

# FSBC

## *Messenger*

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH  
EL DORADO KANSAS  
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## The Deacons' Corner

Wow! Can you believe that Spring is just around the corner? It is hard to imagine that we were celebrating the Christmas Holiday just a few short weeks ago. Our church's Deacon body has been planning the first couple of months of the new year and we are excited to see where God is going to lead us. First of all, as the number of cases of Covid in our community has steadily been going down, we are anticipating more and more individuals will come back to worship in person. We have already had many new faces in our worship services and Sunday School classes.

If you are relatively new to FSBC, do you know who your family Deacon is? If you have been attending FSBC for some time, do you know who your family Deacon is? I ask the questions not to embarrass anyone who may not know the answers, but rather to say, the Deacon body wants to better serve our church family. The Biblical role of the Deacon is that of a "servant". Your Deacons want to do just that, serve. Currently FSBC is served by the following men: Rod Luehrs, Chairman; John Brickley; Joe Reinert; Joe Leibbrant; and Johnny Mehaffey. Larry Heubner is coming

alongside these men as a "yokefellow" and will be ordained in the coming months. Terry Stephens offers a wealth of experience as a retired pastor and assists the Deacons when possible. As we serve the church body, we also assist Pastor David. Be watching in the newsletter over the next couple of months for an updated Deacon family list. Also, we hope to feature a Deacon profile each month to help you become better acquainted with us and our ministry. Until then, God Bless.

Rod Luehrs

### Special Business Meeting Announcement

The Administrative Team has called for a special business meeting following the potluck lunch on March 13 for the purpose of creating the staff position of Youth Ministry Intern. You may obtain a copy of the job description from the church office. Please plan to attend for this exciting process in our church.

**FREE Marriage Conference March 5  
At Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita**  
with Dr. Danny Akin, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/32yfsOa> by March 1st.



# Pastor's Pen

## Celebrating Recovery

Greetings Church! Love you Church! For more than two years I have been on a journey to get a life-changing recovery ministry started at FSBC. Believing that God wants to use recovery ministry to grow and build our church through changed lives, I have been developing relationships with others who have been involved in a ministry called Celebrate Recovery. We have done some group studies and shared experiences that have been leading us toward the launching of our own CR program.



The long journey is about to take an exciting turn! We are going to launch our own Celebrate Recovery ministry on Tuesday nights at 6:30, starting May 3rd. I hope **you** will consider being a part of it. Not that you will merely spread the word, but participate. This is not a ministry for “those people.” We are “those people.”

You may think recovery is only for drug addicts and alcoholics—people whose lives seem out of control. But that’s just not true. The Bible teaches that all of us have addictions in our lives. Sin is addicting, and the Bible says, “all have sinned.” Not one of us is perfect and without need of change in our lives. We’ve all blown it; we’ve all made mistakes. We’ve hurt ourselves, we’ve hurt other people, and others have hurt us.

Because of sin, each of us needs repentance and recovery in order to live the way God intended. That’s why, years ago, our sister church in California, Saddleback Church, developed a Biblical recovery program based on the Beatitudes of Jesus. They named the program Celebrate Recovery.

Take it from Teri, a believer who struggles with co-dependency and finances, as she tells her story:

*I was raised in a “normal” family. My parents worked hard to make ends meet, providing a safe, comfortable home for my brother and me. But we were never quite up to the standard of the neighborhood we lived in. If there had been railroad tracks dividing our town, we would have been living just over the line on the “wrong” side. I never could keep up with the kids from those*

*families who had “made it.” I attended church and knew that God loved me, but I never realized I could develop a day-to-day relationship with Christ.*

*I met the love of my life in high school, and we were married a few years later. He was on the fast track in his career, spending most of his time at work and moving quickly up the corporate ladder. We were regularly moving into bigger homes in better neighborhoods. Three children and several relocations later, we found ourselves moving into the big house on the hill. This to me was the ultimate. We had the view, the pool, the basketball court, the horse property, a great income and a wonderful family. Life was good.*

*While I was busy enjoying a lavish lifestyle, though, and spending every penny on whatever impulse purchase I wanted, my husband’s business began to slow, almost to the point of closing. His income suddenly dropped to next to nothing. He worked harder than ever though, and was rarely at home during waking hours. The credit cards were maxed out, bills kept pouring in and our savings was quickly depleted. I was accustomed to frequent phone calls offering new products, travel destinations or easy credit terms for purchasing the next, best “thing.” But now the calls were increasingly from creditors who not so politely requested the next payment. No longer able to keep up with the neighbors, we were quickly left behind socially.*

*We lost the house on the hill and moved into a rental unit. From the depths of despair at losing all of the material extras and lifestyle privileges I thought were so important, I cried out to God for help.*

