

FSBC *Messenger*

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER OF FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO KANSAS

Youth

We are blessed to have Dylan Davis join us as youth intern. Dylan has been a great asset already in bringing friends and leading games for youth group. We look forward to many improvements with our program as he gets more involved and grows his personhood and skills.



Please make sure to sign up your student(s) soon for Super Summer! (July 25th -29th) We have a limited number of spots reserved and we would love to fill all of them and ask for more! If you would like to sponsor a student, please note that in your giving.

Our last regular Wednesday night will be May 11th. Watch details coming for summer activities for the youth and please continue praying for us all!!!

In Christ,
Lisa Crook

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.

- 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: knscbevents.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

Pastor's Pen

Moms in Recovery

Greetings Church! Love You Church! Love you Moms too!

Moms play one of the most important roles in our lives. They are given to us by God to nurture and develop us according to His plan for our lives. Sometimes moms do a pretty good job. Sometimes they don't do the job at all. Either way, our lives are greatly impacted by the choices they make, for both the better and the worse. And sometimes we have some issues to work through because of the impact they have on us.

The mother's job is not easy and sometimes they aren't up for the task. They deal with some of the most heartbreaking challenges that face their children. Often those challenges are economic: how will we have enough money to keep our house, feed our children, put shoes on their feet? Often, those challenges are the result of foolish choices fathers have made yet force Mom and the kids to live in the wake of damage from those choices.

There is one such Mom in the Bible who doesn't often get talked about. She doesn't get much attention as a great example of a Mother because she appears to have failed. She bailed. She gave up. She allowed her circumstance and challenges to overcome her. Her story of failure, though, points us to a God who brought awareness and recovery to this broken mother.

Hagar was an Egyptian servant of Sarai who was married to Abram. Hagar became the victim of the couple's sinful, faithless actions. She was sexually and physically abused, became pregnant, and was then abandoned. You see, God had promised Abram and Sarai that they would have a son. But they were never able to have children and were now over 80 years old! They struggled to believe such an illogical miracle would come to pass, so they faithlessly took matters into their own hands. Sarai suggested that Abram sleep with her younger, fertile servant Hagar hoping God would allow Sarai to build a family through her as a surrogate. Abram faithlessly agreed and they forced him upon Hagar sexually. She did, in fact, conceive a son. However, rather than being a cause for jubilation, the news of Hagar's pregnancy made Sarai bitter and jealous and she despised her fertile servant. Sarai began abusing

Hagar so she fled for her life. But in her troubles, God met her and worked in her.

The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert, called her by name, and asked her where she was from and where was she going. She was running away from her troubles. How often do we do the same thing? We feel as if the moment of stress, pressure, pain, guilt, humiliation, embarrassment, etc. is too much for us to handle faithfully so we run. We hide. We try to find a place where we can be away from other eyes so we can avoid our troubles. But such a place rarely provides healing or help. Our relationships certainly suffer. So where can we find help?

The good news is, that even when we have isolated ourselves, God can still find us there. He pursued Hagar. He sent her back to deal with her abuser and her troubles. Cruel? No. Because God made her a promise to take care of her and her baby. So Hagar gave God a name. "You are the LORD who sees me." What a powerful recognition for our healing: "God sees me!" Even if I feel all alone. Even if I am hiding. Even if all I can see is my pain, God sees me. He knows where I am. He knows where I have been and knows all of my troubles. And He knows that where I am going will get me nowhere unless I follow Him.

So Hagar returns home and finds a wonderful, warm welcome. Right? Wrong! Although God promised to take care of her and her son, Sarai miraculously did become pregnant when Hagar's son, Ishmael, was 13 or 14 years old. At a feast for Isaac's weaning, Sarah, the mother of the miracle baby, saw that her child of promise was being mocked by his competitor. Sarah made Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away. So, with only a little food and a skin of water, Hagar and Ishmael were cast out to wander the desert alone. When the water was gone, she put her him under a bush and went off by herself because she could not bear to watch her son die. She sat there and sobbed. But again, God saw her. He heard Ishmael crying and He sent His angel to her again. He saw her plight,

Pastor's Pen (continued)

recognized her pain, reassured her faith with a renewed promise, and opened her eyes to see a well of water that "The God who sees" was providing for them.

Take heart dear one! God has promised not to abandon you! He is a good Father who cares faithfully for His children! Perhaps people in your life have abused or abandoned you. Perhaps you have felt left to die alone. Take heart! God sees you. He isn't looking at your troubles nearly as much as you are. He chooses instead to look at you and His promises to you. He invites you to open your eyes to see His provision for His promises in your life as well. Your eyes will have to lift from your troubles to set upon the place where He is pointing you. The place of provision. The place of healing. The place of peace.

