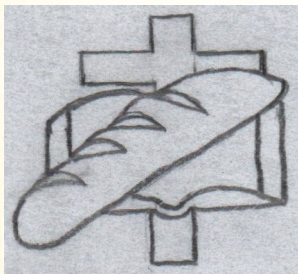


# FSBC

## Messenger

OCTOBER 2022

### Outreach Ministries



First, I would like to thank everyone that helped with food boxes in August. I appreciate

and love all of you dearly. With the help of Laura, Outreach has picked a name of our food ministry. It will be called, "The Bread of Life" food ministry. We will be printing up flyers with our church info, the next food box distribution date and of course our new logo!

We are collecting candy for Trick or Treat down Main Street. Please place your candy donations in the blue Outreach wagon. Trick or Treat Down Main Street is Monday, Oct. 31, from 4-7pm. We will let you know the location of our table once the city assigns it. I will also need four volunteers to help.

Through the Outreach team, our church will be donating snacks to

Skelly Elementary every month. We would eventually like to extend this to all 3 elementary schools, alternating months. **Outreach** is purchasing snacks for this month, but we would welcome donations of individually wrapped snacks. Thank you everyone for your support and dedication.

Ladies, please let me know if you would be interested in a Christ based, low impact chair aerobics group. If so, it will be on Thursday nights from 5pm to 5:45 Starting in October. We will have a ten minute devotion and prayer, then a 20 minute workout.

*If you give some of your own food to feed those who are hungry and to satisfy the needs of those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.* Isaiah 58:10

Janna Davis

### Life Chain Sunday

Rain or shine, join thousands of Kansans in more than 80 locations across the state to stand for life! Bring the whole family! Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. Signs provided. As you stand for the preborn, please space yourselves 25 to 30 feet apart along the route.

**Attend this year's life chain at:**

The Butler County Courthouse  
205 W Central  
El Dorado, KS  
October 2nd, 2022  
2:00-3:30 pm

**For More information, contact:**  
Yvonne Martin 316-323-4534

[www.LifeChain.org](http://www.LifeChain.org)



# Pastor's Pen

It is important to honor the work of our brothers and sisters in the past who paved the way for our spiritual journey. Faithful men and women of God embraced God's call to labor for the advancement of His Kingdom to extend the reaches of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ without ever knowing me or you personally. They put actions to Jesus' words in Acts 1:8: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and to the ends of the earth." They obeyed the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." They gave of their hearts, prayers, money, and time to build relationships, committees, programs, and even buildings which God used to get the Gospel to people who had not heard yet.

We read in the Bible of the Apostle Paul going into new frontiers proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. He was sent to those places by the church in Antioch. Acts 13:2-3 says, "As they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off." This is the first phase of the fulfillment of the Acts 1:8 expansion beyond Jerusalem. Saul became known as Paul and spread the Gospel all over the Greek world, converting unbelievers, and establishing churches. The repeating work continued over the next two thousand years by many faithful believers, through trial and threat and martyrdom, to reach us today.

And so here we stand, under the wing of those who have gone before us, enjoying the divine blessings of a relationship with Jesus and other children of God in the body known as First Southern Baptist Church. We have a rich heritage, inspiring examples, and a heavy baton to carry forward.

## **From the brief church history in our 2005 FSBC**

### **Cookbook:**

First Southern Baptist Church began as a Mission Chapel, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Burden, Kansas, and was originally called

Immanuel Baptist Chapel. June 20, 1954, Immanuel Baptist Chapel became the one hundredth church to be organized in the state of Kansas.

R.H. Maultsy accepted the call to serve as Pastor to the twenty five charter members and all the congregation met in his home, which has been the church parsonage since that time.

The church moved their services to the old junior high school until Mr. O'Brien gave the land, where the church now stands, to the congregation in 1955. In 1957, the church became First Southern Baptist Church. An addition was built in 1979 and they added an elevator in 1997.

Somehow the Gospel made its way to some believers in Oklahoma. Those believers accepted God's call to plant the very first Southern Baptist church in Kansas in Burden. First Baptist Church started to reach others in Burden. They began to see that the Kingdom needed to be expanded to El Dorado and sacrificed their prayers and resources to help our church get started. We owe that church honor and expect that their reward in Heaven will be beautiful to behold.

Sometimes faithful believers have to advance the Kingdom in divergent paths. After partnering to plant churches all over Asia Minor, Paul and Barnabas had to part company. In Acts 15 we read that the two had a disagreement over whether to take along John Mark. Paul refused so Barnabas took John Mark and sailed to Cyprus. Paul chose Silas and went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. The partnership was over for a while, but the work of Christ went forward to His glory.

