



Pastor's Pen

Happy Easter Church! I love you Church!

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most powerful event in human history. It is the divine stamp of approval on the life and sacrifice of the Son of God. It is the first-fruit demonstration and verification of the hope we confidently hold for when we, too, experience death. Personally, it is the foundational evidence that my faith is not wishfully attached to some religious thought or system but securely attached to a real and living God.

We can learn from an encounter that Peter had with the resurrected Jesus that His resurrection power extends to another marvelous reach into our lives today. In the 21st chapter of John, the resurrected Jesus eats with his disciples and has a powerful conversation with Peter. Three times Jesus asks Peter if Peter loves Him. Peter answers three times. Three times Jesus gives Peter a job to do.

Now, remember the background. Peter had publicly failed by thrice denying (even with profanity) even knowing Jesus - the man who was his Lord, teacher, and best friend in his hour of need. The guilt and shame rocked Peter's confidence. When it mattered most that Peter step up for God, he hid and bailed. Surely Satan was not going to let him have any peace about such a massive failure! He would not sleep. He got depressed. His self-worth was at an all-time low. He might as well go back to his old way of living, cozying up to his bad habits. God would never be able to use Him again. He needed recovery, to undergo some authentic character changes.

Enter the best sponsor/accountability partner Peter would ever find: the risen Lord! Jesus sought Peter out, fed him (vv. 4-14), and showed him compassion, before he moved to confrontation. Then Jesus took Peter aside to help him face his pain and shame (vv. 15-17). Jesus called Peter to evaluate his love for

Him. Jesus did not accept Peter's excuses. Jesus sent Peter to step out of his miserable failure and start ministering to others (vv. 15-19). Finally, after getting Peter's head straightened out, Jesus gave Peter the tools to take the first step toward recovery and wholeness: "Follow Me" (vv. 19,22)

And there it is! The very same glorious power of the resurrection (bringing life out of death) is available to us for living our once-broken, self-condemned, guilt-and-shame-ridden life following close to Jesus and useful for ministry to people! Wow! The cross dealt with the sin and the empty tomb provides the restoration! What excuse do you ever have to not serve Jesus now?

By the way, if you can think of one, there is a group for that meeting Tuesday nights at 6:30.

Pastor David Crook

Deacon's Corner

Greetings Church Family! Spring is in the air. Tulip bulbs are sending up their chutes and the flowers will soon begin blooming. Cool season lawns are starting to show signs of awakening. It won't be too long before we hear the sounds of lawn mowers in our neighborhoods. It is during this time of year that many begin thinking out the chore list of things that have been put off during the winter months. Thoughts of Spring cleaning come to mind. There is excitement that comes from thinking about these spring-time projects. There can also be a sense of being overwhelmed as one begins to look at the list of chores that need to be completed. I remember Spring cleaning chores in my family meant everyone pitched in, and the long list for one became much more manageable when everyone joined together to complete the task. My wife would remind the boys and myself that "many hands make light work."

Like our individual households, our church will take stock from time to time of the things that need to be fixed or cleaned to get our facilities in good working order. We have a fantastic facilities team that does a great job of caring for our church building and parsonage, but like our homes, there are times where the family comes together, rolls up their sleeves, and gets busy on the projects that may have been put off for a while. Such is the case for the last Saturday in March. We are having a church clean-up day. The Pastor recently preached on the importance of fellowship among the body of Christ. Working together in service of the Kingdom is one way of practicing fellowship. The "A-Team" recently compiled a list of jobs that need to be completed to "spruce" up the ministry tool that God has blessed us with. Would you join me and many others to help during this special event? There are plenty of jobs to choose from, and like any good Baptist "fellowship" there will likely be snacks.

For some, this may be your first opportunity to serve in our church. God has blessed our church with many new faces over the last several Sundays. It has been exciting to walk by our new members' class to see and hear discussions on ways to serve the body. We are all gifted with different talents, skills, and passions. When we utilize those talents, skills, and passions in service to our King, others are blessed and we are blessed with a fulfillment unlike any other. However, there may be some who are

looking for that area where they can best serve. I am reminded of the Experiencing God study by Henry and Richard Blackaby. In that study, the Blackabys remind us that "God is always at work around you," and that God invites you to become involved with Him in His work. Clearly God is at work at FSBC. Would you join others in becoming involved in God's exciting Kingdom work?

