

FSBC *Messenger*

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO, AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



Youth

We had an amazing time at camp!!! God is so good...ALL the time!!!

We are excited to get started back on Wednesday nights for youth group!!! We will have our kick-off night on the 17th and enjoy some fun, food and fellowship. Please encourage your student entering 7th grade to 12th grade to join us!!! We meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 and are done between 7:30-7:40 p.m. We have announcements and then an ice-breaker to get the night rolling. We have a time of study then end with snacks and games.

If God has been stirring your heart to begin serving in the youth department Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights, please let me know!

God bless!
Lisa

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

3rd—Roy Clifford

6th—Tim & Rebecca Boender

7th—Rod & Laura Luehrs

9th—Tom & Crystal Faudere

10th—Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley

12th—James Davidson

16th—Amanda Frye

17th—Tina Baca

18th—Lexi Davis

19th—Kurt & Michelle Spivey

20th—Kurt Spivey

24th—Lane Baca

27th—Joe & Debbie Reinert

29th—Crystal Faudere

August Events

- Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
- Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery (starting August 11)
- Wednesdays 6:30—Bible Study
- Thursdays 6:30 GriefShare
- 7th—Promotion Sunday (Sunday School)
- 12th & 13th Back-to-School Event
- 14th—Potluck, A-Team, WINTS WILL BE HERE FROM AFRICA!
- 17th—Children and Youth Programs resume
- 18th—Newsletter Articles Due
- 18th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting (3rd Thursday)

Pastor's Pen

Routines

It is August already. That time of year that makes us feel tired of summer and look forward to the fall. The weather is typically hot, the days are long, and the care-free summer lifestyle is losing its thrill. The vacations we looked forward to are behind us and the days just aren't as exciting anymore. School looms just over the horizon. Enrollment and shopping make even the big kids groan because the routine is about to resume.

Sometimes routines are great; sometimes they are not. Sometimes they help us; sometimes they hurt us. Good routines help us to be more productive and accomplish more goals. Bad routines can keep us from ever starting them. The summer routine often has that effect on us all as we groan about back to school. We wasted so much time. Our list has so little marked off. Now time has run out to get things done.

We often get into both good and bad routines at church, too. Sometimes the routine can be both at the same time. Knowing what to expect can provide safety and connection. Yet that same routine can lull us into complacency where we are satisfied and stop moving forward in the mission to reach new people with the Gospel of Christ. We can get so comfortable with the same group of friends at church that we stop looking for a new person we can disciple in the ways of Jesus. We can get so used to the same kinds of sermons that we can stop listening to the fresh winds of the Spirit of God that blow by us to stir our souls into deeper realities with God.

I am going to break a little of our routine soon. I have truly enjoyed preaching through John! We all need to learn to trust Jesus more! However, I had hoped that each of us would enjoy the walk-through John's Gospel so much that we would each be bringing more people to church with us so they could learn to trust Jesus too. I had hoped that we would be inspired to such expectation that bringing a friend to join the journey would see lives changed and our church revived. But it seems that for too many of us, our comfortability has lulled us to just being happy we came.

Sometimes routines need to change to add a spark of energy and enthusiasm. That is what I hope will happen with what I am about to do.

Starting the first Sunday after Labor Day (the END of summer), I will be taking a break from John and beginning a series called, "The Happier Home." It will be more of a topical series intended to encourage families to establish some new and helpful routines that will have an impact on their marriages, parenting, relationships, stressors, and overall happiness. I am looking forward to it.

Perhaps some context to this decision would be helpful. I have been sensing the need for our church to start growing again and praying that God would help us establish relationships with more families. In the last three weeks, He has been allowing me to cross paths with some younger families going through significant events. I began asking God for direction of what He wants to do in these families lives and one of the ways He is leading me is to teach them how to have happier lives with Christ at the center of their homes.

Some of you might be saying, "Well, Pastor, sounds like you are going to be leaving me out. My kids or maybe even spouse are all gone and it is just me. What will there be for me?" Honestly, only what you put into it. If you are looking to just be fed, you might not get so very much any given Sunday. However, if you will start right now looking for a nearby family that you could bring with you to church knowing that they will be receiving divine, practical help for their lives, you might just get the thrill of seeing miracles right in front of you! How much better would that be in your own heart? Or perhaps each Sunday you will gain some insight to take to a family near you to encourage them.

