



FSBC *Messenger*

JUNE 2022

The women's Bible Study Group will be taking a hiatus for the summer. We will instead be having a book club and read a Christian book together. We will choose the book together. All ladies welcome!

Celebrate Recovery Every Tuesday Night at 6:30. Look for us on Facebook as "Still Waters Celebrate Recovery"

Patriotic Tent Revival
June 10th & 11th
4 pm-10 pm
Girod Farm, Towanda
See bulletin board for details!

Join us in supporting the Pregnancy and Family Resource Centers by taking a baby bottle home to fill with change (or paper money). Return the bottles by Father's Day

Ladies Tea Party
June 11th
2 pm. Sign up sheet in Foyer

June 12th Monthly Potluck

June 12th Monthly "A-Team" Meeting

June 23rd Monthly Facilities Team Meeting

June 25th 10:30am-noon Food Packing and Distribution

June 17th Church Movie Night. This will be an outdoor event, weather permitting. Snacks including popcorn, and beverages provided. Bring your own lawn chair.

Our Current Schedule

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer meeting

Tuesdays 6 am Men's Group at Spangles

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Bible study,

Thursdays 6:30 pm GriefShare

Laura's Office Hours (subject to change)

Mon-Wed

9:30 am-11:30 am/1:30—3:30 pm

Thurs 9:30-11:30 am

As per the church budget, I leave when my tasks for the day are completed. Please make an appointment if you want to be sure to catch me, and I will do my best to accommodate you.
Email: officefsbceldorado@gmail.com

Pastor's Pen

A Father in Recovery

Greetings, Church! I love you, Church!

Happy Father's Day, dads! You hold a very important place in the work of God in your family, our church, and our society. You carry the mantle of being the first model of God your kids will have to build their understanding of a God who loves them, provides for them, and has a beautiful plan for their lives. This responsibility is heavy and powerful, entrusted to you, and fully possible as you rely on the One who put you here.

What happens when our humanity overcomes our faith and faithfulness? We all make so very many mistakes that wound our families, church, and society. It's called sin and selfishness. We aren't the only ones affected by it. We work really hard to cover our sins and pretend nobody knows our weakness. Such futility worsens our mistakes and undermines our recovery. We need the power of Christ at work in us to do what is good and right.

King David was a very influential man and father, obviously. He was both a great warrior and a great king. To be both is highly unusual in world history. Yet in 2 Samuel 12 we see the conqueror confronted (vv. 1-14) and the king sickened by his own sins (vv. 15-17). David's desperate condition – and that of his innocent newborn son – came as the direct result of the terrible secrets in his life.

David's most shocking transgressions are laid out in 2 Samuel 11 for all to examine, despite his determination to keep his wrongdoings secret. He committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, and then he lied to Uriah. When Uriah, a loyal soldier and man of integrity, refused to comply with what David intended as a neat cover-up, the king arranged for his death. All of this was to keep David's own sin under wraps. But, as Jesus Himself warns us, "there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the rooftops." (Luke 12:2-3)

Often that light comes to us in the form of a friend, a pastor, an accountability partner or a sponsor. It might not have appeared that way at first glance, but the reality is that God blessed David with Nathan's confrontation. Nathan had the God-given wisdom of knowing just how to reach into the hidden recesses of David's heart.



It's vital for us to build relationships with individuals we can trust. It's important that we get close enough to at least one other person to allow them to really get to know us warts and all. Why? Because we may need someone who knows how to reach us with the very truth from which we are running. Each of us needs a Nathan in our life.

Nathan's confrontation of David achieved three results:

1. Confession and cleansing. (v. 13) What's true for us today was no less true for David: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Also, read Psalm 51, David's repentant plea. God forgives all of our sins, but He doesn't promise to deliver us from all their...
2. Consequences (2 Sam 12:15-19). Yet even as He corrects and chastens us in love, our God offers us His...
3. Comfort (vv. 20-25). We need to confess our sins to God and to someone else we can trust to hold us accountable in the future.

Celebrate Recovery isn't for the worst dads. It is for the World's Best Dads! Live up to that slogan on your mug or t-shirt by using CR to employ the power of Jesus and the accountability of brothers to earn that title. You can overcome your failings. CR teaches us how, and shows us how to lessen the long-term impact of those failings on our families, church, and society.