Chairman of the Deacons
Rod Luehrs

April Events

Camp Fundraiser (all month)

- 2nd—Palm Sunday
Children's Special
- 7th—Noon Good Friday Community Service
Parking lot at First United Methodist Church
- 9th—Easter 7:00 am Sunrise Service
9:00 am Potluck Breakfast
10:30 Worship and Children's Celebration
- 14th--15th—Glow for girls 1st-6th Grade
- 15th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-12)
- 16th—Kid's Poptarts, PJs and Praise Party
A-Team (No Potluck)
- 19th—by 9:00 am—Newsletter Items Due
- 20th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
- 24th—SCASB Executive Board Meeting
- 30th—Youth Sunday (Every 5th Sunday)

May Events

- 4th—National Day of Prayer
- 7th—Potluck, "A-Team"
- 10th—Last Wednesday night kids' Program for Summer, Youth Mission Impossible
- 14th—Mothers' Day
Graduation Sunday
- 17th—School's Out Bash (after school)
- 17th—by 9:00 am—Newsletter items due
- 18th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
(third Thursday)
- 29th—Memorial Day, Office Closed
- June 5th-9th VBS 9am till Noon**

Operation Christmas Child

A new month means a new item to collect for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes we pack in November. In April, we are focusing on hygiene items. Also, you can pack your own box anytime of the year. You can also pack one online at www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox Below is a story from the Ukraine, where the 200 millionth shoebox was delivered.

Franklin Graham Visits War-Torn Ukraine with 200 Millionth Shoebox Gift

For the first time in many years, Ukrainian Elizabeth Groff returned to her home country, joining Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham on Jan. 25 to celebrate and deliver the 200 millionth Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift to the war-torn country.

The milestone event, marking 30 years since the Samaritan's Purse project started in 1993, also marks nearly one year since the invasion of Ukraine last winter. And it's been nearly a year since Samaritan's Purse responded with relief, sending more than 40 DC-8 airlifts to provide the devastated country with emergency food, medical care, and relief supplies.

Last week's DC-8 airlift carried more supplies and personnel to assist in our continued work in the country. And, in addition, the flight also carried dozens of prayerfully packed shoebox gifts, including the 200 millionth, which Groff was excited to deliver, herself, to a young girl in need.

She remembers receiving her own shoebox gift as a child during a time she described as "rock bottom."

"I was alone. I felt lost. That is where Jesus met me. He didn't leave me there," she said. "He showed me that He loved and cared for me through a simple gift—through a shoebox. These children are receiving the news of the Greatest Gift of All, the eternal love and hope of Jesus. I think about when I

received my box and how it changed my life. That's my prayer for these children. I want them to know Jesus and remember this special day for the rest of their lives."

Graham and Groff, joined by news anchor Greta Van Susteren, greeted the 75 children gathered in one of our many Ukrainian partner churches. Franklin was able to remind the children of God's love for them.

"Did you know that the Bible tells us that God loves us, and that everyone is special to Him?" Graham told the children. "God knows your name. He knows how many hairs that you have on your head. He knows everything about your life—and He loves you! And the Bible tells us that God loves us so much that He sent His Son from Heaven to this earth to save us."

Local teachers and pastors also walked the children through the Gospel using The Greatest Gift booklet, introducing them to Jesus Christ. Then Van Susteren counted down—in Ukrainian. Odyn! Dva! Try! (One! Two! Three!)

As the children began opening their boxes, Groff walked the milestone 200 millionth shoebox to a 8-year-old girl named Natalya, an orphan. That same shoebox had traveled across the United States with Groff who made stops at our ministry centers and at local churches to place specially selected items inside.

"This gift is for you from God," Groff told the little girl, whose eyes brightened with surprise at the special attention. She immediately zeroed in on the bright-yellow wind-up flashlight included among the items. "He has picked everything in it especially for you."

Samaritan's Purse will distribute more than 400,000 more Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts throughout Ukraine this year. This

year also, at least 120,000 Ukrainian children will participate in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson discipleship program for shoebox recipients.

Graham said that the ongoing relief efforts of Samaritan's Purse in the war-torn nation and our vibrant ministry through Operation Christmas Child are a testament to God's power at work through many faithful churches in Ukraine and surrounding countries.

"The need here is incredible. We're here to deliver these shoeboxes but also to meet with our church partners," Graham said. "The war has destroyed so much of this country, but the churches see this as an opportunity to reach out and to help their neighbors and do it in Jesus' Name. We have several thousand churches in Ukraine that we've been working with for 30 years. I can't control the politics, but I can control who I help, and we help whoever God puts in front of us. The only hope for this world is Jesus Christ." Please pray that these Gospel seeds sown in faith will yield a bountiful harvest.

