



November 2022

Operation Christmas Child

Yay! It is November! This is THE month for OCC. All the shoeboxes that have been packed are collected at local churches (the 3rd week), then taken to central drop offs. After that they get taken to one of the 8 regional processing centers. Ours go to the Colorado processing center. There volunteers go through each box to make sure there isn't anything that shouldn't be in the box like war related items, money, liquids, food. Then the boxes are put into cartons specific for each one, like girls 2-4, boys 2-4 and so on. Then they are off to their destination in one of

the 170 countries and territories around the world. When they get to their country, local churches will use them to reach children in their area for the Lord. They have an outreach event for the kids, present the gospel and then pass out the boxes. Then they invite the children to come back to participate in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program. It is an amazing time for all involved. I have had the opportunity to participate in a few distributions in Ecuador. It is so awesome to see how God uses these simple boxes to reach children around the world who get to

see His tangible love in these simple gifts. This year Operation Christmas Child expects to collect it's 200 millionth shoebox since 1993!

We will be packing our shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30. Please come and join the fun. Snacks will be provided. I love this time of year! It is such a great time. I am so thankful for each and every one who has graciously donated items and money for the shipping of our boxes.

Karen Leibbrandt

Collection Week November 14th-21st

Collection Times:

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

Pastor's Pen

A Mantra Message

I am going to address a topic here that I do not want to address in our Sunday morning gatherings. It is an important topic for the whole church family to think, pray, and act upon. However, it is not something I want to throw before any visitors that we may have checking us out on a Sunday morning. We need to have a discussion about giving and our future.

I learned one of the best approaches to church finances from one of my earliest pastors. He taught me his philosophy: Trust God, Tell the People. I believe that mantra has guided me well to keep several things in perspective.

First, Trust God. I have hammered many a time the message that more than anything else in all your life, God wants you to trust Him. More than your faithfulness (though He wants that too), more than your worship (that too), more than your time, money, and talents (yep, again), He wants you to trust Him. It is true of each of us individually as well as us as a church family. When we face challenges as a Church, we must first and foremost trust Him. When we trust Him first, we can approach Him in confident prayer. When we trust Him first, we can courageously inspect ourselves for attitudes and behaviors that don't please Him. When we trust Him first, we can talk to each other lovingly about our concerns within the church family.

But this part of the mantra means even more than setting the basis for what we must do. It calls upon the greatness of our God for what we need. Our God has more than enough resources for the work He wants us to do! Wayyyyy more! He owns "the cattle on a thousand hills," a Psalmist metaphor for the vastness of what He owns and can provide, and which we cannot see. Perhaps, most of those resources for the work of the church "roam the hills" of the collective church member's provisions, but it is all His anyway. It's His church. It's His work. It's His mission. It's His money in our provisions. Who greater could we trust? Dare we trust ourselves and our accounts to get the work of the church done? He has resources we do not even know about. So we trust Him to provide for what we need to labor for the Kingdom and build the church He has entrusted to us.

Knowing that God has more than enough resources to do what He calls us to do, we can do the second part of the mantra the right way: Tell the

people. Tell doesn't mean manipulate. Tell doesn't mean make things sound better than they are. Tell means inform with honesty, courage, and inspiring hope.

Telling is why each week in our worship service we take a little time to talk about the basic element of being a disciple of Jesus: tithing and giving. I again inform you that God provides everything we gain, whether that be through the ability to work, our family blessings, or His little financial surprises. Nothing we have is totally ours to do with as we want once we surrender our lives to the Savior in faith. Our eternity, past, present and possessions all become His. And yet He gives us dominion over what He provides. All He asks is that we give Him the first 1/10 (or tithe) back to Him to honor and worship Him for His goodness toward us. The tithe thus stands more as an obligation than a gift. Gifts would be over and above the tithe.

Now we don't manipulate or define what any of our church members should give for that is a matter of each person's trust-relationship with God. However, we have agreed to covenant together to give. And when we vote annually on the budget, we renew our commitment to give through our approving vote.

Now I need to inform you that we are falling far short of what we approved for a budget last year. We are on track to be \$60,000 short. This month, our finance secretary had to move money from our short-term savings to maintain a proper cash-flow to cover salaries and bills. Until now, we generally have not overspent the pace of what God is providing; but that is not necessarily a good thing. When the pandemic hit, we went into survival mode, spending virtually nothing to grow the reach and mission of our church. Two years later, that approach has left us behind in growing our church. With several of our previous givers no longer around, we have not attracted faithful givers to our church. How will we make sure we can still offer programs to minister to the spiritual needs of people?

