

### Youth

The youth would like to thank you for participating in Angel Tree this year!! We were able to help 4 families and a total of 10 children. This is a great ministry to kids who have a parent incarcerated and through giving the kids gifts, we minister not only to the kids but to their parents.

Winter Jam is coming up! February 10th we will take a group of youth to the concert. We will meet at the church at 4:30 so we can eat before the concert. It's always a blessing and encouragement and helps teens to see God through music expressed in various ways.

Please be watching for camp information! We will begin discussing the date we will go and will discuss details to get to everyone.

Be in prayer for our youth as they face the challenges of growing in Christ in a struggling world. Pray also for the leaders to have wisdom and discernment!!!

Lisa Crook

# Outreach

We will start delivering food boxes again in February. We will meet in the Fellowship hall to pack boxes at 10am on February 26th.

We are trying to streamline the process by collecting specific food items. This will help us pack uniform boxes that contain items that most people will use. We will no longer take dry beans.

#### Please donate these items:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Meat
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Ramen noodles

Thank you to all who donate their time and food. We couldn't do it without you.

Janna Davis

# February Potluck—Feb 13th (Meat Provided) Please bring items by Last Name:

A-I —Sides

M-R— Desserts

S-Z — Hamburger Buns

#### **Volunteers Needed**

As a means of outreach for our church, we could send a big "We love you" to a segment of our city. Pastor is trying to organize a Night Out for foster parents in our city on Friday, February 11. If we can get the cooperation of the Foster network and enough backgroundchecked volunteers from our church to provide childcare activities, we can help some generous parents get some alone time together for Valentine's Day. It is difficult for them to get time away because of all the procedures that must be followed to leave the kids under their care with others. Would you be willing to help? We need cooks, nursery workers, activity leaders, and registration helpers. Let him know if you are willing to love on this part of our city and increase the influence of FSBC.

# Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Wow, it is already the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the year! I apologize for not having the collection box out for January. There will be one out in the foyer ready for all your donations. Remember to check out after holiday/seasonal sales. You can always bring these and items from January (hats, gloves, and scarves) anytime of the year.

Soon after shoeboxes get distributed, the kids are invited to participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey (TGJ). The Greatest Journey is a course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

Upon completion of the course, they receive a graduation certificate and a New Testament in their own language. This Bible includes the New Testament and selected Old Testament stories along with a dictionary of Biblical terms and a map of Bible lands. Complete with illustrations, it is often the first copy of God's Word the child, or their family, will own. Family and friends who attend the ceremony hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After seeing the transformation in the students, their loved ones' hearts are open to hearing the Good News for themselves. Praise God, many of them come to faith in Christ. Since 2009, more than 12.5 million children have reported decisions for Christ while taking The Greatest Journey

On Wednesday nights, the children have been going through The Greatest Journey. We will have finished in late January and have a graduation ceremony during a Sunday morning service in February. Look for the date in the upcoming announcements/bulletins.

Thanks again for all your help and support. If you ever have any questions or want to serve more with OCC, just let me know. Blessings to you all.

Karen Leibbrandt

#### Items to buy in February:

Fashion Accessories

(for boys and girls):

Sunglasses

Watches

Elastic Hair bands

Necklaces/bracelets

Ball caps

Other hair items like headbands, bows, clips

Bandanas



# Pastor's Pen

Greetings, Church! I love you, Church! (Heart Emoji, Heart Emoji!)

Don't those 3 little words have a huuuuuge impact on us? Valentine's Day stirs up the natural desire in all of us to be loved by someone special. It's not like we totally discount the love of parents or others who are *supposed to* love us, but that's kind of why it doesn't mean as much as from our Valentine, who *chooses to* love us. It just feels better to know that someone wants us in their life and isn't merely stuck with us. We expect our parents to love us, our grandparents, maybe even a sibling (skeptical emoji), because it is their responsibility. When someone loves us who isn't expected to love us, wellIll, that's exciting enough to make us tap our foot super fast! Think twitterpated!

So, if expected love feels less special, how do we react to God's love? The Bible tells us He loves us. John 3:16, Psalm 136, Romans 5:8, and 8:31-39 are among my favorites. Because the Bible declares His love sooo much, do we find it somewhat unremarkable? Isn't He supposed to love us? Isn't that part of who He *is*- His very nature? He can't help but love us, so is it all that special a love, such that we are deeply moved to maybe even our feet dancing? Perhaps that is going to be the case if we don't ponder how much more He loves us than anyone else (and showed it!) and how much He had to look past (in our faults and sin and selfish ways) to love us in spite of us.