Thanks!
Karen Leibbrandt

Items to collect for April: *Hygiene items*

- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Combs/brushes
- Bar soap
- Wash clothes
- Nail clippers
- Stick deodorant
- Non liquid lip balm
- Adhesive bandages
- Compact mirror (ones that fold)
- Washable/reusable menstrual pads

FSBC Kid's Ministries

First Southern Baptist Church
200 Oil Hill Road, Eldorado, KS
316-321-3465
Bus Line 316-452-3594
Paula Moore 316-258-6596

ASK GOD FOR A MIRACLE!

Have you ever had anything tough or bad happen to you? Maybe you've had to move to a new school, or you've had an argument with a friend, or you talked back to a parent and they took away a privilege. There were two ladies in the Bible who were very upset because of something that happened in their lives. Mary and Mary Magdalene had cried lots and lots of tears over the death of someone very special to them. It was Jesus. They had watched people being very cruel to Jesus. They had witnessed others making fun of Him, spitting on Him, beating Him, and pressing a crown of thorns into His head. Mary and Mary Magdalene felt much pain from the death of their Savior. During their time of sorrow, the ladies must have had many thoughts of what they had learned from Jesus' life and teachings. Jesus had shown them how to pray. During the days following Jesus' death, Mary and Mary probably spent many hours praying. On the third day after the crucifixion, the ladies had prepared spices to anoint Jesus' body. Imagine how shocked they were when they arrived at the tomb and it was empty. They were terrified! But in their fear, God had a plan. Jesus had risen from the dead!! He was alive! Sure, Mary and Mary had to endure some painful things, but God let them be a part of an incredible miracle. When something bad happens to you, pray and ask God for a miracle! God has a neat way of turning our problems into His miracles.

In His Service,
Ms. Paula



FSBC Easter Celebration

- 7 am SONrise Service at the Bandshell
- 9 am Potluck Breakfast at FSBC
- 10:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Children's Easter Celebration

Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

This celebration will include a Bible lesson, fun activities, snack time, and an Easter Egg Hunt!

April

2nd: Palm Sunday Children's Special

9th: Easter Celebrations

14-15th: Girl's GLOW

(1st-6th grade)

16th: Poptarts and PJs Sunday

9:30-10:30 am

May

10th: Last Wednesday night Kid's Program

14th: Mother's Day

17th: School's Out Bash at FSBC!

June

5th-9th VBS

12th-16th: Kid's Camp (4th-6th grade)



Camp Fundraiser for the month of April



FLOCKING!

Contact Ms. Paula for more info!



Poptarts, PJs, and Praise Party!

Join us Sunday, April 16th at 9:30 am in the Children's Wing at FSBC. We will have PopTarts, milk, juice and fruit for the kids that come. Wear your comfy modest PJs and your craziest slippers/socks and be a part of this fun event!

We are currently seeking volunteers for our **Rocky Railway VBS** on June 5th-9th, 9am-Noon. Helpers are needed for: publicity in the neighborhoods, leading kids, teaching, games, singing, feeding the kids, donating certain foods, decorating, tearing down, prayer partners, greeters, bus drivers, and follow ups.

Can only spare 1 day? No problem! We've got a place for you !!!

Online registration begins in May. Special incentive to those that register before May 21st.

Contact Ms. Paula or FSBC



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel"

Romans 1:16a

Youth News

Super Summer sign up has begun!!! Below is the information to get your student registered. You will also need to pay the church \$20 to secure your student's spot.

This year's theme is "Word." It will focus on John 1:1-2, 14. Start praying now for God to move in teenagers' hearts and lives!!!

Register:

Parents/campers and sponsors will enter their own registrations online from 3/1/2023 until midnight, June 2, 2023. **The link is now active.**

Enter camper information at this link: knscbevents.org/sscamper

Your Group ID is: **W418753**

- After entering registration details, you will be automatically taken to the online Challenge Course Agreement. **This is a legal document and must be completed by an adult camper or the Parent/guardian of a minor.**
- After registering, you will receive a detailed confirmation email.



You've Been Flocked! Camp Fundraiser

Flamingo fundraising season is here! Flocking begins April 1st! **Here is how it works:** Help support FSBC Youth and Children's groups to raise money for camp this year. For \$20-\$30 suggested donation, you can have a friend or family member "flocked" with flamingos. The

recipient will have the opportunity to choose the next recipient by paying a fee. **There is no fee required to have the flamingos removed**—the flock will be moved after 3 days. **Flocking insurance** is available for \$30.