So call me Nathan and get to CR.

Pastor David Crook

The Deacons' Corner

Wow, it's hard to believe that school is out and summer is just around the corner. Last month, the church family was introduced to the list of families that each deacon serves. The list is by no means final. As new families and individuals continue to come worship with this body of believers, the deacons will quickly find a place to add names to the lists. Accompanying this newsletter is a reprint of the deacon family list. If you don't see your name, please let Rod or one of our other deacons know and we will get you added. These first months of 2022, we want to introduce everyone to the deacons who serve the church body with a new deacon profile each month. This month's feature is Rod Luehrs.

Rod was ordained as a deacon of First Southern El Dorado in August of 2000. Rod is married to his wife Laura and they are the parents of three sons, Shawn, Tyler, and Ryan. As an eight year old, Rod attended the funeral of a close relative and heard the pastor preach a gospel message to those in attendance. In that message, the pastor shared that the deceased was

indeed a believer and was experiencing the hope of all believers, eternity with Christ. Those in attendance were reminded that the deceased would want to see them in Heaven some day, prompting Rod to question where he would experience eternity. Within a short time following the funeral, Rod asked more questions about what it meant to be "saved". Rod recalled that it was his mother who led him in the sinner's prayer and he was baptized shortly after. Rod continues to grow in his faith. When asked during his ordination council what being a Deacon meant to him, Rod responded that it means serving Christ and the church. He has enjoyed serving alongside some tremendous examples of servant leadership. "Johnny Mehaffey and Frank Wartick were instrumental in reaching out to my wife and I when we were searching for a church home," commented Rod Luehrs. Those two men, Mel Johnson and Pete Mitchell provided excellent examples of servant leadership. "I was truly blessed to see the character qualities of a deacon modeled by these men of faith. Their encouragement and instruction have

helped shape my own deacon ministry here at FSBC."

Rod is serving the deacon body as chairman for the 2022 church year. He is excited with the direction FSBC is heading. "God is so amazing in his timing, and his plans for us are always perfect", said Rod. As our country, state, and community emerge from the restrictions of Covid, the deacons are prayerfully seeking God's direction for how He would have our church be part of His kingdom work. "We want to be a welcoming church and a church where people can come and grow in their faith. The Covid pandemic taught us that we're not meant to live out our faith in isolation. God designed us to be a family of believers, coming together to worship and grow in our faith. "This includes being an encouragement for each other and holding one another accountable" He added, "there is no telling where God may be leading this local body of believers, but it is such a privilege to be able to serve alongside other brothers and sisters in Christ in the Kingdom Work.

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, Johnie & 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, Johnie & 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

Missions Moment

First Person: How two Ukrainian boys personalized the war By Caroline Anderson

The Baptist Messenger April 28th, 2022

Den and Dimi are the same ages as two of my nephews—2 and 4. They also look and act like my nephews—blonde hair, blue eyes, with a childlike joy and the desire to capture the attention of adults. What made these four boys so similar made their differences much harder for my heart to handle.

Den and Dimi are Ukrainian refugees, displaced by the war. They are living in a church along the border of Romania and Ukraine with hundreds of other refugees. All around them was chaos, yet here we sat on the carpeted floor of the church basement, working on a puzzle.

“Oh, this is a Frozen puzzle!” I exclaimed, referring to a popular animated movie. Den nodded eagerly.

“Olaf, Anna and Elsa,” I mused as I searched for the pieces for Anna’s hair and Den distractedly accepted or rejected the corner pieces his mom found for him.

A few minutes later, I sat cross-legged in front of Dimi, ooh-ing and ahh-ing over mechanized helicopter blades.

I voiced the same “oohs” and “ahs” that morning to my nephew through a video chat app. My nephew sent a video to show me his new suitcase. My nephew wanted me to say “ooohhh” when

he showed it to me.

Den and Dimi also had suitcases—though not for a family vacation. The boys and their parents, Alexander and Victoria, fled Ukraine with a few bags. Their village was pummeled. I’m glad the boys’ childlike innocence, still seemed intact. That is something no child should ever have taken from them.