Sadly, our mother church, First Baptist Church of Burden, has decided to leave our convention and association of churches. We will miss their partnership but remain grateful for their faithful labors which have blessed us so very much. May the Kingdom continue to advance through their work and ours!

Speaking of that, our church should also consider how we can take the Gospel to places it has not reached yet. Others have done so for us. We must not let the chain be broken with us.

Pastor David Crook



# Operation Christmas Child

It is time to start thinking about packing our shoe boxes. Each box we pack is a gospel opportunity. Churches, schools, and some orphanages around the world partner with OCC and hold outreach events where they share the gospel and then hand out gift boxes to all the kids. These boxes are a tangible way for the kids to experience the love of God. Some even ask "Why would someone in another country who doesn't even know me give me a gift?" The answer: because we love them like God loves them. They are then invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, which is a 12 week discipleship program. At the end they graduate and receive a New Testament in their own language! How cool is that!?

**Our packing party is next month and we are still in need of some items, please watch for shopping lists!**

If you plan to help pack, please start now by writing some notes or cards to put in each box. You can also bring pictures of you and your family to include. The kids would love to see and hear from the one from whom they got their gifts.

Thanks again for all of your help. Our packing party is scheduled for November 2nd. If you can't make it and would still like to participate, here are a couple alternatives:

1. Pack a shoebox on your own
2. Build a box online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox)

## Collection Times November 14th-21st:

**Mon-Fri:** 5-7pm

**Sat:** 9am-1pm

**Sun:** 2-5 pm

**Mon:** 8-10 am, then all cartons loaded up and taken to Central Drop off in Wichita

# Deacons' Corner

Greetings church family! I am sure that many of you were just as excited as I was to hear that Paula Moore has felt the call to serve as our Children's Ministry Director. Paula shared her vision and calling with the deacon board and it is evident that God has placed her in a position where she is best able to use her gifts in service of the Kingdom. As she shared, the deacons and I couldn't help but get excited by the possibilities. It also reminded us of our obligation to come alongside and support her and the other children's workers as much as possible.

The church family heard this past Sunday about the forty plus children and youth that are already attending on Wednesday evenings. The bus is making two separate trips to pick up all of those kids, Praise God! It is likely as the word spreads of the fun things going on Wednesday evenings, that this number will grow even more. But what about the families of these children? That is where the rest of us come in. Some of the parents are going to start coming just to find out what all the excitement is about. Are we prepared to invite these individuals to our Sunday School classes? Are we prepared to share our testimony with those who may have not heard the Gospel story? Maybe God is calling you to serve by discipling a new believer. Who knows the possibilities?

Maybe you are wondering where you can serve in this body of believers. There are lots of places where God can utilize your talents and passions. Pastor David, the deacon body, Paula and others can help steer you into areas of service in and around the church. Be in prayer about where God wants you to be.

Finally, I want to thank all of those who stepped up to carry on the work of the children's ministry while we were without a Children's Director. These individuals have gone above-and-beyond to fill in gaps, and will continue to serve in our church's ministry to children and their families. God Bless you for your faithfulness.

Rod Luehrs

Chairman of the Deacons



# Member Highlight

## Member Highlight Questions

We have begun a Member Highlight page in our monthly newsletter. Thank you to Karen Leibbrandt for being our inaugural member! Here are the questions we asked her:

1. What is your Name?
2. How long have you been a member of FSBC El Dorado?
3. Tell us a little about your family.
4. What is your day job, or how do you spend your time when you are not with us at FSBC?
5. What is your passion for service, what areas are you currently serving?
6. What can others do to help serve in those ministries?
7. What is your favorite Bible verse?
8. What is your testimony?

1. My name is Karen Leibbrandt.
2. My family and I have been members for about 6 years.
3. I am married to Joe Leibbrandt, this November is our 12th anniversary. We have 4 children, Agnes (10), Emma(8), Ida(5), and Obadiah(3).
4. During the day I babysit a friend's two little kids, a 2 year old boy and 8 month girl. This fall I am going to do Preschool for a couple of days with Obadiah.
5. I help in the nursery on Sunday mornings during service. I help Janna with fellowship meals and activities as well as the outreach team. I teach the kids on Wednesday nights and am the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) project leader for our church. I like to serve behind the scenes. It feels good to help someone and I like to feel like I have done something productive.
6. We are always looking for people to help on the fellowship team by helping clean up after meals or helping prep for them. We also could use more people to help us when we do outreach events. If you like to organize, you could help me set up for our OCC packing party in November.
7. My life verse is Acts 20:24 "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to

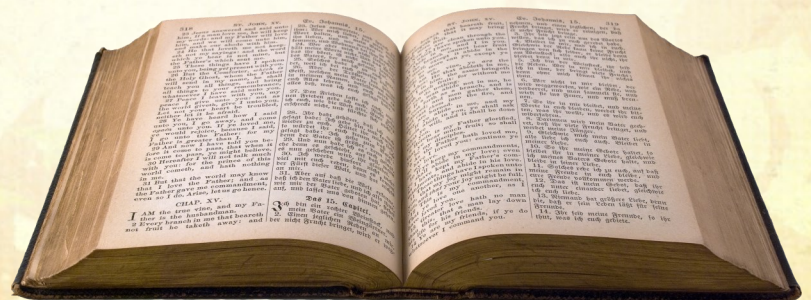
finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

I grew up in a Christian home with my dad and mom and three siblings. As a kid I always wanted to do what was right and didn't like getting in trouble. The trouble was, that inside, I was in trouble. I was sinning against God and didn't realize it. At the age of seven, I realized that I was doing wrong by God. I went to my mom and talked to her about it. She and my dad helped me see what I needed to do to make it right with God. After making the decision to make Jesus my Lord and Savior, I was baptized by my dad in our small church.

I read my bible and we did family devotions together, and my relationship with God grew a little. I started going to youth group and small groups when I was in high school. When I went to college, I found Christian Challenge and was a part of it. Every stage in my life I have made it a point to find a good Bible believing and teaching church and get involved. I figured if I got involved in the church that would keep me from doing things that would get me in trouble.

At my church in Dodge City, I started helping with the youth group and quickly realized that I was kind of putting on a show. I did all the "right things", like going to church and attending Bible study, but my relationship with God wasn't really growing and my knowledge of the bible was just what I had remembered in sermons or my readings here and there. I got closer to God and really got into His word when I was asked to teach the youth Sunday school class. I couldn't go in and just say the "right thing". Some of the kids knew more than me. I needed to read and know, really know what it was that God wanted me to teach them, no matter if they listened or not. I was teaching myself most of the time.

Now, as a parent, I struggle with making time to read the Bible. I listen to it, but sometimes just to check it off my list. Knowing that my children are watching and needing a good example motivates me to read and get to know my God and Savior better. As one of my favorite songs says: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey."





# Youth Group

Spooky things are happening in the youth group!!!!

We have challenged the youth to have at least twenty students in attendance in one night before October 12<sup>th</sup>. Their reward will be "Mission Impossible III". Will they make it????

Another challenge is to raise \$150 for Yeabsira, a student we support in the youth group, by November 2nd . If they accomplish that, Lisa will color half her hair

TEMPORARILY black. This is part of an inside joke--they call me Cruella! If they raise an additional \$150 (total of \$300), Dylan will color his hair pink. November could be a HAIRY month!!!

On Wednesday nights, Dylan has been leading our group in some team building games. We are studying the "One Anothers" in the Bible and learning how to relate correctly to other believers. We have learned a lot already.... maybe the whole church could do this sometime!!!

The youth group has shown some interest in missions. We will be looking into ways to reach our community, and then looking beyond for some opportunities to serve.

Be praying as God moves in our youth and youth leaders!!! Are you feeling God calling you to work with us?? Let me know!!!

In Christ,  
Lisa Crook  
785-207-7189

October 7th, 6pm  
Church Movie Night  
Popcorn provided, bring other  
snacks to share

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
10/2	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Cindy R., John B.	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	Cory
11/6	Steve & Cory	Brickley	Zara T., Janna D.	Deb, Laura, Rod	11/9	Cory
11/13	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Keith A., Joe R.	Deb, Penny, Shawn	11/16	Cory
11/20	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley	Brenda S., Kat H.	Deb, Diane, Susan	11/23	Cory
11/27	Steve & Cory	NONE	Dianna S., Zara T.	Deb, Glenna, Johnie	11/30	Cory



# Mission Moment

Below is a story from [The Baptist Press](#) that perfectly illustrates what our Mighty God can accomplish through His people when they listen to His prompting and tell others about Jesus. See Pastor David if you would like more information on how to join a Disaster Relief Team.

By Roger Alford/The Christian Index  
POUND, Va. – Eddie Johnson had stopped at Robo's Drive-In restaurant in rural southwest Virginia for a burger and fries, but he got far more than that.

