

FSBC *Messenger*

OCTOBER 2021



Youth

We kicked off our youth Fall activities on September 8th with McDonald's & Braum's!!! On Wednesday nights we will be studying, "The Beginning" so that our whole church will grow as one!

I will be challenging our youth to have 15 people at youth group during the month of October. If we meet our goal, we will have Mission Impossible 3 in November! Encourage any youth you

know to join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:40 p.m.

Sunday mornings, we are studying the book of John together. John helps us all get to know Jesus, what He thinks about us, and what He wants for us.

Let's grow together, Church!

Lisa Crook

Children

The Children's program resumed on September 8th. On Wednesday nights at 6:30, we are going on "The Greatest Journey" to learn about the greatest gift of all time, Jesus. This journey is the same twelve week discipleship program that the children who have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox have the opportunity to attend.

The first night we played games to get letter

clues to figure out what the greatest gift was. Each kid also received a little shoebox of their own, like a shoebox distribution. The coming lessons will start at the beginning, Genesis, and show the kids the journey of why and how we need a savior, Jesus. We will also be singing songs and memorizing scriptures. We will provide a light supper for the kids each week.

Karen

Pastor's Pen

Waiting and Suffering and Laboring

Greetings Church! Love you Church!

The Alive Again Rally revival series is now over, and I am trying to catch up on energies and ministry connections. I send huge props and thanks to each of you who prayed and labored for the Kingdom to grow during the rally.

The final counts of decisions are not yet known, but the event did yield some spiritual harvest. There was a beautiful spirit present as the many different churches worshipped and labored next to each other, demonstrating that having Jesus in common outshines our many differences. We prayed and labored that Jesus would be in the center of all of our activities, and we succeeded.

The crowd was decent in size but was composed mostly of people who already have a church home. I think that our church had the best showing among the cooperating churches. However, there was a concerning dearth of lost people present to hear the Gospel message and be saved. This was personally discouraging to me and raises questions I would like to have answered. Did our church people invite lost people to come? How did they invite? Did they invite to an event or to spend time together or to hear about Jesus? Why were invitations rejected? Was it more about our event, its promotions, our church people, previous event histories, or our city's spiritual condition? What kind of openness exists for future invitations? The answers to questions like these may help us understand how and if we can rebuild our church.



It is a difficult season for our church. We are experiencing so much suffering, so much loss. We have a few more funerals on the horizon, too. We also have some concerning health issues in several of our church family and extended church family. Yet we are all experiencing what First Corinthians 12:26 says, "So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it." Even though we are grieving together, much ministry to each other is being beautifully fulfilled. Even as our hearts hurt together, our prayers are uniting before the throne of God.

Let me tie these two thought-strings together. Our work is needed now more than ever. Revival and awakening are not yet here, so let us continue to pray and labor for them! Because our church is experiencing painful loss, we must pray and labor for reaching new people with the Gospel of Christ and make them disciples who make disciples! While we are not in charge of the fruit of harvest, we must still labor diligently for the Master to grow His church.

Operation Christmas Child

It is officially that time of year to start thinking about getting our shoeboxes packed and ready. In September, my family and I went to an OCC kick-off event in Wichita. We got to meet a young man from Burkina Faso, a country in Eastern Africa, who received a shoebox when he was a child. He accepted Christ as his Savior and is now working with Operation Christmas Child to insure that other children around the world have the opportunity to learn about Jesus. He stressed that the gifts in his shoebox were nice but the best was getting to know Jesus.

Each box we pack is a gospel opportunity. Churches, schools, and some orphanages around the world partner with OCC and hold outreach events where they share the gospel and then hand out gift boxes to all the kids. These boxes are a tangible way for the kids to experience the love of God. Some even ask "Why would someone in another country who doesn't even know me give me a gift?" The answer: because we love

them like God loves them. They are then invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, which is a 12 week discipleship program. At the end they graduate and receive a New Testament in their own language! How cool is that!?

Our packing party is next month and we are still in need of some items:

- Toys: (nothing war related like guns or camo) some examples are cars, balls (if it inflates, pack a needle and pump), tools, Legos, puzzles, games, playing cards, animal figures, dolls, crafts, sewing kits, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk
 - Hair brushes, combs
 - Hair accessories (hair ties, bows, clips, headbands)
- Other items:**
- Sunglasses
 - Flashlights with extra batteries
 - Hats
 - Drawstring bags, purses, wallets
 - Clothing-- shoes, flip flops, socks, underwear
 - Markers, colored pencils

If you plan to help pack, please start now by writing some notes or cards to put in each box. You can also bring pictures of you and your family to include. The kids would love to see and hear from the one from whom they got their gifts.

