



# FSBC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF EL DORADO KANSAS FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH  
JANUARY 2023

## Youth

Happy New Year!!! May God bless you richly in 2023!!!

Our youth will continue to work through the New Testament on Sunday mornings. We are learning a lot as we walk through each book and take the nuggets of truth and apply them to our lives.

When youth group starts back up in January, we will be studying God. Gifts. You: Your Unique Calling and Design by Shirley Giles Davis. It will help us to learn what gifts to use to put into practice the one another's that we've been studying this fall.

The 17th of February the youth will go to Winter Jam. This night is always a highlight as we join together with thousands of other youth groups and families to worship God through a variety of musical genres.

Please pray for God to move in students' hearts to grow closer to Him, and begin praying for Super Summer 2023.

In Christ,  
Lisa Crook

### Wednesday Night Meals

1st Wednesday—Cindy R.

2nd Wednesday—Laura L. & Deb S.

3rd Wednesday—Donna Gragg

4th Wednesday—Janna D.

5th Wednesday—Deb R. & Karen L.

**01/04** Cindy Rhodes, **01/11** Laura & Deb, **01/18** Donna G., **01/25** Janna

**02/01** Cindy Rhodes, **02/08** Deb & Laura, **02/15** Donna Gragg, **02/22** Janna

### January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st—David Baca

5th—Austin Prewit, Sophie  
Simpson

7th—Kevin Tarrant

8th—Willie Spivey

16th—Nathan and Nancy Wright

17th—Gloria Tucker

20th—Walter Shepherd

22nd—Debbie Reinert

24th—Jakiyah Warren

25th—Lisa Crook

### February Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd—Matthew Wint

3rd—Cory Gill

5th—Vicki Peacock

8th—Tyler Luehrs

9th—Tyson Nielsen

15th— Dan Sherman, Trenton  
Davis

17th—Marty Kincade

21st—Joanie Baker

25th—Aidan Davis

# Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! Happy New Year Church!

With a new year upon us, what are your predictions? Will 2023 be the year of Christ's return? Do you think things in our world will finally turn for the better after a few years of increasing woes? Do you expect inflation to continue to rise and make our pocketbooks tremble? Do you believe the prophecies of famine, war, and economic collapse? Or do you anticipate that no matter what happens in the world around you, your God will hold you fast?

The new year is always a good time to set a few spiritual goals for your coming year. It's a great time to decide on a Bible reading plan, such as reading it through in a year, or one New Testament chapter and a Psalm and a Proverb a day, etc. The YouVersion Bible app has hundreds of great plans that you can use on your smartphone. I encourage you to pick a plan and faithfully follow it every day to see what God does in holding you fast.

I recently heard an interview with prolific Christian author Max Lucado. He said that as we approach the return of Christ and times get more difficult to navigate, the primary skill we will need is listening to the Holy Spirit. How have your quiet times with God impacted your sensitivity to God's leadings? Perhaps we all need to spend more time in prayerful listening this year to grow that skill in our lives.

My final challenge for us this new year involves increasing our labors for the Kingdom of God. We all know that He wants more than just our attendance at worship services or our faithful giving. Jesus emphasizes our labor for His Kingdom. We are to be witnesses, evangelists, teachers, missionaries. In other words, we need to tell others about our King! If He is returning soon, then people need to know Him; and He is counting on you and me to let them know.

How do we do that? I'm glad you asked. Dr. Larry Moyer will be teaching us how during our Sunday School hour on January 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will be here at 9:30 for that training. Dr. Moyer is the evangelist we are bringing from Texas to help our church share the Gospel with our outdoors community at our Wild Game Feast.

Have you found your way to help with the Wild Game Feast yet?

- ♦ Are you praying for God to draw lost persons to Himself by name?
- ♦ Do you have pictures of outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing to share with us?
- ♦ Can you cook wild game or a side dish?
- ♦ Are you telling others and helping them get tickets?
- ♦ Can you help with security or food service or decorations or admissions?
- ♦ Do you have an outdoor talent to share with others?
- ♦ Do you have a gun or other item of interest to outdoors enthusiasts to donate?

Please let our team know that they can count on you to help.

If we could accurately predict anything for this new year, it would be that we will have to work harder together to build the Kingdom before our King returns!