God is apparently not yet done with our church being an outpost for the Gospel in our community. He has been blowing up our Wednesday night programs! We are nearing as many people here on Wednesday nights as on Sunday morning! One Wednesday night this month we had 51 young

people here! There were 29 children and 22 teenagers! Our new Children's Director, Paula Moore, is doing a great job and is naturally increasing her budget requests for next year, and rightly so. If there is one place we need to spend money, it is on the future of the church. However, young people are not

typically the "hills" on which God's resources reside.

So our Finance Team will be working hard to figure out how to present a budget that meets the needs and mission of our church on the waning resources currently available. It is a difficult task. Would you pray for us? Would you

labor alongside to build our church? Will you disciple others into faithful givers and workers? We will continue to Trust God. And you have been told about our situation. What will God now do through us?

Pastor David Crook

Youth Ministries

We are thankful for our church family who loves us!!! We are learning to give back to our church family as we learn more about the "one anothers" in the Bible.

We will not be meeting November 23rd so families can celebrate one another that week.

We continue to work through the New Testament on Sunday mornings but struggle with attendance. Please pray the youth will look forward to growing in the word each Sunday!

May you all have a very

blessed Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. May every day of the year be full of thankfulness.

The youth support a Childfund student named Yeabsira. We call him Yeaby for short. We received a letter asking for donations to help children around the world. The youth gave \$60. The gift was being multiplied due to a generous donor and was matched x23!!! Our youth gave \$1380 total! Isn't that awesome?!?!?!?

Lisa Crook



Thank You For Serving!

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
10/30	Deb & Jackie	NONE	Rod L.	Deb, Penny, Susan	11/2	Cory
11/6	Sandy & Diana	Brickley	Zara T., Janna D.	Deb, Laura, Rod	11/9	Cory
11/13	Linnie & Sandy	Brickley	Keith A., Joe R.	Deb, Donna, Shawn	11/16	Cory
11/20	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Brenda S., Kat H.	Deb, Diane, Susan	11/23	Cory
11/27	Sandy & Diana	NONE	Dianna S., Zara T.	Johnie, Glenna, Laura	11/30	Cory
12/4	Steve & Cory	Paula	Christine B., Diane G.	Rod, Laura, Deb	12/7	Cory
12/11	Linnie & Sandy	Reinert	Gloria T., Cindy R.	Rod, Ulala, Shawn	12/14	Cory
12/18	Deb & Jackie	Reinert	Steve R., Johnie G.	Rod, Diane, Susan	12/21	Cory
12/25	Sandy & Diana	NONE	TBD	Rod, Glenna, Laura	12/28	Cory

Member Highlight

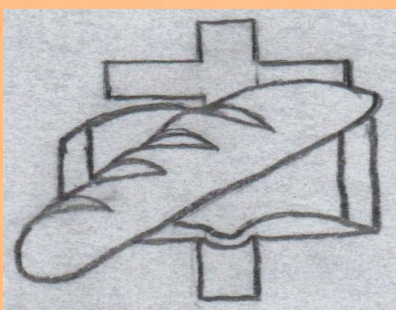
Member Highlight Questions

We have begun a Member Highlight page in our monthly newsletter. Thank you to Janna Davis for participating! 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. Janna Davis
2. Deacon and I joined the church about five years ago.
3. I married the love of my life on October 31, 2002. We would have been married for nineteen years in 2021. We have "yours, mine, and ours" children. Willow is twenty-six, Ethan would have been nineteen, Aidan is fourteen. Ethan went home to be with Jesus in January 2021, in September his Dad followed.
4. I work at Skelly Elementary as the S.T.E.M. Teacher. When I'm not working or going to one of the many groups at the Church, I enjoy spending time with Aidan, reading and watching Crime Dramas. If the weather permits, Aidan and I love to go fishing.