When I looked at Den and Dimi, I pictured my nephews; they could have been the ones fleeing a scarred nation. My nephews could have very nearly escaped with their lives. My nephews could be playing with puzzles and helicopters in a church basement without knowing where they might spend the remainder of their childhood.

Den and Dimi personalized the war in Ukraine for me.

This Ukrainian family stopped at an aid station organized by Romanian Baptists at the border of Moldova and Romania. At this station, Romanian Baptist David Vasiliu directed the family to Casa de Rugacine, a Romanian Baptist church in the city of Iasi. David’s father, Florian, pastors Adora Christi, a church heavily involved in helping Ukrainian refugees.

On our visit to the church, Florian gave Alexander and Victoria a children’s Bible and a book about

dealing with grief.

“I’m sorry for what is happening in Ukraine,” Florian told Alexander and Victoria. “We don’t know why it is happening. We would like to offer our love to you because Jesus loves you.”

We formed a circle and prayed. Den came and stood in the middle of the circle, looking up at all the adults with their eyes closed—trying to catch one of us peeking. I had my eyes half-closed, and I winked at him and smiled.

To my knowledge, Alexander and Victoria are not Christians. They hope to move to Australia. I pray they get connected to a church. These connections are a crucial part of the assistance Romanian Baptists provide. Refugees pass through Romania to travel to other countries, and Florian, David and other Romanian Baptists are connecting them to Baptist churches throughout Europe and beyond so they can continue to be shown the love of Jesus and cared for by the body of Christ.

I’d like to challenge us all to think of the 2 and 4-year-olds in our lives when we hear updates on the war in Ukraine. Think of their faces. I promise it will change everything.

Operation Christmas Child

Every year OCC holds a Connect Conference for its year-round volunteers. Here we get to meet others who share our love for this ministry as well as hear from the leadership. We also get to hear updates from a National Leadership team from another country. It is always an exciting time. We were given an important information regarding the suggested donation given for each shoebox.

Suggested Donation Change

Due to growing project and ministry costs in providing evangelism and discipleship materials to shoebox recipients, the per shoebox suggested donation will increase from \$9 to **\$10 in 2022**. As economic and supply chain challenges continue, we are experiencing significant increases in many areas, specifically the printing of materials and overall transportation and shipping costs. A suggested donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to transporting and delivering shoeboxes into the

hands of a child in need. It also provides ministry materials, such as cardboard shipping cartons, The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet for children, and the Ministry Partner Guide for local outreach event training. The decision to increase the suggested donation has been made prayerfully, with a great deal of input from Samaritan's Purse leadership. We trust God to continue providing for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child and look forward to seeing how He moves in 2022!

God has always been faithful in stirring in our church families' hearts to give to the shipping of our boxes. I know He will continue to do so. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you to give to this ministry, donating items, donating money for items to be purchased, packing your own shoebox (online or by hand). Thank you for your generous support of OCC (Operation Christmas Child).

Karen Leibbrandt

Operation Christmas Child Shopping list for June:

Stuffed Animals

Make sure they are **new** and will not take up too much space in a shoebox. If you have some nice, gently used stuffed animals, make sure they are **clean**.

Ladies' Tea Party



All ladies and girls are invited to an afternoon Tea Party!

Sat. June 11 at 2:00pm
in the FSBC
Fellowship Hall

Please sign up on the signup sheet in the church foyer or contact Paula Moore (316-258-6596)

Consider inviting another woman to join us.

This is a great opportunity to show others the love of Jesus.

Please sign up by Sunday, June 5th

Youth

Super Summer will be here before we know it!!! Please be in prayer for the students, leaders, speakers, and everyone involved at camp. It is a great experience with our Lord and Savior.

Our youth will have a Lock-In on June 3rd. PRAY for the leaders!!! LOL!!! We always have a great time and share the love of Christ with our visitors who come.

June 29th we will have a BBQ at the Brickley's. We will eat, swim, play games, and have a great time together! Girls will need to wear tank tops over their swimsuits. Boys bring chips, and girls bring desserts.

If you would like to know more about our youth, please feel free to contact me.