Pastor David



Get tickets here



**January 28th, 2023**  
**5-8:30 pm**



# The Deacon's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Church family. As we celebrate the season, we should be so joyous because our Lord and Savior became one of us and was born of a Virgin so long ago, fulfilling the ancient prophecies. Our children, in their wonderful Christmas program, so beautifully reminded us of how Jesus came to us in the form of a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Gospel of Luke records that the lowliest of society, the shepherds, were the first to receive the news of the Savior of the Earth arriving on the scene. Can you put yourself in the place of the shepherds? Imagine the bright lights and noise awakening the countryside as the hosts of heaven proclaimed the birth of Jesus. I am not sure if the shepherds fully appreciated that they were the first to hear the wonderful news, but I know that they were overjoyed to witness the ancient prophecy coming true before their very eyes. A life-changing proclamation from Heaven announcing that a Savior, their Savior had been born in Bethlehem. Today, as we close out 2022, that timeless message of the Savior of all mankind being born should still fill us with the same sort of awe. We possess the most wonderful news ever, but will we be willing to share it with others?

In a little over a month, our church is hosting a Wild Game Feast. Larry Moyer, a hunting and outdoors enthusiast, is coming to share his story of a hunting life and how the Gospel story has changed his life. We all know friends, coworkers, and/or family members who are hunters. They will love hearing Larry Moyer's hunting stories. If they come, they will have opportunities to win prizes. But most of all, if they come, they will hear the life-changing Christmas story proclaimed. Also, please join us on Wednesday, December 28. We are going to assemble here at our church at 6:30 that evening to pray for the event. This will be a chance for all of us to gather and collectively pray for the event and for lives to be forever changed.

Rod Luehrs  
Chairman of the Deacons

# Upcoming Events

## January

- 2nd—Office Closed
- 4th—Wednesday night programs resume
- 7th—10:00 am Breakfast and un-decorating party  
(1st Saturday after New Years)
- 8th—Potluck (Soups & Salads), "A-Team"  
(2nd Sunday of Each month)
- 11th—Newsletter Items due  
(Thursday after A-Team)
- 15th—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 16th—Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
- 19th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting  
(Third Thursday of each month)
- 22nd—Youth Sunday
- 23rd—SCASB Executive Board
- 24th—31st Laura Out of Office  
(Tuesday before through the Tuesday after the last Friday of January)
- 28th—5 pm-8:30 pm Wild Game Feed at the 4H building
- 29th—Guest Pastor Larry Moyer

## February

- 10th—Parent's Day Out  
(Saturday Before Valentine's Day)
- 12th—No Potluck, "A-Team" (BYOL)  
(2nd Sunday of each month)
- 16th—Newsletter Items Due  
5:30 Facilities Team Meeting (3rd Thursday)
- 17th—Winter Jam
- 18th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-12)
- 20th—President's Day Office Closed
- 24th—6:00 pm Valentine's Banquet

## March

- 3rd & 4th—Man Up Conference
- 5th-9th—Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- 12th—Daylight Savings Time begins  
Potluck, "A-Team" (2nd Sunday)
- 13th-18th—Spring Break (Local Schools)
- 15th—No Programs
- 16th—Newsletter Items Due  
5:30 Facilities Team (3rd Thursday)
- 26th—VBS recruiting Sunday  
(Last Sunday of March)
- 24th—SCASB Executive Board Meeting
- 25th—Spring Cleaning Day



# Member Spotlight

## Member Highlight Questions:

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?



My name is Christine Brickley. We joined FSBC when John Harms was pastor, about 5 years ago. John Brickley and I have been married 42 years. We have four sons, four daughters, and thirty one grandkids. I am blessed to be home full time and spend most days making sure my grandkids know they are loved.

I love teaching kids four years - twelve years old that God is real, God has the best plan for their lives, and God can be fun! John and I welcome helpers to assist in crafts and puppets.

My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 39:7 "My only hope is in you." When I was born, my parents had accepted Christ and picked my name in honor of this. My family were members of FSBC till I was twelve. When I was seven, my best friend accepted Christ on a Sunday morning. I went home with questions. God used my parents to open my eyes to the fact that I needed rescue, there would be a judgment, Christ died to forgive me, He rose, and is Lord. I went forward that same Sunday evening and prayed to receive Christ. Johnny Mehaffey was leading music. This was 1970. Pastor Eddie Webber met with me for six weeks until he felt assurance that I was ready to be baptized. God is my primary hero, and I thank him for sending me my secondary hero, John Brickley, when I was sixteen. John has washed me with the Word and made me laugh every day since then.



# Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Another new year has come, and I thank God for it. I am excited to see God work this year not only through OCC but in our lives. Thank you each again for your generous support with this ministry that reaches children all over the world. Because of you, these boxes will help our brothers and sisters around the world reach children and be able to share the love of God with them using these simple gifts. Be in prayer for the outreach events that will take place and the little hearts who will receive these boxes and hear the gospel.

## Giving God the Glory with 200 Million Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse President, Franklin Graham, encouraged volunteers and staff at the Charlotte Processing Center in North Carolina during a community celebration event on Dec. 3. The event celebrated a historic Operation Christmas Child milestone: **200 million shoebox** gifts packed since the project began in 1993. We are thankful to God for all the boys and girls around the world who have had an opportunity to hear the Good News that "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Franklin Graham shared how Operation Christmas Child began in 1993 when he received a call from a

man in England asking his help on behalf of children in war-torn Bosnia. The Englishman specifically asked for shoeboxes filled with gifts to deliver to these boys and girls at Christmas. Samaritan's Purse was already working in Bosnia, and Graham was excited to help.

Graham called his friend, the late Ross Rhoads, who was serving as senior pastor of Calvary Church in Charlotte. He asked if Ross and his wife, Carol, could fill a shoebox with items for a child, show it to their congregation, and ask them to do the same.

Calvary packed 11,000 shoebox gifts, and combining these gifts with more from our Canadian affiliate office, Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in Bosnia that year.

"I thank all of you who come and volunteer. We couldn't do this project without you," Graham said. "We never dreamed we'd have an army of Christian men and women who would come at Christmas to make this program happen."

Graham then welcomed to the stage the individual who packed that very first shoebox all those years ago—Paula Woodring, who is now Samaritan's Purse executive vice president.

"It was a privilege to pack that first box," she said. "It was evident

God was in this. He was doing something beyond us—and He still is."

After packing boxes that first year, Graham knew that this project had to be more than only giving presents. "We're wasting our time if all we're doing is giving a gift to a kid. We have to make sure that they understand the purpose of Christmas," he said. "That became our goal—to be sure that every child who received a box heard the Gospel. There's Holy Spirit-filled power in that message. He uses the Gospel to change hearts. We want the children of the world to know this."

Children who receive an Operation Christmas Child shoebox at an outreach event learn about God during a Gospel presentation and receive a copy of The Greatest Gift storybook, which is a collection of 11 Scripture stories. Children are also invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program for shoebox recipients.

Karen Leibbrandt

## January OCC Shopping List

Hats

Scarves

Gloves

Any good "after Christmas deals"

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<b>1</b> David Baca	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wednesday Night Programs Resume	<b>5</b> Austin Prewit, Sophie Simpson	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Kevin Tarrant 10 am Breakfast and undecorating party
<b>8</b> Willie Spivey Potluck (Soups & Salads), "A-Team"	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Newsletter Items due	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	<b>16</b> Nathan and Nancy Wright MLK Day, Office Closed	<b>17</b> Gloria Tucker	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	<b>20</b> Walter Shepherd	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Debbie Reinert Youth Sunday	<b>23</b> SCASB Executive Board	<b>24</b> Jakiyah Warren	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Wild Game Feed (4H building)
Laura Out of Office						
<b>29</b> Guest Pastor Larry Moyer	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
Laura Out of Office						

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (Steve R. Driver)
12/25	Sandy & Diana	NONE	TBD	Rod, Glenna, Laura	12/28	Cory
1/1	Steve & Cory	Ms. Paula	Cindy R., Johnie G.	Johnie, Deb, Penny	1/4	Cory
1/8	Linnie	Ms. Paula	Janna D., Zara T.	Johnie, Diane, Shawn	1/11	Cory
1/15	Deb & Jackie	Ms. Paula	Donna G., Julie H.I	Johnie, Ulala, Susan	1/18	Cory
1/22	Sandy & Dianna	Ms. Paula	Glenna W., Keith A.	Johnie, Glenna, Laura	1/25	Cory
1/29	Steve & Cory	NONE	Gloria T., John B.	Johnie, Deb, Penny	2/1	Cory

Wednesday Nights, Steve Rhodes Driver, Cory G. Monitor

Sandy Dewitt—Bus Coordinator, John Brickley—Nursery Coordinator



# FEBRUARY 2023

			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Matthew Wint	<b>3</b> Cory Gill	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Vicki Peacock	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Tyler Luehrs	<b>9</b> Tyson Nielsen	<b>10</b> Parent's Day Out	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 12:30 "A-Team" (BYOL) (NO Potluck)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis	<b>16</b> Newsletter Items Due 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	<b>17</b> Winter Jam	<b>18</b> 10-12 Bread of Life Food ministry
<b>19</b> <b>Building Reserved</b>	<b>20</b> President's Day—Office Closed	<b>21</b> Joanie Baker	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm Valentine's Banquet	<b>25</b> Aidan Davis
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