Celebrate Recovery offers the roadmap to that place. We have been looking at this road for the last several Sunday mornings. Will you start walking this road, trusting Jesus all the way? He sees you. He knows where you have been. But do you know the place of peace, freedom and healing yet? Let us help! We who are walking this road want to invite you to join us. We meet **Tuesday nights at 6:30** at the church. You are welcome to join us regardless of the magnitude or the makeup of your hurt, habit or hang-up. Won't you join us?
Pastor David Crook

Operation Christmas Child

Hello church family! God is so good! Here is another story of how God is using these shoeboxes (gospel opportunities) that we pack to spread the good news to a no-go zone.

We saw God work mightily among another unreached people group. 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!"

Thanks for all your generous donations/ Keep them coming!

Karen Leibbrandt, OCC Director

Shopping list for May—Quality toys

- Balls (foam, bouncy, tennis, soccer-include a manual pump)
- Finger puppets
- Etch-a-sketch
- Dolls (baby, Barbie, etc.)
- Small Music instruments (harmonica, woodwind recorder)
- Marbles
- Small cars, trucks, boats (like hot wheels or plastic)
- Yoyos
- Hacky sacks
- Baseball & mitt
- Tools (pliers, screwdrivers with multiple heads, **no knives**)
- Playing cards
- Any other toy that you see that a boy or girl (ages 2-14) would like that would fit in a shoebox (**no guns or war toys**)

Missions Moment



Hello church family at FSBCEd! We've been in our East African home over a year already. The time has flown by so fast! Thank you for your prayers for us as we have been adjusting to life and ministry here. We miss all of you and are excited about the things we hear are happening there, too. May the Lord use the Celebrate Recovery group to help many, many people live in freedom through Christ, and the grief group to minister to hurting hearts. Isn't it such a gift from God that a relationship with Jesus and connection to His body and those who understand what we're going through can be so encouraging and supportive at the times we really need to know He is present in our lives?

We'd like to share a few praises and prayer requests: We praise God that He is helping us learn the language. Mark is preaching in Kiswahili now with help to work on his sermons with his language helper. Melynda is beginning to work specifically on words and phrases that will help her be better equipped to serve children with special needs and their families. Please pray our language ability will continue progressing. Being able to fully understand and contribute to daily conversations and share the reason for the hope that we have in Jesus is what we long to be able to do.

Madylanne is in her last term of 9th grade, Matthew is in year 6 (5th grade in the US) and Micah is in year 2 (1st grade). They all finish up their school year

in July. They really enjoy their schools and having friends and social/sports activities. We are grateful they have good schools, good friends, and good teachers. This has been a year of adjustment for everyone and they've done a great job transitioning.

Seasonal rains have begun here which is good because much of the country is in drought. We are so grateful to God that there is some rain. Please ask the Lord to send lots of rain, especially in the places where it is most needed.

We ask that you pray for a man here who is dying of cancer. His sister became a follower of Jesus almost 20 years ago and has been sharing Christ with him ever since. God has granted him additional days that no one thought he would have. . . and now his body is slowly being overtaken by the cancer. Yet he remains firm in his belief that his good works will be enough for him to stand before Allah. Please pray for a softening of his heart and that he will see his need for Jesus. His days left on this earth are few.

Many people have said yes to Jesus over the last few months and we praise God for this! It is amazing to see God working in people's hearts, drawing them to Himself. We pray now for good follow up and discipleship so that these new brothers and sisters in Christ will grow in their faith and connect well with local churches.

We see many struggling marriages here and this is something we would like to ask you to pray about, too. We would like to be able to have a marriage retreat in the year ahead and we pray the Lord will show us how to partner with local churches to reach the most people- first with the good news of Jesus, and second with His good news that He can help hurting marriages.

Thank you for praying with us!! Thank you for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and through the Cooperative Program, too, which enables us to be here in coastal East Africa sharing Jesus.

We love you guys!! If you want to come visit us through a short term missions trip you are more than welcome!! We miss you all!!