Lisa Crook
785-207-7189.

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29 Mackenzie Boender	30 Memorial Day Julie Hill 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	31 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	1 6:30 Adult Bible Study	2 Ray & Char Roberts 6:30 pm Griefshare	3 Kendall Lemaster	4 Madylanne Wint
5 5 pm Women's Bible Study	6 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	7 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	8 6:30 Adult Bible Study	9 6:30 pm Griefshare	10 Kelly Davidson, David & Christine Baca Patriotic Tent Revival 4-10 pm	11 2pm—Ladies' & Girls tea
12 Potluck A-Team 5 pm Women's Movie Night	13 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	14 Susan Fyffe 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Southern Baptist Convention—Anaheim, CA	15 6:30 Adult Bible Study	16 Newsletter Articles, workers' lists, calendar dates due. 6:30 pm Griefshare	17 Nathaniel Hill, Pastor's 4th Anniversary Here Movie Night	18
19 David Hill	20 Johnie Gragg 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	21 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	22 6:30 Adult Bible Study	23 6:30 pm Griefshare	24	25 10 am Pack Food Boxes 11 am Distribute Food Boxes
26	27 Sophia Baca 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	28 Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	29 6:30 Adult Bible Study	30 6:30 pm Griefshare	1	2

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 4th "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
 10th-11th Patriotic Tent Revival 4-10 pm
 11th 2pm—Ladies' & Girls tea
 12th—A-Team, Potluck
 14th-16th Southern Baptist Convention—Anaheim, CA
 16th—Newsletter Articles, workers' lists, calendar dates due.
 17th—Movie Night
 23rd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
 25TH—10 am Pack Food Boxes, 11 am Distribute Food Boxes
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26	27 Sophia Baca 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	28 Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	29 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	30 6:30 GriefShare	1	2
3	4 Keylee Faudere, Larry Herbel, John Mehaffey 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	5 Mary Mehaffey 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	6 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	7 6:30 GriefShare	8	9 Larry Huebner,
10 Potluck "A-Team" Meeting	11 D.J. Baca 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	12 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	13 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	14 Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 GriefShare	15	16 Janna Davis
12th-19th—Laura Out of the office						
17 Larry & Kat Huebner	18 John & Christine Brickley 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	19 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	20 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	21 6:30 GriefShare	22 John & Mary Mehaffey	23
24 Cindy Rhodes	25 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	26 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	27 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	28 John Trumpower 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting 6:30 GriefShare	29	30
25th-29th—Youth Camp-Super Summer Salina Kansas						
31	1 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	2 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	3 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	4 6:30 GriefShare	5	6 Tim & Rebecca Boender

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th—Keylee Faudere, Larry Herbel, John Mehaffey
 5th—Mary Mehaffey
 9th—Larry Huebner
 11th—D.J. Baca
 16th—Janna Davis
 17th—Larry & Kat Huebner
 18th—John & Christine Brickley
 22nd—John & Mary Mehaffey
 24th—Cindy Rhodes
 28th—John Trumpower

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 14th—Newsletter Articles Due
 28th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
 25th-29th—Youth Camp-Super Summer Salina Kansas

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
5/29	Deb & Jackie	NONE	Rod L., Keith A	Johnnie, 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	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	NONE	Norma B., Glenna	Deb, Laura, Johnnie	6/29	NO BUS ROUTE
7/3	Steve & Cory	Brickley	Not available at time of publication	Rod, Diane, Shawn	7/6	NO BUS ROUTE
7/10	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Not available at time of publication	Rod, Glenna, Deb	7/13	NO BUS ROUTE
7/17	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley	Not available at time of publication	Rod, Ulala, Susan	7/20	NO BUS ROUTE
7/24	Steve & Cory	Brickley	Not available at time of publication	Rod, Laura, Johnnie	7/27	NO BUS ROUTE
7/31	Deb & Jackie	NONE	Not available at time of publication	Rod, Diane, Shawn	8/3	NO BUS ROUTE

Submissions for the July Newsletter are due Thursday, June 16th
 Please Contact Sandy Dewitt for questions regarding the bus schedule
 Contact John Brickley with questions regarding the nursery schedule