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2-5	Linnie & Cory	Brickley	Karen Leibbrandt	Deb, Laura, Rod	2/8	Cory
2/12	Deb & Jackie	Brickley	Dianna Stroer	Deb, Diane, Shawn	2/15	Cory
2/19	Sandy & Dianna	Brickley	Gloria Tucker	Deb, Glenna, Susan	2/22	Cory
2/26	Steve & Cory	NONE	Keith Anderson	Deb, Ulala, Laura	3/1	Cory

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# FSBC Kid's Ministries

First Southern Baptist Church

200 Oil Hill Road, El Dorado, KS 316-321-3465

Bus line 316-452-3594 Paula Moore 316-258-6596



## Happy New Year!

Welcome to the new year! As with any new year, I have two things that I need: a new calendar for the upcoming year and a new notebook to write appointments and other information. A clean notebook helps me remember the significance we place on a new year as a fresh start, a new year to live a life dedicated to God. In Ephesians 4:23, the Bible tells us, "Our hearts and minds must be made completely new." Let's look forward to this new year! We will need three things to help have a great year. I am going to give you three things that begin with the letter C to look up: **commitment**, **concentrate**, and **constant**.

1. We will need commitment. Just as you have to pick up a pen or pencil and decide to write in a new notebook, you must also decide to make this year count. You make a commitment, a promise, to live a better, fuller, richer Christian life.
2. We will need to concentrate on what your contributions will be. What exactly will you write in the new book? What will you do to live a more dedicated Christian life? You need to think of ways to make your commitment count: helping people, meeting the needs of others, spending more time in prayer, learning more about God, reading our bible and working on an area of weakness.
3. We will need to be constant in our commitment. That means we need to keep it up, to work at it all the time – not start and stop when we please.

Find yourself a new clean notebook. Write the three "C" words in your notebook. Write down how you can make this a wonderful new year for you. It may be something like your schoolwork and grades, some sport you want to excel at, helping someone, being kinder, or even a more devoted life to Jesus through prayer, reading your bible, or helping others.

Whatever you choose, remember to: Commit to it, Concentrate on what will be your contribution, and be Constant in your commitment – keep it up.  
Happy New Year!

In His Service,  
Ms. Paula

I hope you had a chance to see the kids perform their Christmas Pageant, "The King's Birthday". If not, it is available on the church's Facebook page, First Southern Baptist Church, El Dorado, KS. The kids did a terrific job and truly understood the story of our Savior's Birth.

### BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

We will be finishing up our journey through the Old Testament and begin the intro into the New Testament this semester. The kids are doing a great job with memorizing the names of the books of the Bible. Please continue to help them with this skill. Ask them to sing the song they are learning!



