



# FSBC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 2022

## YOUTH NEWS

School is back in session and so is youth group!!! We are looking forward to an exciting fall. I asked students in Sunday School and at camp what we wanted to do and I think everyone is pumped to get started!!!

We have started a new 5th-6th grade youth group for those students who seem to get caught in the middle. It will be amazing to see what God does with this group!!!

Dylan Davis plans to teach some Wednesday nights and wanted us to start the fall learning about

relationships within the church. He is growing and wants to encourage other students in their spiritual growth.

Camp was AMAZING!!! We had one salvation and LOTS of seeds planted. The three adults were exhausted but in a good way! God spoke and we heard Him during camp. Thank you to everyone for helping us go!!!

Sunday mornings we are working through the New Testament. So many nuggets of truth that are still applicable today--to

students and adults!!!

We hope to get outside more this fall. We plan to play some more Gaga ball (the blue painted object at the North end of the church) and hope to install some more mission minded activities to encourage us to think beyond ourselves.

Please continue to pray for all the youth and leaders. We want to grow in our relationship with the Lord as well as with each other.

In Christ,  
Lisa Crook

## Library News

What is a book swap? A book swap is a great way to get people together in one place to share books that they have loved. FSBC will be hosting a book exchange October 16, at 3:00pm. We will share Fun, Fellowship, and of course Food. You will bring two wrapped books and you will leave with 2 (new to you) books to read. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Moore (316-258-6596). Hope to see you there!

In His Service,  
Paula



# Pastor's Pen

## Frustrated Families and Angry Anthropods

Greetings Church! I love you Church!

Have you noticed that nearly everyone seems to be getting more angry lately? With the rising gas prices and the accompanying inflation, political division with all its ugliness and terrifying portents, personal disappointments with their lingering stressors, and the news cycle with its co-conspirator Twitterverse exasperating all these and more, Satan is having such a heyday that even faithful believers are becoming discontented and frustrated to the point of giving up or not treating others the way God would have them. Add to the mix a lengthy separation from personal contact in which we must be disciplined to interact peaceably has gotten us addicted to social media. We can lash out anonymously and the result appears to be that *anger* is the new pandemic. But why?

Blogger and former pastor Carey Nieuwhof suggests these as some of the reasons for the new anger epidemic:

1. You are naturally more aggressive online than you are in person. Distance desensitizes.
2. Hate generates more clicks than love. Media knows how to play on our anxiety and fears too!
3. Any attention can feel better than no attention. Just ask an expert: teenagers deal with it every day.
4. You know enough to make your world feel dark. The flood of information we deal with today is more than any humans have ever had to endure before. This glut of processing information is making us cynical. Remember when ignorance was bliss?
5. Anger can get you heard, even when you have nothing to say. Shouldn't there be a better way to remember we are not alone? That we are loved?

Getting angry and lashing out serves Satan, not Jesus. God tells us through Paul, "in your anger do not sin." It is completely human and understandable that we all get frustrated and angry at things once in a while. Rarely is our anger a righteous anger. And as James tells us, "Man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God." If I am going to represent Christ well, anger is my enemy. I can't even scold my kids into behaving well, let alone the rest of this evil world! (Did that seem like frustration coming out? Oops!)

One thing we often don't talk about is how our frustration with the outside world negatively affects our homes. Contrary to what we may wish, we are not good at leaving our anger on the doorstep. Rather, our mood is not soothed by the challenges and tasks we face in the home environment. How then does that affect our relationships with those closest to us? Likely in such a way that bad habits form until deep repairs are made.

Beginning this month, I am starting a new series, "The Happier Home." We are going to look to God's Word for encouragement and strength to help our marriages, parenting, and other household struggles. We need less anger, more love. Less conflict, more peace. Less selfishness, more grace. Less me, more us.

Would you get someone to join us in the journey? We all need to do our part to get more Jesus into the lives of those around us. If we don't, we are just going to get more frustrated.

Pastor David Crook

# The Deacons' Corner

Greetings Church Family!  
Well, it's back-to-school time. Hard to believe that kids are back in classes. Where did our summer go? Though our kiddos may be wishing for a few more weeks of summer vacation, I'm quite sure that many parents are happy that their kids are back in the school routine. Though sad that our summer vacation has drawn to a close, many of us are not going to be disappointed to see the hot August temperatures give way to cooler September weather and the promise of rain. With the transition back to school, I want to encourage everyone

to think about Sunday school once again. In August, our children were promoted to the next grade level in the Sunday School Classes. This is the official start to the Sunday School year. It is also a great time for any adults or children who have not been in a Sunday School class to come be a part of tremendous Bible teaching. Our church has classes for all levels, from our youngest kiddos to our young at heart, there is a class for everyone. I encourage all of you to give it a chance. Speaking of "young at heart", I recently had the opportunity to visit with Johnny Mehaffey. Though he is not currently

teaching his "Young at Heart" Sunday School class, he is definitely still a vital member. He appreciates those who have stepped up to teach that class.

This month, our deacon profile features Johnny Mehaffey. Johnny has been a mentor and a treasured friend. He misses us as much as we miss him. As you read his profile, I am sure you will draw inspiration. We are blessed that, as a faithful servant, he continues to pray and care for his church family. See Johnny's story below.