Thanks again for all your help. Our packing party is scheduled for November 3rd. If you can't make it and would still like to participate, here are a couple alternatives:

1. Pack a shoebox on your own
2. Build a box online at www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox

We will once again serve as a drop-off location for Shoeboxes. The dates for that are November 15th-22nd. Mon 15th --Friday 19th 5-7 pm, Saturday 20th 9am-1pm, Sunday 21st 2pm-5pm, and Monday the 22nd 8-10 am.

Karen Leibbrandt



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26 Karyn Nielsen 6 pm—Women's Bible Study	27 Skyler Simpson, Jesse & Kendall Lemaster	28 6:30 pm CR	29 Deb Spencer, Micah Wint 6:30 Bible study	30	1	2
3 4 pm—FSBC 101 6 pm—Women's Bible Study	4 Penny Stephens • 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting • SCASB Annual Meeting	5 6:30 pm CR	6 6:30 Bible study	7 Gene Herrmann	8 Norma Boss	9 Greg Branaman
10 Ida Leibbrandt Potluck, A-Team 4 pm—FSBC 101 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 Steve & Cindy Rhodes Newsletter Articles Due 4 pm—FSBC 101 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
24 4 pm—FSBC 101, 4-7pm Potluck at Brickley's	25 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	26 6:30 pm CR	27 Lawanda Borger 6:30 Bible study	28 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	29	30
31	1	2 6:30 pm CR	3	4 Michelle Spivey	5	6 Kathy Heubner

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th— Penny Stephens
7th—Gene Herrmann
8th—Norma Boss
9th—Greg Branaman
10th—Ida Leibbrandt
11th—Ryan Luehrs
13th—Diane Goertz

17th—Steve & Cindy Rhodes
18th—Obadiah Leibbrandt
19th—Jackie Thomas
21st—Terry & Penny Stephens
22nd—Mary Lou Moody
27th—Lawanda Borger

October Events

Sundays 4 pm—FSBC 101
Sundays 6 pm—Women's Bible Study
Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
Wednesdays 6:30—Bible study for all ages
4th—SCASB Annual Meeting
10th—Potluck, A-Team
11th—12th KNCSB Annual Meeting
17th—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after 9 am October 20th will be printed
24th—4-7pm Potluck at Brickley's
28th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

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31 Women's Bible Study	1 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	2	3 6:30 pm OCC Shoebox Packing party	4 Michelle Spivey	5	6 Kathy Heubner
7 6 pm Women's Bible Study	8 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	9 Malia Hayes	10	11	12	13 Jeffrey Thomas, Johnathan Thomas
14 6 pm Women's Bible Study	15 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	16 Rod Luehrs	17 Rebecca Boender	18 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	19	20 Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt
			Shoebox Collections			
21 6 pm Women's Bible Study	22 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	23	24 Alexander Boender No Bible Study, Youth or Children	25 THANKSGIVING	26 Jessica Zumalt	27 David & Julie Hill
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 6th—Kathy Heubner
 9th—Malia Hayes
 13th—Jeffrey Thomas, Johnathan Thomas
 16th—Rod Luehrs
 17th—Rebecca Boender
 20th—Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt
 24th—Alexander Boender
 26th—Jessica Zumalt
 27th—David & Julie Hill

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Sundays 6 pm—Women's Bible Study
 Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
 Wednesdays 6:30 Bible Study for all ages
 3rd—6:30 pm OCC Shoebox Packing party
 14th—Potluck, A-Team
 15th—22nd Shoebox Collections
 21st—Newsletter Articles Due, No items received after noon Nov 24th will be printed
 18th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
 24th—No Bible Study, Youth or Children
 25th—THANKSGIVING

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
10/3	Steve & Allison	None	Joe R.	Rod, Ulala, Glenna
10/10	Deb & Jackie	Reinerts	Janna & Julie	Rod, Shawn, Norma
10/17	Sandy & Diana	Reunerts	Keith & Allison	Rod, Diane, Penny
10/24	Steve & Allison	Brickley	Deb R. Mary M.	Rod, Laura, Susan
10/31	Deb & Jackie	NONE	Johnie & Donna G.	Rod, Ulala, Glenna
11/7	Sandy & Diana	Brickley	John B., Glenna	Johnie, Shawn, Norma
11/14	Steve & Allison	Brickley	Hannah B., Gloria	Johnie, Diane, Penny
11/21	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Kat, Dianna S.	Johnie, Laura, Susan
11/28	Sandy & Diana	NONE	Steve & Cindy R.	Johnie, Ulala, Glenna