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2

**Serving Jesus together,
your IMB missionaries,
Mark, Melynda, Madylanne, Matthew and Micah Wint**

The Deacon's Corner

Earlier this year, the deacon body of FSBC finished their work on creating groups of families assigned to the individual deacons of our church. This process was initially started before the pandemic then put on hold. In this issue of the church newsletter, we have assigned names of church members and regular attendees of FSBC to the deacons of FSBC. As explained in newsletters published earlier this year, the purpose of these family groups is to help the church family know that the deacon body is called to serve the family of FSBC. Phone numbers for the individual deacons are listed because we want our brothers and sisters in Christ of FSBC to feel comfortable calling on us when you have a need.

As servants to the body, we want our congregation to call upon us when prayer is needed. Sickness among the members of the body or a death in the family are among possible reasons for calling one's deacon. We also want to share in your celebrations. The list of families and individuals assigned to each deacon is a fluid document. As our church grows, others will be added to the document. Also, the Deacons will not feel offended if you reach out to a man whom you are not assigned to on the list. The list serves as a way to ensure everyone has a

go-to person in time of need. Pastor David will still provide pastoral care to the flock as he is called to do, but this new initiative will help free up more of his time to fulfill other pastoral duties. One final thought related to the deacon family list. Longtime church members may notice that Johnny Mehaffey's name is not currently listed on the document. Johnny continues to serve FSBC as a longtime deacon, and though he has not been able to attend our church services while recuperating at home, he still faithfully prays for his Sunday School Class and other family members of the church. He also still provides invaluable words of wisdom to his fellow deacons through phone calls and text messages. We look forward to him coming back to church as soon as he is able, but in the meantime, names have not been assigned to him to allow him to fully recover. However, Johnny is just a phone call away. He covets your prayers and he continues to pray for you. Our church is blessed to have such a faithful servant that we call our brother.

Rod Luehrs,
Chairman of Deacons

Deacon's Family List

Joe Leibbrandt **620-554-4233**

Baca, David & Christine
Drake, Phil & Karen
Dunn, Ron & Char
Frye, Jenny
Kruesel, Dani
Lemaster, Jessie & Kendall
Mitchell, Robert and Carol
Mehaffey, Johnnie & Mary
Prewit, Austin & Ulala
Reinert, Joe & Debbie
Simpson, Joey

Joe Reinert **316-210-1748**

Adkison, Lonn
Ballard, Susan
Bishop, Todd and Becky
Conrade, Clay
Cooley, Carl
Edward Cleveland
Gragg, Johnnie & Donna
Herrmann, Gene & Mary
Kincade, Marty
Leibbrandt, Joe, Karen & Pat
Stroer, Dianna
Tarrant, Kevin
Todroff, James & Dwayna
Wise, Glenna
Wright, Nathan & Nancy

John Brickley **316-371-1898**

Borger, Lawanda
Branaman, Greg
Fyffe, David & Susan
Goertz, Diane
Hill, David & Julie
Huebner, Larry & Kat
Jones, Marilyn
Moody, Mary Lou
Moore, Paula
Nielsen, Tyson & Penny
Sawyer, Dan
Trumpower, John
Tucker, Gloria

Larry Huebner **316-305-7660**

Crook, David & Lisa
DeWitt, Jerry & Sandy
Herbel, Larry
Jackson, Jackie
Luehrs, Rod & Laura
Meister, John
Nixon, Stan
Rhodes, Steve & Cindy
Scott, Marty
Shepherd, Walter
Spivey, Willey
Thomas, Zach & Zara
Zumalt, Jessica

Rod Luehrs **316-323-5660**

Anderson, Keith & Allison
Bennett, Burgundy & River Horner
Boender, Tim & Rebecca
Boss, Norma
Brickley, John & Christine
Clifford, Roy
Coats, Charles & Cindy
Davidson, James & Kelly
Davis, Janna & Aidan
Faudere, Tom & Crystal
Gill, Cory & Jessica
Hayes, Jessica & Malia
Peacock, Vicky
Sherman, Dan & Brenda
Spencer, Deb
Stephens, Terry & Penny
Taylor, Joanie

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1 Jackie Jackson, Zebediah Hill 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	2 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	3 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	4	5 National Day of Prayer 6:30 pm GriefShare	6	7 Vicki Edwards, Steve Rhodes
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	10 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	11 Glenna Wise, Jessica Gill Last day for Children & Youth programs	12 6:30 pm GriefShare	13	14
15 Graduation Sunday Joe Leibbrandt, Pat Leibbrandt 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	16 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	17 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	18 Joe Reinert	19 Zach Thomas, Zara Thomas 6:30 pm GriefShare	20 Nancy Wright	21
22 Jerry Dewitt 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	23 Terry Stephens 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	24 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	25 Ashleigh Frye	26 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting 6:30 pm GriefShare	27 David and Lisa Crook	28
29 Mackenzie Boender 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	30 Memorial Day Julie Hill 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	31 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	1	2 Ray & Char Roberts 6:30 pm Griefshare	3 Kendall Lemaster	4 Madylanne Wint