Questions? Text:
Lisa 785-207-7189
Janna 316-871-0264, or
Paula 316-258-6596

Laura's Learnings

Who am I? In Exodus, God asks Moses to serve him by leading the Israelites out of Egypt. In Exodus 3:11, Moses says, "Who am I . . . ?" God replies in Exodus 3:12, "I will be with you." That is the promise God gives each of us. "I will be with you." If He gives us a task to complete, big or small, He equips us to complete that task. God does not call the qualified, NONE of us are qualified, He qualifies the called. Many times I have heard people utter the "churchy" words "He will not give us anything we can't handle." That is not in the Bible! God does not want us to be self sufficient, and self reliant: He wants us to rely on HIM!

Time after time in the Bible, we see God give His people God sized tasks to do. Each time, God works through them.

Moses doesn't part the Red Sea, God parts the Red Sea. The Israelites follow God's (seemingly crazy) instructions at Jericho, and God causes the walls to crumble. God brings victory to Gideon's tiny army. God rescues Daniel from the lion's den. God brings Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego out of the fiery furnace and they don't even smell of smoke, even though those who threw them in die instantly.

I make so many excuses: I am not good enough. I'm not smart

enough. I don't speak well enough. I don't know the Bible well enough. . . But that's just it! I don't have to be enough, GOD is enough. I don't have to be able, God is able, and I am His. God tells Moses in Exodus 4:12, "Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." Instead of quoting Moses while he is in the midst of self doubt, let us abide in Him, trust in Him, and quote Samuel, "**Here am I.**" 1 Samuel 3:4^b KJV. **Who am I? or Here am I?** What a difference one word can make.

In His Service,
Ms. Laura

APRIL 2023

Camp Fundraiser (all month)						1
2 Palm Sunday Children's Special	3	4 Ulala Prewit, Tom & Vicki Edwards	5 Donna Gragg, Phil & Karen Drake	6	7 Noon Good Friday Community Service (FUMC)	8
9 Karley Faudere Easter 7:00 am SONrise Service 9:00 am Breakfast 10:30 Worship & Children's Celebration	10	11	12	13	14 WCC Board Meeting Glow for girls 1st-6th Grade	15 Bread of Life Food Ministry
16 Kid's Poptarts, PJs & Praise Party A-Team (No Potluck)	17	18	19 9 am Newsletter Items Due	20 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	21	22
23	24 SCASB Executive Board Meeting	25	26	27	28 Johnie & Donna Gragg	29
30 Youth Sunday	Thank you for Serving!					

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus MONITOR (John T. Driver)
4/2	Linnie & Cory	Brickley	Janna D., Julie H.	Johnie G., Deb, Penny	4/5	Cory
4/9	Deb & Cory	Brickley	Diane G., Deb R.	Johnie G., Rod, Laura	4/12	Cory
4/16	Sandy & Cory	Brickley	Johnie G., Dianna S.	Johnie G., Ulala, Shawn	4/19	Cory
4/23	John T. & Cory	Brickley	Donna G., Joe R.	Johnie G., Rod, Susan	4/26	Cory
4/30	Linnie & Cory	NONE	Janna D., Julie H.	Johnie G., Diane, Penny	5/3	Cory

Wednesday Night Meals

1st Wednesday— Carol Mitchell (04-05)

2nd Wednesday—Laura L. & Deb S. (04-12)

3rd Wednesday—Donna Gragg (04-19)

4th Wednesday—Janna D.(04-26)

MAY 2023

30 Youth Sunday	1 Jackie Jackson, Zebediah Hill	2	3 Barry Mohler	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 Vicki Edwards, Steve Rhodes Potluck, "A-Team"	8	9	10 Last Children's Evening Program for Summer, Youth Mission Impossible	11 Glenna Wise, Jessica Gill	12	13
14 Mothers' Day Graduation Sunday	15 Joe Leibbrandt, Pat Leibbrandt	16	17 9 am Newsletter Items Due School's Out Bash	18 Joe Reinert 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	19 Zach Thomas, Zara Thomas	20 Nancy Wright
21	22 Jerry Dewitt	23 Terry Stephens	24	25	26	27 David and Lisa Crook
28	29 Memorial Day, Office Closed	30 Julie Hill	31			

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5/28	Linnie & Cory	NONE	Janna D., Julie H.	Deb S., Diane, Penny		

Wednesday Night Meals

1st Wednesday— Carol Mitchell (05-03)

2nd Wednesday—Laura L. & Deb S. (05-10)