*A woman at work befriended me and invited me to church. I began attending, and hearing God’s Word brought me a glimmer of hope. I began to focus on His Word and what I had to be grateful for, taking with a grain of salt what my creditors and the world were telling me*

*This was a major step for me because the message I thought I was getting from “the*



world" was to run away from my creditors and my marriage. I chose God's way instead, opting to concentrate on my wonderful family; my health; my church family; and my vital, growing relationship with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Like the poor widow in Luke 21, I had nothing to give by the world's standards, but I stepped out in faith and offered myself to God. When I didn't have enough money to pay the bills, I was obedient and offered the first 10 percent to God. It was the least I could do. He was there for me when everything else was falling apart, offering me the peace and security I hadn't found even when I'd been rich in material possessions.

I began to volunteer at church, wanting God to be the top priority in my calendar too. A few hours of service each week brought new friendships and helped me focus on doing God's work. This volunteer involvement also brought me to Celebrate Recovery. At first I didn't think I needed recovery; after all, I was struggling with finances only as a result of a turn in the economy. But I kept attending and soon came to realize that I'd been using money, and what it could buy, to fill a void in my heart, a craving only God could truly satisfy. I'd been trying to buy significance and value to cover up my low self-esteem. Money, and the lifestyle it offered, had proved to be false and fleeting. It had let me down and left me crying and alone. Through Celebrate Recovery I came to see myself as the child of God, someone truly significant in His eyes.

I continue to give of my time, talents and treasure, and I find myself blessed beyond my wildest dreams. God has completely turned my life around. Instead of trying to measure up to the world's standards, I'm content with what I have and anxious to be about God's work. We now own a lovely home. It's not on the hilltop. In fact, it's by the railroad tracks, but it's warm and safe and full of love. My kids have grown to know and love Christ and have been shaped in positive ways by our mutual experiences. I have a wonderful job in ministry that uses my talents and skills and allows me to give back to God in gratitude for all that Christ has done for me. I recognize that everything I

have is first of all a gift from God, and I strive to be a good steward of all that I've been given.

The goal of the Celebrate Recovery program is not simply to recover from past sins and hurts. The goal is to become Christlike in our character. I (Pastor) have leaned into Celebrate Recovery many times to attack some grip sin has on me with the power of Christ in a purposeful, intentional and spiritual process.

So no matter what situation you find yourself in, here's good news: regardless of whether your struggle is emotional, financial, relational, spiritual, sexual or whatever; regardless of what you need help with, *God wants to help you.*

In Isaiah 57:18-19 God says of his people that he has seen how they acted but he will heal them, he will lead them and help them and will comfort those who mourn. So God knows us. He knows where we came from, where we stand today, and where we are going to be tomorrow.. And He says:

- If you've been hurt, "I want to heal you."
- If you're confused, "I want to lead you."
- If you've ever felt you were helpless to change anything, "I want to help you."
- If you've ever felt no one understands your problem, "I want to comfort you."
- If you feel worried or afraid, "I want to offer peace to you."

The reality is that none of us are going to get well on our own. Persistent temptations must be team-tackled through honest, surrendered community with other believers. We need each other for victory. One of Celebrate Recovery's principle verses is James 5:16. "Therefore, confess your sins to *each other* and pray for *each other* so that you may be healed." (Italics added for emphasis) We are to bring other trusted brothers and sisters into our struggle so that we can achieve victory and healing. Trying to fix your problems on your own only makes them worse than they were when you started. But there's hope. God is ready and waiting to help you alongside others if you let Him. Will you join the journey and help us Celebrate Recovery through Jesus Christ? You might be surprised at the changes God makes in you, too!

# Youth

It's that time of year again!!! Time to think about Super Summer and getting signed up!!! See information below to sign up your student, and give the church \$20 to reserve your spot. We will be doing a fundraiser this spring to help pay for camp. I hope your student can come!!! It's an amazing time away to focus on your relationship with God.

On Sunday mornings we are working through the Epistles. Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians (Go Eat Pizza and Coke) have amazing nuggets for life. Encourage your student to join this for an investment in their personal relationship with Christ!

On Wednesday evenings, we watched the movie, To Save a Life, and are doing a study using the movie as a reference to emphasize scripture.

**No youth group March 16th due to spring break.**

## **How campers in your group register:**

Parents/campers and sponsors will **enter their own registrations online** from 3/1/2022 until midnight June 3, 2022. **On 3/1/2022 the link below will become active.** It will not work prior to that time.

- Please do not use the kncsbevents.org site. Campers need to register for Super Summer by using the link provided below. This takes you

straight to the camper registration form for our group.