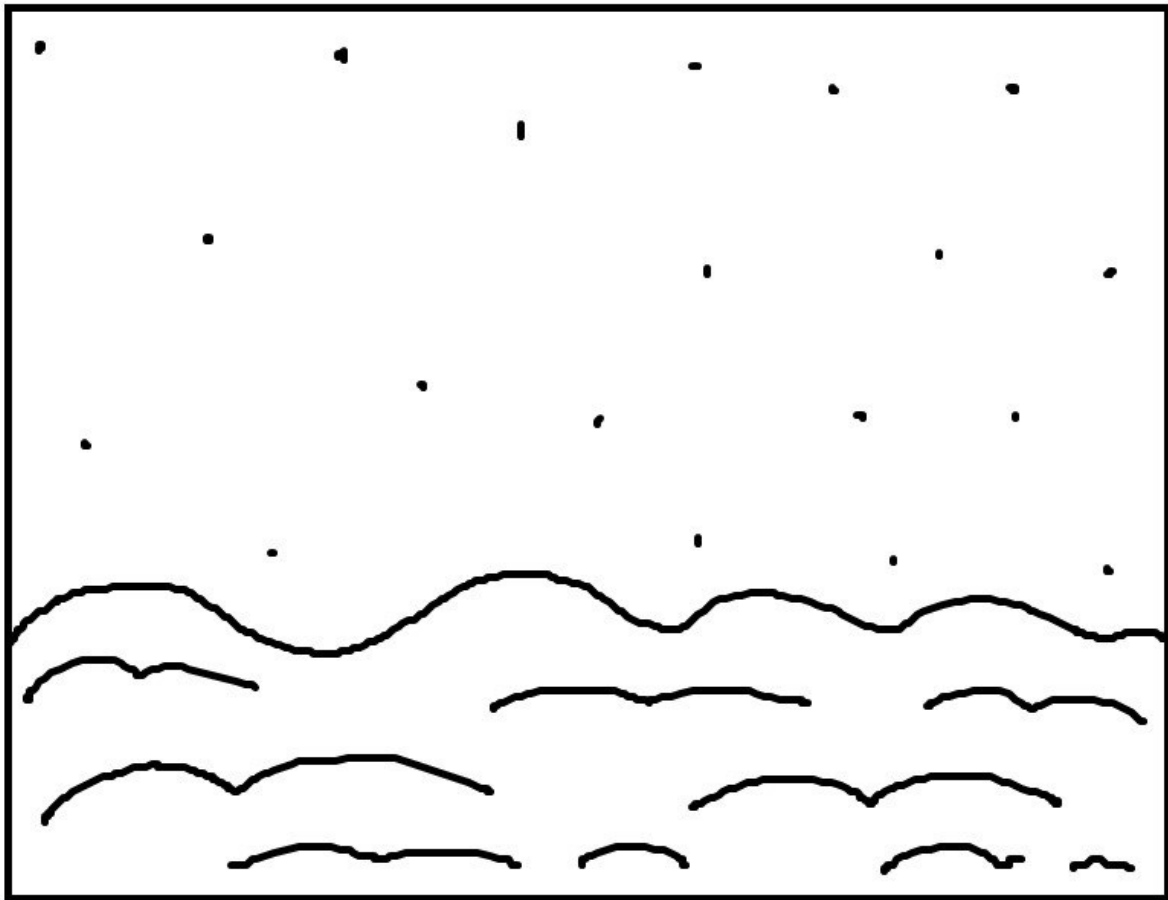
Emma Stroer, Angelina Loyd, Sophia Baca, DJ Baca, and Aidan Davis.

A special thank you to the youth for helping with the Christmas Pageant. They were terrific!

"and be renewed in the spirit of your mind" Ephesians 4:23

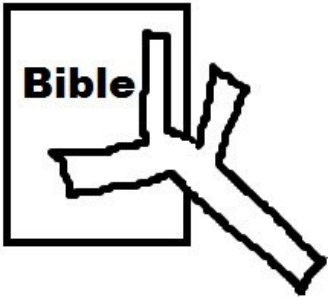
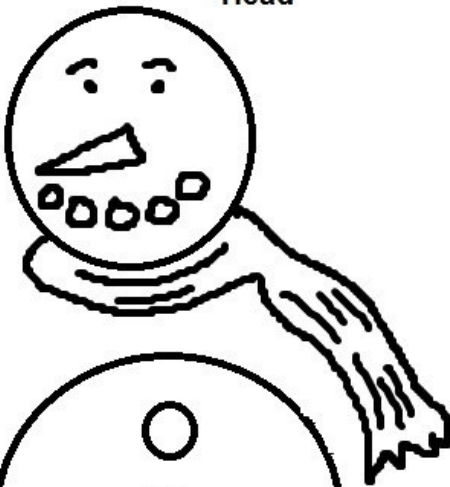


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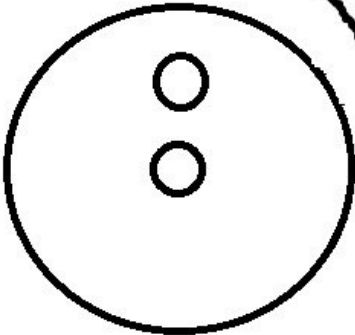
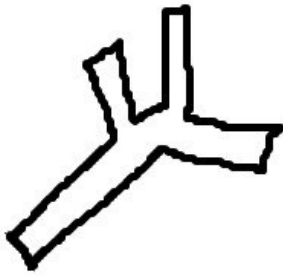


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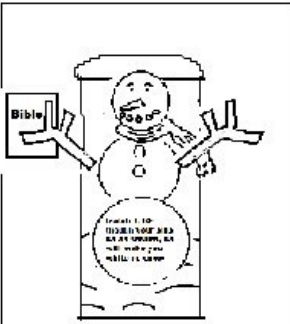
Arms



Middle body



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body



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