes a disciple. The church will provide the materials, you provide the labor. We need experienced sheep, not perfect sheep (they tend to get sacrificed...eek!), who can help a baby sheep come along at least as far as you have with Jesus.

I'll do my part. Will you do yours?

privilege to go through The Greatest Journey discipleship program. This is the same program that is offered to children around the world who receive a shoebox to come back and complete. Please pray for each child here at our church as well as the children around the world who will go on this discipleship journey.

Thank you again for your prayers and donations. If you are interested in helping or learning more about Operation Christmas Child, please contact me. There is also an OCC kick-off event on September 11 in Wichita in the afternoon. If you are interested, please let me know. Thanks again and God bless!

Karen

Operation Christmas Child

Wow, can you believe that school has already started? If you haven't picked up any school supplies for our shoeboxes, you still can. Dollar Tree is a great place to find items. Dollar General and Walmart are good as well. If you are not a shopper but want to contribute, you can make a donation and I can get things for you.

You can pick up a box from the foyer and pack your own and bring it back to the church or you can pack a box online at www.samaritanaspurse.org/buildabox. Remember each box we pack is a chance to reach a child with the gospel.

Our children on Wednesday nights this Fall will get the

OCC Collections List (Sept-Oct)

- crayons
- notebooks or paper
- erasers
- wash clothes and soap
- toys for boys and girls (we don't have hardly anything) Remember nothing war related like guns. Some examples of toys: cars, balls, tools, Legos, puzzles, games, playing cards, animal figures, dolls, crafts, sewing kits, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, etc.
- NO STUFFED ANIMALS- we have plenty :)
- hair brushes/combs
- hair accessories (hair ties, bows, clips, etc.)
- toothbrushes (NO toothpaste), floss

These items are nice but not necessary:

- sunglasses
- flashlights with extra batteries
- hats
- drawstring bags/purses/wallets
- clothing/shoes/flipflops/underwear/socks
- Markers/colored pencils



SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 16 2021

29 Crystal Faudere, Martha Rowley	30 •6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	31 •6:30 pm CR	1 Melynda Wint •6:30—Bible study	2	3 Austin & Ulala Prewit	4
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Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
9/5	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley's	Rod & Gloria	Mehaffey, Ulala, Glenna
9/12	Steve and Cindy	Reinerts	Diane G. & Norma	Mehaffey, Shawn, Norma
9/19	Deb & Jackie	Reinerts	Dianna & Brenda	Mehaffey, Diane, Penny
9/26	Sandy & Dianna	NONE	Kat	Mehaffey, Laura, Susan

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10 Ida Leibbrandt Potluck, A-Team 6 pm—Women's Bible Study	11 Ryan Luehrs • 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting • KNCSB Annual Meeting	12 • 6:30 pm CR • KNCSB Annual Meeting	13 Diane Goertz 6:30 Bible study	14	15	16
17 Newsletter Articles Due 6 pm—Women's Bible Study	18 Obadiah Leibbrandt 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	19 Jackie Thomas 6:30 pm CR	20 6:30 Bible study	21 Terry & Penny Stephens	22 Mary Lou Moody	23
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31 Deacon & Janna Davis 6 pm—Women's Bible Study	1	2 6:30 pm CR	3	4 Michelle Spivey	5	6 Kathy Heubner

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Youth

SuperSummer 2021 was amazing!!! Our theme was "Abnormal". We long to be back to what was normal before COVID-19, but our theme encouraged us to be abnormal and remember how Jesus didn't do things normally!

We had 4 salvations during our week and God moved on the rest of us. We all were encouraged to share Christ with others we care about. We hope it will encourage you to share Christ as well!

Our speaker was Ryan Fontenot from "We Are Rage" ministries. He spoke with passion and encouraged us all to follow Christ's example. Matt Atherton and the band led us in worship, and WOW!!! God moved in our hearts each time we focused our praise to the King! Our collegiate staff did a great job of keeping our spirits high and speaking to our students.

Some highlights of our activities were when four of our youth climbed a 30 foot pole...and jumped off! What an example of the leap of faith!!! We had one student zip line, lots of others who went swimming in the lake or the pool, time spent playing Gaga ball or 9 square, and plenty of laughter and snacks in between it all!

Thank you, church, for blessing our youth and investing in them. God moved and we can't praise Him enough for our time at camp and your faithful giving.

We will kick off our fall ministry on September 8th in our newly painted youth room. If you are interested in helping out in the youth program, please talk to Pastor David or myself. We would love for more people to pour into them!!!

In Christ,
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