- You will need both the link and the Group ID below. Without this information, you cannot register.

**Enter camper information at this link:** [kncsbevents.org/sscamper](https://kncsbevents.org/sscamper)  
**Our Group ID is: W415132**

- After entering your registration details, you will be automatically taken to the online Challenge Course Agreement. This is a legal document and must be completed by an adult camper or the Parent/guardian of a minor.
- When you register, you will receive a detailed confirmation email, and your leader will receive an email telling them a camper has added their details to the group.
- Register by May 8th to insure your spot!

Thank you for entrusting your students to us!!!  
Lisa Crook

## **Community-Wide Prayer Rally**

Community-Wide Prayer Rallies are back and more churches are joining in! The next rally Will be March 22nd, right here at FSBC.

## **Disaster Relief Training Opportunity**

Immanuel Baptist Church in Wichita is hosting a Disaster Relief Training Event for the Kansas Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists on Saturday, March 19th.

If you are interested in ministering to communities in North America in the wake of a natural disaster, then sign-up for this day of training and then you will be able to be deployed through the KNCSB or another Southern Baptist Disaster Response team to meet a specific need in the assigned area.

There will be an orientation for everyone from 8-10 am in the Dining Room of the Family Life Center at Immanuel (1415 S. Topeka, Wichita KS 67211). Afterward, each person will go to their selected area of training: Chainsaw, Mass Feeding, Recovery, Assessment, or Laundry & Shower. Most of the training sessions will last until about 4pm with a lunch break and lunch provided there at the church.

To register, visit [ibcwichita.com/disaster](https://ibcwichita.com/disaster) or for more information, please contact KNCSB Disaster Relief Director Chuck Neece at [ckneece@att.net](mailto:ckneece@att.net).





# Operation Christmas Child

March is here and the numbers are in,  
10,505,155 shoebox gifts collected WORLDWIDE!  
9,127,591 shoebox gifts collected in the UNITED STATES!

**718,291 shoebox gifts collected in the LOWER MIDWEST! This is our area!**

What a great God we serve! Now to set a goal for next year. We collected just over 150 boxes last year as a church. My God-sized goal for this year is 200 . I am praying that we as a church body will be able to provide 200 children around the world the opportunity to not only receive a gift but to hear about the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

## REACHING THE UNREACHED

In Gabon, the Baka people live on the margins of society and have typically been outside the reach of the Gospel. But that began to change when shoeboxes were given out in a remote village. All 354 children in the community turned out for the festive outreach event—and all the adults, too! Everyone listened carefully as they heard the Gospel for the first time and discovered how much God loved them. At the end of the presentation, all of the children—and all of the adults—prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior! The village chief, who also gave his life to Christ, was so impressed with the event that he set aside some land for a church to be built. Praise God!

We also saw God work mightily among several other unreached people groups. The village of Gongonbili, where the Lobi people live in Burkina Faso, was considered a “no-go zone” for the Gospel, due to its reputation for violence against outsiders and its open hostility to Christianity. But “*with God all things are possible*” (Matthew 19:26) and local leaders allowed shoeboxes to be given out to the area children.

“The parents were delighted that someone had thought of bringing gifts to their children and showing them the love of God. They even asked for prayer for themselves,” a ministry partner said. “Today, over 30 adults and 50 children attend a new church that was started in the village. God broke into this no-go zone, and now it’s a go zone for the Gospel!”

Wow, what an amazing God we serve! Thanks again for all your help and support. This month is a little different. If you like to make things, what we are collecting this month is right up your alley. If you don’t like to make/craft things, then maybe you can buy some items that would allow the child who gets your box the opportunity to make something. I have listed some ideas below. If you have any questions or want to serve more with OCC, please let me know. Blessings to you all.

Karen Leibbrandt

## Items we are collecting in March:

- Quality Crafts for boys and girls ages 2 to 14
- Friendship bracelets
- Finger puppets
- Hair bows
- Jump ropes (made from old t-shirts)
- Make it yourself crafts/items (purchased kits or put together yourself)
- Sewing kits with fabric (1 to 2 yds)
- Fishing kits





# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

## Annual offering named for bold missions leader

Week of Prayer for North American Missions will be held March 6-13. Many Southern Baptist churches collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions® during this time. But who was Annie Armstrong?

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Annie Armstrong was a visionary who was a bold missions leader. “When I get hold of an idea that seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out,” she said. Annie’s father died soon after she was born in 1850. Her mother, a devout Christian, encouraged her five children to see the needs around them and to act. With fervency, Annie devoted herself to compassion ministry. Annie and the women of her church joined with other churches in giving and missions work.