Rod Luehrs

## Deacon Profile John Mehaffey

I was brought up in a home where there wasn't any question about Sunday morning, Wednesday night, or any other time that the church doors were open. My mother was the spiritual leader of our home. My dad was brought up in a Christian home, but ignored that responsibility. Men, God holds us responsible to that position. Now we make a choice, and God lets us make choices, but there is a reckoning coming in the morning. Our Christian walk is a battle. He told us it would be, and He has shown me that it is, but it is gratifying to know the joy we will be facing one day, even in the midst of health situations or other turmoil. Earlier

in my Christian life, a pastor confronted me about serving as a deacon. I had two grandfathers who were Southern Baptist deacons, one on each side of the house. Growing up observing their lives and their habits, I told the pastor that I just didn't feel worthy. One day, the pastor finally said to me, "Don't you think the omnipotent God we serve is able to equip you?" I was humbled and said yes. For all of these years, God has been faithful to equip. Young men should desire positions of service, for God will richly bless you. Pray for his leadership always.

John Mehaffey

## Outreach

October 22nd will be our next food box distribution. We need to restock the food pantry! Please remember to use the grocery list provided on the library window.

Trick or Treat down the street is fast approaching. Outreach is asking for candy donations starting September 1st. You can put your candy donations in the Outreach wagon.

Thank you to everyone that donates. This ministry would not exist without you. Also a big thank you to everyone that helps me out. I love you all. God Bless.

Janna Davis



# Operation Christmas Child

September is upon us, and that means that school has started. School supplies are on sale, and those are some of the things that we are collecting this month. I have read many stories about children who receive shoeboxes with school supplies in them, and their parents are so grateful for those supplies. It allows them to go to school. Some places, if you don't have school supplies, you don't go to school 😊 So, by including school supplies, we are not only giving these children an opportunity to go to school and improve their lives, we are also giving them a chance to learn about the Gospel and how God loves them. Thanks for helping to gather items for these boxes that we use to share the love of God to children all around the world. (Items that are bold and italicized are the most needed)

Karen Leibbrandt

## September 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

## Workers' Rotations

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
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
10/2	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Cindy R., Glenna W.	Johnie, Glenna, Susan	10/5	Cory
10/9	Sandy & Dianna	Reinert	Diane G., Julie H.	Johnie, Laura, Rod	10/12	Cory
10/16	Steve & Cory	Reinert	Tina B, Zara T	Johnie, Penny, Deb	10/19	Cory
10/23	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	John, B., Johnie G.	Johnie, Diane, Shawn	10/26	Cory
10/30	Sandy & Dianna	NONE	Rod L., Donna G.	Johnie, Glenna, Susan	11/2	

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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Crystal Faudere 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>31</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>1</b> Melynda Wint	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Austin & Ulala Prewit Cookout at Gloria's
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> LABOR DAY, NO OFFICE HOURS OR PRAYER MEETING	<b>6</b> Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>7</b> Phil Drake 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>8</b> David & Susan Fyffe	<b>9</b> Tim Boender, Emma Leibbrandt	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Agnes Leibbrandt Potluck, "A-Team" 5 pm—Women's Ministry Meets	<b>12</b> James Davidson, David Fyffe 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>13</b> Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>14</b> Laura Luehrs 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>15</b> Dan & Brenda Sherman Newsletter Articles, workers' rotations Due 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>16</b> Tom Faudere	<b>17</b> OCC Garage Sale at Pat Leibbrandt's
<b>18</b> 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>21</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> Karyn Nielsen 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>28</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>29</b> Deb Spencer, Micah Wint	<b>30</b>	
22nd-26th Pastor Out of Town						

## 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—Karyn 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
- 3rd—Cookout at Gloria's
- **5th—Labor Day, no office hours or prayer meeting**
- 11th—Potluck, "A-Team", Women's Ministry
- 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-26th Pastor Out of Town
- 22nd—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting



# OCTOBER 2022

<b>25</b> 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> Karyn Nielsen 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>28</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>29</b> Deb Spencer, Micah Wint	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 5 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>4</b> Penny Stephens 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>5</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm—GriefShare	<b>7</b> Gene Herrmann	<b>8</b> Norma Boss
<b>9</b> Greg Branaman Potluck, A-Team 5 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> Ida Leibbrandt 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting KNCSB Annual Meeting	<b>11</b> Ryan Luehrs 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>12</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>13</b> Diane Goertz 6:30 pm—GriefShare Newsletter Items Due	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30 am Outreach Food Give-Away
<b>16</b> 3:00 pm Book Swap 5 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> Steve & Cindy Rhodes 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>18</b> Obadiah Leibbrandt 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>19</b> 6:30—Bible study for all ages	<b>20</b> •6:30 pm—GriefShare •5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	<b>21</b> Terry & Penny Stephens	<b>22</b> Mary Lou Moody
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 Thursdays 6:30 pm—GriefShare  
 3rd?—SCASB Annual Meeting  
 9th—Potluck, A-Team  
 10th & 11th— KNCSB Annual Meeting  
 13th—Newsletter Items Due  
 15th—Outreach Food Give-Away  
 16th—3:00 pm Book Swap  
 20th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting