



# FSBC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FSBC EL DORADO KANSAS  
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## Operation Christmas Child

The time has come to pack our shoeboxes! Our church packing party is Wednesday, November 3rd, at 6:30pm. Please bring a photo or two of yourself/family and a little note to put in the boxes you pack. If you can't make it, you have two other options to pack a box or two. The first option is you can pack one online for \$25 by going to

[www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox).

As a second option, you can fill your own shoebox and bring it to the church by November 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Leibbrandt. Remember this is a chance for you to be a missionary, reaching children all over the world with the good news of Jesus.

We will also need the \$9 shipping donation for each box. This helps the boxes get to where they need to go. Postage is much cheaper

than if you were to take your box to the post office and mail it yourself. Please pray about what you can give to help out and also pray for each child that will receive the box, that they would see the love of Jesus and go through the Greatest Journey (a 12 week discipleship program where they learn more about Jesus and then graduate and get a New Testament in their own language). Thank you!

Here is a testimony of a young girl who received a shoebox:

### **Hearing Stories in a Way She Could Understand**

When 12-year-old Romina attended this special event, she listened intently to stories from the Bible, including how Jesus calmed the storm and raised Lazarus from the dead. She was excited to hear these stories communicated in a manner that made sense to her.

"I had already heard those stories from the Bible and had not understood them," she said. "The way they explained them today was much better and I could understand them."

Romina was quiet and observant during the presentation, watching carefully as Operation Christmas Child volunteers shared the message and distributed the surprise of shoebox gifts!

"How they talked and treated me gave me confidence," said Romina. "I felt that if I could trust Operation Christmas Child, I could also trust Jesus."

As a result of what she'd heard and observed, she gave her life to the Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Just the Right Surprise**

Romina had also recently taken an interest in drawing and

decided the way she could learn would be to have some fine-tipped, colored markers. She had seen them online but had no idea how she could obtain them in her remote village of Carabuela. Romina asked her mother for these specific art supplies, but she informed her daughter that there was no way she could afford them.

Disappointed and not knowing where else to turn, Romina

lifted up the desire to God in prayer.

To her delight, when she opened her shoebox gift at the outreach event, she found a pack of fine-tipped, colored markers sitting right at the top of her box! They were just the kind for which she'd prayed! Also, inside the box was a ball and a pink stuffed animal, as well as other toys and a notebook for drawing, but she loved the markers best of all.

Romina remains grateful for the markers she received and for Jesus' continuing presence in her life. Now in addition to her drawing, she dreams of becoming a singer when she grows up, so she can sing for God.

Karen Leibbrandt



## OCC Dates

November 3rd—Shoebox Packing Party

Shoebox Collection:

November 15th-22nd

Mon 15th --Friday 19th 5-7 pm

Saturday 20th 9am-1pm

Sunday 21st 2pm-5pm

Monday the 22nd 8-10 am

## Youth

November is the perfect time to share your appreciation for others. More than any other time of the year, we are mindful to be thankful for others. The youth will be discussing ways we can show our appreciation to family, friends, and our church.

What about you, church? Who are you thankful for? Make sure to tell our youth who you are thankful for so they can see a great testimony of how to do it!!!

Thank you, church, for all you do and are doing for our youth ministry. It is greatly appreciated!!!

In Christ,  
Lisa Crook  
785-207-7189

## Outreach

Starting in November, Outreach will be preparing a lunch once a month for Butler Homeless Initiative. Also in November, we will have a box in the foyer to collect coats and blankets to be delivered to BHI at the end of the month. We will take coats of all sizes and please make sure to wash all items before donating.

We are also still collecting candy for Trick or Treat down the street.

Thank you  
Janna



# *Pastor's Notes*

## **Greetings Church! Love You Church!**

These have indeed been days of great heartache and grief! We have lost so many in our church and in the families of our brothers and sisters since summer began. We continue each week to hear news of another near our church who has been given a health report which sends us to our knees again. These are tough days indeed.

But our God can make even beautiful things from difficult times. 1 Peter 1:3-9 spells it out for us:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup>You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials <sup>7</sup>so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

May we find these words lightening our burdens and propelling our worship, service, and witness even during these times!

God's Word does strengthen us and so does good ministry as well. We are starting a new support group for those dealing with the grief of loss on Wednesday nights, 6:30 pm starting November 10. Please check out the article in this newsletter for a great description of the ministry and share that information with someone you know. By the way, experts are telling us the Covid-19 pandemic has made grief more troublesome for many. So think back to anyone who has experienced loss even many months ago and invite them to come.

On another note, the SCASB Annual Meeting was held October 4 in Wellington and the KNCSB Annual Meeting was held October 11-12 in Salina. All business was concluded in a unified spirit and we were challenged by some great sermons. One note of worth from the KNCSB meeting was the passing of a resolution on the "Value Them Both" Amendment to the Kansas Constitution which will be voted on August 2, 2022. This amendment, overwhelmingly passed by both houses of our legislature and thus will come to the citizens, would reverse the Kansas Supreme Court's 2019 finding of a right to abortion in the Kansas State Constitution. You can read the Amendment at <https://valuethemboth.com/> to get prepared for your vote.

More information from the Southern Baptist annual meetings will come at our Church annual meeting in December.



“Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you’re shivering.”

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

#### **Video seminar with experts**

Each week your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments, and on-location video.

#### **Support group discussion with focus**

After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week’s video seminar and what is going on in your lives.

#### **Personal study and reflection**

During the week you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

“I’ve never been to a support group like this before. I don’t know what to expect.”