5. I have a heart for helping people by making sure people have what they need. I serve in Outreach, help Karen Leibbrandt with Fellowship, and make sure our kids that come on Wednesday nights have food in their tummies. I have recently started helping Lisa with the youth on Wednesday nights. I also facilitate GriefShare, but we are not currently meeting.
6. Anyone is more than welcome to come help pack food boxes, or help with any other Outreach ministries that come along.
7. Just in this past year, this verse has spoken to me. Because without my trust in Him and His strength, I would have been so lost. Isaiah 40:31 "but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary. They will walk and not faint."
8. I attended a small Church in Hamilton, KS with my Grandma every Sunday. I accepted Christ when I was in second grade. I wanted to do what I could to please Jesus. My family moved to El Dorado when I started High School. I fell away from the Church and God. I wound up pregnant at 20 and not married. When my daughter was five, I met Deacon, and moved to North Carolina. After a year, Deacon and I got married. We helped family by running a costume shop. One day, the Pastor from Cardinal Village Free Will Baptist Church came in. Deacon accepted Christ about a year after we joined the Church. The four years we were with the Church, we served there. We moved back to Kansas in 2008. It took us a few years to find a Church that felt like home. A church Where God wanted us. God led us to First Southern Baptist Church where God has worked in our lives and brought us closer to Him. Serving with this Church and helping the community has been a blessing.



Bread of Life Food Ministry

Bread of life will distribute food boxes on December 17th. We will fill boxes with items that will make a Christmas Dinner, and usual items from our grocery list. I have included our shopping list on the next page. The items that are bold are specific for this December food

give-away. If you would like to help pack food boxes, please be at the Church at 10:00 am. We will start packing boxes at 10:30 am, distribution will be from 11:00 am till noon.

Janna Davis

The Deacon's Corner

Greetings church family! Are you as excited as I am that the temperatures have started falling and it is finally feeling like Fall in Kansas? The crisp morning air and the warm afternoon breezes are most certainly welcome after weeks of 90 and 100 degree weather. Let us continue to pray that God sends us well needed moisture to replenish our ponds and help fall plantings to get adequately established. The falling temperatures also remind us of a couple of important giving opportunities that are part of church life here at FSBC El Dorado. Currently, our church is receiving offerings for the "Church Forward " campaign sponsored by the Kansas Nebraska Convention. These offerings used to be called Viola Webb and they are used to support ongoing ministries between the two states in our convention. New church plants and helping finance college campus ministries are just a couple of ways that our gifts and offerings are put to work. Later this Fall, our church will participate in another important giving campaign. Many of you look forward to giving to the "Lottie Moon" Christmas offering. This special offering goes to the IMB or

International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our missionaries on the field around the world receive portions of these love offerings collected by hundreds of Southern Baptist Churches around the country, allowing them to continue serving on the mission field without worrying about how they will take care of their families. Our own missionary family, the Wints, who recently visited our church in August, have testified on more than one occasion of the blessing of being recipients of the faithful giving of Southern Baptist church families to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

If these types of giving opportunities are new to you, then let me share one other important piece of information. Our church, along with hundreds other like-minded Southern Baptist Churches from around the country, participate in the Cooperative Program. Through the Cooperative Program (CP), Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries. Our church gives 6% of all of our general offerings to the Cooperative Program. What

that means is that \$6 of every \$100 given to the church through your tithes and offerings goes to support ongoing programs that share the love of Jesus to a lost and hurting world. Because this program is cooperative, every church can give proportionally to the program regardless of the size of the church. Growing up in an outside denomination, this concept was quite new to me when I became a member of First Southern Baptist Church. In my previous church background, foreign missionaries did not receive this type of support. It is thrilling for me to know that in a small way, I am able to participate in such an important endeavor. It truly feels like co-laborers rolling up their sleeves for a common purpose and it stretches the dollars of small churches combined with the money from larger churches to truly impact the world for Christ! Exciting, isn't it? For more information about the Cooperative Program, the special offerings, or any other way you may serve in this local body of believer, you may talk to me, one of the other Deacons, or Pastor David. Until next time, God Bless.

Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons

Thank You For Serving!

Wednesday Night Meals

- **10/12** Donna G.
- **10-19** Laura & Deb
- **10/26** Janna D.
- **11/2 OCC Packing party, no meal.**
- **11/9** Laura & Deb
- **11/16** Donna Gragg
- **11/23 No programs, Thanksgiving**
- **11/30** Janna Davis
- **12/7** Cindy Rhodes
- **12/14** Laura & Deb
- **12/21 & 12/28 No programs**

Food Pantry Grocery List (Christmas Edition):

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| • Cereal | • Pasta Sauce |
| • Peanut Butter | • Mac & Cheese |
| • Jelly | • Ramen noodles |
| • Rice | • Yams |
| • Canned Vegetables | • Cranberry sauce |
| • Canned Fruit | • Instant potatoes |
| • Canned Beans | • Dessert Items |
| • Canned Meat | |
| • Pasta | |

FSBC

Kid's Ministries

First Southern Baptist Church
200 Oil Hill Road, El Dorado, KS 316-321-3465

November 2022

A Trip Through the 66 Books of the Bible

"Route 66"

Dear Parents,

Your child is going on the trip of a lifetime! On Wednesday evenings we are introducing them to more of the wonders of the Word and an adventure that can be found in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Each week we will introduce children to a different book or group of books in the Bible. They will learn about the author, the time frame, the key people, and the book's purpose.

We are asking the children to start committing Bible facts to memory: How many books are there in the Bible? 66. How many books are in the Old Testament? 39. How many books are in the New Testament? 27. We are asking them to recite the books of the Bible in order, and learn key Bible verses. We have actions and songs to help them learn these facts. We encourage you to help your child reach these achievements. A key element to this study is having your child bring their Bible to church. If your child needs a Bible, please contact Ms. Paula at 316-321-3465.

This will be a trip of a lifetime for all of us!
In His Service,

Paula Moore

316-321-3465 or

316-258-6596

No meal served Nov. 2nd! And no class on Nov. 23rd

"God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right."



Transportation

Does your child need a ride?

Transportation is provided to and from the church on Sundays and Wednesdays. A completed consent form is required, and you will need to contact the bus phone number (316-452-3595) by 9:00pm Saturday and 4:00pm on Wednesday in order to reserve a spot. This includes those only needing a ride home. **YOUR SPOT MUST BE RESERVED.** We are currently working on the most efficient routes to get your child home in a timely manner.

FSBC 316-321-3465

Paula Moore 316-258-6596

Bus Line 316-452-3594

FB FSBC El Dorado Children's Ministry



NOVEMBER 2022

30 5 PM Women's Bible Study	31 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	1 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	2 6:30 Bible Study for all ages 6:30 pm OCC Shoebox Packing party	3	4 Michelle Spivey	5
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—Set your clocks back 1 hour Kat Heubner, Karen Drake A-Team 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	7 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	8 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	9 Malia Hayes 6:30 Bible Study for all ages	10	11	12
13 Jeffrey Thomas, Johnathan Thomas 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	14 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	15 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	16 Rod Luehrs 6:30 Bible Study for all ages	17 Rebecca Boender Newsletter Items Due 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	18	19
14th-21st— Shoebox Collections						
20 Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	21 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	22 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	23	24 Alexander Boender THANKSGIVING	25	26 Jessica Zumalt
27 David & Julie Hill 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	28 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	29 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	30 6:30 Bible Study for all ages	1	2	3

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

DECEMBER 2022

27 David & Julie Hill 5 pm—Women's Bible Study	28 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	29 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	30 6:30 Bible Study for all ages	1	2 Olivia Baca	3
4 Holidays' Meal, Annual Meeting 5pm—Women's Bible Study	5 Mark Wint	6 David Crook	7	8	9	10 Dianna Stroer, Paula Moore
11 Penny Nielsen Children's Program 5pm—Women's Bible Study	12 Kinley Nielsen	13	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting	16	17 Glenna Wise, John Meister 11am-Noon Bread of Life Food Ministry
18 Cookie Exchange	19	20 Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint	21	22 Jerry & Sandy DeWitt	23	24 6:30 Christmas Eve Services
25 Christmas Services 10 am No Sunday School	26 Susan Ballard, Tom Edwards	27	28 Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson	29	30	31 Barry & Sue Mohler
No Regular office Hours—By Appointment Only						

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd—Olivia Baca
 5th—Mark Wint
 6th—David Crook
 10th—Dianna Stroer, Paula Moore
 11th—Penny Nielsen
 12th—Kinley Nielsen
 17th—Glenna Wise, John Meister
 20th—Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint
 22nd—Jerry & Sandy DeWitt
 26th—Susan Ballard, Tom Edwards
 28th—Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson
 31st—Barry & Sue Mohler

December Events

Sundays 9:30 am—Sunday School
Sundays 10:45 am—Worship
Sundays 5pm—Women's Bible Study
Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study
 4th—Holidays' Meal, Annual Meeting
 11th—Children's Program
 15th—Newsletter Articles Due
 15th—5:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
 17th—11am-Noon Bread of Life Food Ministry
 18th—Cookie Exchange
 24th—6:30 Christmas Eve Services
 25th—Christmas Services 10 am No Sunday School
SAVE THE DATE: JAN 28, 2023 WILD GAME FEED