An unexpected encounter with a team of Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief workers at the roadside restaurant would lead to Johnson rededicating his life to Christ and four others accepting Jesus as their Savior.

"Our meeting was no accident," said Johnson, a disabled coal miner who had grown up in church but had strayed away later in life. "It was meant to be. God put them and us here in the same place at the same time for that to happen."

Nearly 40 Georgia Baptists had been deployed to central Appalachia to help in the aftermath of flash flooding that killed 38 people and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes and businesses.

Members of one of the Georgia Baptist crews decided to stop for a quick meal on their way into the flood zone. They found Robo's, a throwback to earlier generations when the custom was to drive in, walk to a small window to place an order, and wait for it to be cooked up. The restaurant's

popularity is reflected in the crowded parking lot where people lean against pickup trucks as they talk and eat.

Robo's has no dining room, but there are two wooden picnic tables off to one side.

Longtime Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer Chris Fuller took a seat at one of the tables and struck up a conversation with Johnson and his 22-year-old son, Hunter. Fuller's teammates, Ronnie Register and his wife Linda, joined the conversation, which quickly turned to the Gospel.

While Johnson recommitted his life to Christ, Hunter said he wasn't ready to make a decision. After finishing their meals, they went their separate ways. But that wasn't the end of the story.

Back at home that evening, Johnson explained, the conversation with the Georgia Baptists was bearing on Hunter. He couldn't get it off his mind. For a diversion, he looked at Facebook. His feed seemed to be filled with church posts. He looked at TikTok. More of the same. Each one of them seemed to be speaking directly to him.

"He looked at me and, with tears in his eyes, said 'I need to be saved,'" Johnson said.

It was nearly 10 p.m. The

Johnsons, along with one of Hunter's friends, jumped into a vehicle and drove to Calvary Baptist Church in Pound, where the Georgia Baptists had set up a basecamp. Both Hunter and his friend prayed to receive Christ that night.

Johnson said the Georgia Baptists triggered a domino effect that also led to Hunter's grandmother and his girlfriend making salvation decisions.

Fuller said the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers are always vigilant for people with spiritual needs when they've been deployed to disaster areas.

"When people experience the raw power of nature, they can't help but look to God," Fuller said. "In times like that when people are feeling helpless, they realize their need for God."

While in central Appalachia to help with the flood cleanup, Georgia Baptist teams led 17 people to faith in Christ. That makes more than 50 people introduced to Christ by Georgia crews responding to disaster areas since last year.

"We pray for opportunities to share the gospel, not only with actions but with words," Fuller said. "If you pray for those opportunities, then God will give you those opportunities."



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<b>25</b> 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> Kardyn 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> Life Chain 2pm-3:30 pm 5 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting SCASB Annual 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 Movie Night	<b>8</b> Norma Boss
<b>9</b> Greg Branaman Potluck Celebration for Norma Boss 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
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## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th— Penny Stephens  
 7th—Gene Herrmann  
 8th—Norma Boss  
 9th—Greg Branaman  
 10th—Ida Leibbrandt  
 11th—Ryan Luehrs  
 13th—Diane Goertz  
 17th—Steve & Cindy Rhodes  
 18th—Obadiah Leibbrandt  
 21st—Terry & Penny Stephens  
 22nd—Mary Lou Moody  
 27th—Lawanda Borger

## October 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  
 Thursdays 6:30 pm—GriefShare  
 2nd—Life Chain at Butler County Courthouse  
 3rd—SCASB Annual Meeting—Winfield  
 7th—Movie Night  
 9th—Potluck & Celebration of Norma Boss' Birthday, A-Team  
 10th & 11th— KNCSB Annual Meeting—Garden City  
 13th—Newsletter Items Due  
 15th—Outreach Food Give-Away  
 16th—3:00 pm Book Swap  
 20th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting  
 21st—Men's Night



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## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th—Michelle Spivey  
 6th—Kat Heubner, Karen Drake  
 9th—Malia Hayes  
 13th—Jeffrey Thomas, Johnathan Thomas  
 16th—Rod Luehrs  
 17th—Rebecca Boender  
 20th—Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt  
 24th—Alexander Boender  
 26th—Jessica Zumalt  
 27th—David & Julie Hill

## November 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  
 2nd—6:30 pm OCC Shoebox Packing party  
**Nov 6th—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—Set your clocks back 1 hour**  
 6th—A-Team  
 14th-21st—Shoebox Collections  
 17th—Newsletter Items Due  
 17th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting  
 23rd—No Bible Study, Youth or Children's Programs  
**24th—THANKSGIVING**