Most people quickly feel comfortable and accepted in their GriefShare group. They discover there are others who have the same kind of feelings they do and who understand the hurt they feel and the loss they have experienced. Here is an overview of the GriefShare experience:

**You’ll probably feel a little nervous about going to GriefShare the first time.** Those feelings go away quickly for most people, usually during the first session they attend. GriefShare is a warm, caring environment designed to help you.

**You’ll discover there are people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences!** When someone you love dies, it’s common to feel isolated. In GriefShare, you’ll find that you are not alone, that there are others who understand what you are going through.

**You’ll learn helpful, practical information that will help you recover from the pain of grief and loss.** The GriefShare DVD videos feature top experts on grief recovery subjects and case studies of people just like you, who have been through the grief experience.

**You’ll have the chance to talk about your experiences.** It can be very healing to tell others what you are going through. The support group sessions include a time to talk about what you’ve seen on the GriefShare videos and what is going on in your life. And while you have the opportunity to tell your story, there’s never pressure for you to do so if you don’t feel like it.

**You’ll have a workbook for personal study and to write down things you’ve learned.** The workbook provides opportunity for further study about the grief process and personal reflection about your grief. The weekly journaling questions help you sort through your emotions. You can tear out and carry with you the perforated “Care Cards” for words of encouragement during the lowest points of your day.

**You’ll begin to gain closure in your loss.** It’s sometimes hard to move on in life when you are still dealing with the grief and emptiness that happens after a loved one dies. You’ll learn how to go through a healthy season of grieving, then begin transitioning to emotional and spiritual wholeness. We call this “your journey from mourning to joy.”

**You’ll become part of a “family.”** GriefShare group members often tell us that they feel like their group has become a family, that they made new friends and are around people they can relate to.

**You’ll discover hope for the future.** While things may look bleak now, you’ll learn ways to restore your hope and rebuild your life. Many GriefShare alumni tell us the program helped them move from deep grief to peace and a sense of joy again.

# NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021

<b>31</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>1</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm OCC Shoebox Packing party	<b>4</b> Michelle Spivey	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Kathy Heubner
<b>7</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—FALL BACK 6 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>9</b> Malia Hayes	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Jeffrey Thomas, Johnathan Thomas
<b>14</b> A-Team 1:30 6 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>16</b> Rod Luehrs	<b>17</b> Rebecca Boender	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt
	Shoebox Collection Week					
<b>21</b> Newsletter Articles Due, NO LATE ITEMS will be printed  Shoebox Collection Week	<b>22</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Alexander Boender No Bible Study, Youth or Children's Programs	<b>25</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>26</b> Jessica Zumalt	<b>27</b> David & Julie Hill
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Olivia Baca	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Mark Wint	<b>6</b> David Crook 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Marty Scott	<b>10</b> Dianna Stroer	<b>11</b> Penny Nielsen
<b>12</b> Kinley Nielsen Holidays' Meal, Annual Meeting	<b>13</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Glenna Wise, John Meister	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Children's Program Newsletter Articles Due, NO LATE ITEMS will be printed	<b>20</b> Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm CR	<b>22</b> Jerry & Sandy DeWitt No Bible Study, Youth or Children's Programs	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Susan Ballard, Tom Edwards	<b>27</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>28</b> Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson 6:30 pm CR	<b>29</b> No Bible Study, Youth or Children's Programs	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Barry & Sue Mohler	

# Volunteer Rotations

## Thank you for Serving!

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
10/31	Deb & Jackie	NONE	Johnie & Donna G.	Rod, Ulala, Glenna	10/27	Karen D.
11/7	Sandy & Diana	Brickley	John B., Glenna	Johnie, Shawn, Norma	11/3	Sandy
11/14	Steve & Allison	Brickley	Hannah B., Gloria	Johnie, Diane, Penny	11/10	Karen D.
11/21	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Kat, Dianna S.	Johnie, Laura, Susan	11/17	Sandy
11/28	Sandy & Diana	NONE	Steve & Cindy R.	Johnie, Ulala, Glenna	11/24	NO BUS
11/28	Sandy & Diana	NONE	Steve & Cindy R.	Johnie, Ulala, Glenna	12/1	Karen D.
12/5	Steve & Allison	Karen	Keith & Allison	Deb, Shawn, Norma	12/8	Sandy
12/12	Deb & Jackie	Karen	Rod & Diane G.	Deb, Diane, Penny	12/15	Karen D.
12/19	Sandy & Dianna	Karen	Norma B., Hope	Deb, Laura, Susan	12/22	NONE
12/26	Steve & Allison	None	Sandy & Brenda	Deb, Ulala, Glenna	12/29	NONE

### November Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th—Michelle Spivey  
 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

### December Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd—Olivia Baca  
 5th—Mark Wint  
 6th—David Crook  
 9th—Marty Scott  
 10th—Dianna Stroer  
 11th—Penny Nielsen  
 12th—Kinley Nielsen  
 17th—Glenna Wise, John Meister  
 20th—Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint  
 22nd—Jerry & Sandy DeWitt  
 26th—Susan Ballard, Tom Edwards  
 28th—Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson  
 31st—Barry & Sue Mohler

### November Events

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  
 7th—**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—Set your clocks back 1 hour**  
 14th—A-Team 1:30  
 15th—22nd Shoebox Collections  
 21st—Newsletter Articles Due, NO LATE ITEMS will be printed  
 18th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting  
 24th—No Bible Study, Youth or Children's Programs  
 25th—**THANKSGIVING**

### December Events

Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting  
 Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery  
 12th—Holidays' Meal, Annual Meeting  
 19th—Children's Program  
 19th—Newsletter Articles Due, NO LATE ITEMS will be printed  
 23rd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting  
 24th—6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service