I admit it. I don't spend much of any day considering those stark realities. I, too, find myself often unmoved by a love so great, so self-sacrificing, so undeserved, so unconditional, so out-of-this-human-experience as the love God has for me. Why? Because I have known this love. For many years, now. I have not stopped believing it to be true. I have stopped soaking it in. We all want love with skin on. And sometimes God uses other people to love on us for Him. But it would do my heart some good (and perhaps my toe-tapper muscle) to sit with Him more and sponge up His truly remarkable love.

Lisa and I also LOOOOVE the new floors you have put in the parsonage! We are so grateful, and we have already seen a noticeable difference in the air quality. During the project we found much black mold under some places in the kitchen, laundry, bathrooms, and closets. Perhaps it developed due to the fire a dozen or so years ago in the bathroom vent fan.

Here are some before and after pictures of the project. The unused and untested fireplace was removed, which greatly opened up the connection between the dining area and the living room. The old carpet upstairs is being replaced by a vinyl tile that is much easier to deep clean. We think you will agree that they look awesome too!













FEBRUARY 2022						
30	31	1	<b>2</b> Matthew Wint	3 Cory Gill	4	<b>5</b> Vicki Peacock
6	7	<b>8</b> Tyler Luehrs	<b>9</b> Tyson Nielsen	10	11 5-8pm Foster Parents' Night Out	12
<b>13</b> Potluck "A Team" Meeting	14 President's Day	<b>15</b> Mike Rumsey, Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis	16	17 Marty Kincade	18	19
<b>20</b> Calendar Dates and Newsletter Articles due	<b>21</b> Joanie Taylor	22	23	<b>24</b> 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	<b>25</b> Aidan Davis	26
27	28	1 Charles Coats	2	<b>3</b> KNCSB Mission Board— Topeka	4	5

#### **February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

2nd—Matthew Wint

3rd—Cory Gill

5th—Vicki Peacock

8th—Tyler Luehrs

9th—Tyson Nielsen

15th—Mike Rumsey, Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis

17th—Marty Kincade

21st—Joanie Taylor

25th—Aidan Davis

You can send encouraging cards or letters to Marty Kincade as he serves his sentence

to:

Marty Kincade 107 Stone Rd. El Dorado, KS 67042

#### **February Events**

Sunday Nights 5 pm Women's Bible

Study

Monday Nights 6:15 pm Prayer

Wednesday nights 6:30 Bible Study for

all ages, GriefShare

11th—5-8pm Foster Parents' Night Out

13th—Potluck

13th—"A Team" Meeting

14th—President's Day

20th—Calendar Dates and Newsletter

Articles due

24th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting

March 2022						
27	28	1 Charles Coats	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> River Horner, Mary & Gene Herrmann	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Joey Simpson DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Potluck, A-Team	14	15 Jenny Frye	16 No children or Youth Programs	Newsletter articles, workers' rotations and dates due	18 Burgundy Bennett, John Brickley, Stanley Nixon	19
<b>20</b> Lexi Simpson	21	22	23	24 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	<b>30</b> Jessica Zumalt (Ann)	31	1	2

#### **March Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1st—Charles Coats

6th—River Horner, Mary & Gene Herrmann

13th—Joey Simpson

15th—Jenny Frye

18th—Burgundy Bennett, John Brickley, Stanley Nixon

20th—Lexi Simpson

30th—Jessica Zumalt (Ann)

#### **March Events**

Sunday Nights 5 pm Women's Bible Study Monday Nights 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday nights 6:30 Bible Study for all ages, GriefShare

13th—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

13th—Potluck, A-Team

11th-18th Spring break, no children or Youth Programs

17th—Newsletter articles and dates due

24th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Date	Bus	Children's	Nursery	Counters	Date	Bus MONITOR
		Church			(Wed nights)	(Steve R. Driver)
1/23	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Steve R., Cindy R.	Rod, Deb, Laura	1/26	Cory
1/30	Sandy & Dianna	NONE	Kat H.,	Rod, Ulala, Penny	2/2	Cory
2/6	Steve & Allison	Reinert	John B., Norma B.	Johnie, Diane, Susan	2/9	Cory
2/13	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Joe R., Deb R.	Johnie, Laura, Rod	2/16	Cory
2/20	Sandy & Dianna	Reinert	Glenna W., Hope B	Johnie, Deb, Glenna	2/23	Cory
2/27	Steve & Allison	NONE	Janna D., Hannah B.	Johnie, Ulala Penny	3/2	Cory
3/6	Deb & Jackie		Keith A., Allison A.	Deb, Laura, Rod	3/9	Cory
3/13	Sandy & Dianna		Diane G.	Deb, Diane, Susan	3/16	Cory
3/20	Steve & Allison		Rod Luehrs	Deb, Glenna, Shawn	3/23	Cory
3/27	Deb & Jackie		Dianna S., Gloria T.	Deb, Ulala, Penny	3/30	Cory