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st—Jackie Jackson, Zebediah Hill
3rd—Barry Mohler
7th—Vicki Edwards, Steve Rhodes
11th—Glenna Wise, Jessica Gill
15th—Joe Leibbrandt, Pat Leibbrandt
18th—Joe Reinert
19th—Zach Thomas, Zara Thomas
20th—Nancy Wright
22nd—Jerry Dewitt
23rd—Terry Stephens
25th—Ashleigh Frye
27th—David and Lisa Crook
29th—Mackenzie Boender
30th—Julie Hill

May Events

5:00 Sunday Nights Women's Bible Study
Monday Nights 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesday Nights 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
Wednesday Nights 6:30 pm Bible studies for Adult, Youth and Children
Thursday Nights 6:30 pm GriefShare
5th—National Day of Prayer
8th—MOTHER'S DAY
11th—Last day for Children & Youth programs (summer break)
15th—Graduation Sunday
15th—Newsletter articles and dates due
18th—Last Day of School El Dorado
26th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
30th—Memorial Day

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			1	2 Ray & Char Roberts 6:30 pm Griefshare	3 Kendall Lemaster	4 Madylanne Wint
5	6	7	8	9	10 Kelly Davidson, David & Christine Baca	11 10 am Pack Food Boxes 11 am Distribute Food Boxes 2pm—Ladies' & Girls tea
12 A-Team, Potluck	13	14 Susan Fyffe	15	16 Newsletter Articles, workers' lists, calendar dates due.	17 Nathaniel Hill, Pastor's Anniversary as our Pastor	18
19 David Hill	20 Johnie Gragg	21	22	23	24 VBS 5:30 -8:00 pm	25 VBS 9:00 am-Noon
26	27 Sophia Baca	28 Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen	29	30		

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd—Ray & Char Roberts
 3rd—Kendall Lemaster
 4th—Madylanne Wint
 10th—Kelly Davidson, David & Christine Baca
 14th—Susan Fyffe
 17th—Nathaniel Hill, Pastor's "Anniversary" Here
 19th—David Hill
 20th—Johnie Gragg
 27th—Sophia Baca
 28th—Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen

June Events

Sundays 5 pm Women's Bible Study
 Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
 Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
 No Wednesday Night Children or Youth Bible Studies
 Thursdays 6:30 pm Griefshare
 11th—10 am Pack Food Boxes
 11 am Distribute Food Boxes
 11th 2pm—Ladies' & Girls tea
 12th—A-Team, Potluck
 16th—Newsletter Articles, workers' lists, calendar dates due.
 23rd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
 24th & 25th—VBS "Day Camp"—Friday 5:30-8:00 pm,
 Saturday 9:00 am—Noon (Lunch Provided)

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
4/24	Sandy & Dianna	None	Glenna W., Donna G	Rod, Ulala, Penny	4/27	Cory
5/1	Steve & Cory	Brickley	Deb R., Hannah B.	Johnie, Laura, Susan	5/4	Cory
5/8	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Johnie G.	Johnie, Diane, Deb	5/11	Cory
5/15	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley	John B., Julie H.	Johnie, Glenna, Shawn	5/18	NO BUS ROUTE
5/22	Steve & Cory	Brickley	Steve R., Cindy R.	Johnie, Ulala, Penny	5/25	NO BUS ROUTE
5/29	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Rod L., Keith A	Johnie, Laura, Rod	6/1	NO BUS ROUTE
6/5	Sandy & Dianna	Reinert	Diane G., Gloria T.	Deb, Diane, Susan	6/8	NO BUS ROUTE
6/12	Steve & Cory	Reinert	Norma B., Dianna S.	Deb, Glenna, Shawn	6/15	NO BUS ROUTE
6/19	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Kat H., Cindy R.	Deb, Ulala, Penny	6/22	NO BUS ROUTE
6/26	Sandy and Dianna	Reinert	Norma B., Glenna W	Deb, Laura, Johnie	6/29	NO BUS ROUTE



Thursday nights **6:30 pm**

Webster Conference Center is raising money to replace the carpet in the Chapel. Please Give as you feel led, the cost is \$24 per carpet square.

Beginning May 3rd: Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday Nights 6:30.
Look for us on Facebook as
"Still Waters Celebrate Recovery"

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