Last Sunday I preached on the streams of Living Water that flow from within onto other people. When we feel like our faith is stagnant, it is because God has poured enough into us and expects us to start pouring into others to make room for more growth in us. So, what if you started giving that a shot by looking less at what you *get* out of worship and looking more at ways to *share* with someone through worship? Do you think you might find your own routine sparked by God doing new things in and through you?

Here is one routine I am asking our church to start: pray every day for one family near you to come with you this fall and then for courage to ask them to come with you. Don't you think that would be good for us?

Pastor David

AUGUST 2022

31	1 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	2 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	3 Roy Clifford Bible study	4	5	6 Tim & Rebecca Boender
7 Rod & Laura Luehrs Promotion Sunday	8 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	9 Tom & Crystal Faudere 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	10 Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley Bible study USD 490 RESUMES	11 6:30 GriefShare	12 James Davidson Back-to-School Event 6-8 pm, Supper at 5:30	13 Back-to-School Event 9 am—Noon, Lunch served
14 Potluck, A-Team, WINTS HERE FROM AFRICA!	15 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	16 Amanda Frye 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	17 Tina Baca Bible study Children and Youth Programs resume	18 Lexi Davis 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting 6:30 GriefShare	19 Kurt & Michelle Spivey	20 Kurt Spivey
21	22 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	23 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	24 Lane Baca Bible study	25 6:30 GriefShare	26	27 Joe & Debbie Reinert
28	29 Crystal Faudere 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	30 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	31 Bible study	1 Melynda Wint 6:30 GriefShare	2	3 Austin & Ulala Prewit

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
8/7	Sandy & Dianna	Reinert	Kat H., Karen D.	Deb, Glenna, Rod	8/10	NO BUS ROUTE
8/14	Steve & Cory	Reinert	Karen L., Julie H.	Deb, Ulala, Susan	8/17	Cory
8/21	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Rod L., Tina B.	Deb, Laura, Rod	8/24	Cory
8/28	Sandy & Dianna	NONE	Christine B., John B.	Deb, Diane, Johnie G.	8/31	Cory
9/4	Steve & Cory	Brickley	Keith A., Steve R.	Rod, Glenna, Shawn	9/7	Cory
9/11	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Brenda S., Dianna S.	Rod, Laura, Susan	9/14	Cory
9/18	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley	Deb R., Janna D.	Rod, Deb, Laura	9/21	Cory
9/25	Steve & Cory	NONE	Gloria T.	Rod, , Diane, Shawn	9/28	Cory

SEPTEMBER 2022

28	29 Crystal Faudere 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	30 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	31 6:30—Bible study for all ages	1 Melynda Wint	2	3 Austin & Ulala Prewit
4 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	5 LABOR DAY	6 Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	7 Phil Drake 6:30—Bible study for all ages	8 David & Susan Fyffe	9 Tim Boender, Emma Leibbrandt	10
11 Agnes Leibbrandt Potluck, "A-Team" 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	12 James Davidson, David Fyffe 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	13 Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	14 Laura Luehrs 6:30—Bible study for all ages	15 Dan & Brenda Sherman Newsletter Articles, workers' rotations Due 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	16 Tom Faudere	17
18 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	19 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	20 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	21 6:30—Bible study for all ages	22	23	24
25 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	26 Kardyn Nielsen 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	27 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	28 6:30—Bible study for all ages	29 Deb Spencer, Micah Wint	30	

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st— Melynda Wint
 3rd—Austin & Ulala Prewit
 5th—LABOR DAY
 6th—Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs
 7th—Phil Drake
 8th—David & Susan Fyffe
 9th—Tim Boender, Emma Leibbrandt
 11th—Agnes Leibbrandt
 12th—James Davidson, David Fyffe
 13th—Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt
 14th—Laura Luehrs
 15th—Dan & Brenda Sherman
 16th—Tom Faudere
 26th—Kardyn Nielsen
 29th—Deb Spencer, Micah Wint

September Events

- Sundays 5 pm—Women's Bible Study
- Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
- Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
- Wednesdays 6:30—Bible study for all ages
- 11th—Potluck, "A-Team"
- 15th—Newsletter Articles, workers' rotations Due
- 15th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
- 17th—OCC Garage Sale at Pat Leibbrandt's
- 19th-25th Viola Webb Missions Emphasis
- 22nd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting

August OCC shopping List

School Supplies

- pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- erasers
- crayons
- notebooks/paper
- colored pencils
- pens
- scissors
- glue sticks (no liquid)
- watercolor paints (no liquid)
- ruler
- pencil case
- markers