Her boldness soon helped unite the missions movement begun in several states. In 1888 she helped form national Woman’s Missionary Union and was elected as its first executive leader. Traveling throughout the United States, Annie encouraged missionaries and challenged churches to give to and support missions. Among her contributions were:

- Hand writing more than 18,000 letters in one year to pastors and SBC leaders advocating for missions
- Paid her own expenses and refused a salary expressing she would “never give to the Lord that which costs me nothing.” (2 Samuel 24:24)
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was renamed for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example. Annie died Dec. 20, 1938, in Baltimore, but her legacy and heart for missions live on. More than \$2 billion has been given through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®.
- Read more at <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/who-is-annie/>

## Glow Retreat For Teen Girls

“Planted”, based on Psalm 1:1-3, is the theme of the 2022 KNCSB Glow retreat for girls in grades 1-6. Glow will be held Friday night, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, at Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas. Elizabeth Martino will be the guest speaker. She works at Cerner and is involved in cross-cultural ministry. She is part of a Chinese Bible study in downtown Kansas City. She formerly served on the Christian Challenge staff at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

Michaela Schoenthaler will be the worship leader. She is children’s ministry director at First Baptist Church, Mulvane, Kansas. She studied K-12 vocal music education at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri, where she was part of a traveling worship band.

Registration ends April 1 at <https://kncsbevents.org/>

The cost is \$55 per person which includes Friday night lodging at WCC and two meals on Saturday.

For more information contact Haley Magruder at KNCSB – [hmagruder@kncsb.org](mailto:hmagruder@kncsb.org) or (800) 984-9092 ext. 828.

# MARCH-APRIL 2022

<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> Charles Coats	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> River Horner, Mary & Gene Herrmann	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Joey Simpson <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b> Potluck, Special Business Meeting, A-Team	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Jenny Frye	<b>16</b> No children or Youth Programs	<b>17</b> Newsletter articles, workers' rotations and dates due	<b>18</b> Burgundy Bennett, John Brickley, Stanley Nixon	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Lexi Simpson	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> City-Wide Prayer Meeting. Here (FSBC)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ulala Prewit, Tom & Vicki Edwards	<b>5</b> Donna Gragg, Phil & Karen Drake	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Karley Faudere
<b>10</b> 2 pm A-Team	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Grady Rumsey	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Newsletter articles and dates due	<b>15</b> Jessica Hayes	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:00 am Sunrise Services at the city Bandshell, 8:15 Breakfast, 10:45 Worship Services & Children's Easter Egg Hunt	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Glow Retreat for Teen Girls	<b>23</b> Glow Retreat for Teen Girls
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Johnie & Donna Gragg 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# Workers' Rotations

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
2/27	Steve & Allison	NONE	Janna D., Hannah B.	Johnie, Ulala Penny	3/2	Cory
3/6	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Keith A., Allison A.	Deb, Laura, Rod	3/9	Cory
3/13	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley	Diane G.	Deb, Diane, Susan	3/16	Cory
3/20	Steve & Allison	Brickley	Rod Luehrs	Deb, Glenna, Shawn	3/23	Cory
3/27	Deb & Jackie	None	Dianna S., Gloria T.	Deb, Ulala, Penny	3/30	Cory
4/3	Sandy & Dianna	Reinert	John B., Mary Lou	Rod, Laura, Johnie	4/6	Cory
4/10	Steve & Allison	Reinert	Kat H., Joe R.	Rod, Diane, Susan	4/13	Cory
4/17	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Janna D., Hope B.	Rod, Glenna, Shawn	4/20	Cory
4/24	Sandy & Dianna	None	Glenna W., Donna G	Rod, Ulala, Penny	4/27	Cory

## March & April Events & Celebrations

### 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

### 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, Special Business Meeting, A-Team  
 11th-18th Spring break, no children or Youth Programs  
 17th—Newsletter articles and dates due  
 22nd—Community Prayer Meeting FSBC  
 24th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

### April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th—Ulala Prewit, Tom & Vicki Edwards  
 5th—Donna Gragg, Phil & Karen Drake  
 9th—Karley Faudere  
 12th—Grady Rumsey  
 15th—Jessica Hayes  
 28th—Johnie & Donna Gragg

### April Events

**5:00 pm Sunday Nights Women's Bible Study (NONE ON EASTER)**  
**Monday Nights 6:15 pm** Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday nights 6:30** Bible Study for all ages, GriefShare  
 10th—2 pm A-Team  
 14th—Newsletter articles and dates due  
 17th—7:00 am Sunrise Services, 8:15 Breakfast, 10:45 Worship Services & Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
 22nd-23rd—Glow Retreat for Teen Girls  
 28th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting