

# FSBC *Messenger*

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
EL DORADO, KS 67042  
MARCH 2023  
SECOND EDITION



## Youth News

Super Summer sign up starts NOW!!! 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. **On 3/1/2023 the link will become active.** It will not work prior to that time.

Enter camper information at this link: [kncsbevents.org/sscamper](https://kncsbevents.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.

### **OCC Items for March:**

- Quality Crafts for boys and girls ages 2 to 14
- Friendship bracelets
- Finger puppets
- Hair bows
- Jump ropes (made from old t-shirts)
- Make it yourself crafts/items (purchased kits or put together yourself)
- Sewing kits with fabric (1 to 2 yds)
- Fishing kits

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **March Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**6th**— Mary & Gene Herrmann

**13th**—Joey Simpson

**15th**—Jenny Frye

**18th**— John Brickley

**20th**—Lexi Simpson

### **April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**4th**—Ulala Prewit

**5th**—Donna Gragg, Phil & Karen Drake

**28th**—Sue Mohler, Johnie & Donna Gragg



# The Deacon's Corner

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of February. Where has the time gone? We planned and prayed for the Wild Game Feast for months, and it has come and gone. The spirit of working together and the fervor for seeing lost souls come to know Jesus hopefully remains. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make the WGF a success. When following up with the guests that I invited, the overall perception that our church left with them was overwhelmingly positive. Let's continue to reinforce these connections by inviting these friends and coworkers to Sunday School, Worship service and other small group events.

Our deacon body continues to seek ways that we may serve our Church family. To the families that are assigned to each of us, we ask you to let us know how we can pray for you. Sometimes we know the challenges that you or your families may be going through, but there are times that we don't. We are just a phone call away. If you are not sure whom the deacon is that you are assigned to, please let me or one of the other deacons know. Also, we want to be able to celebrate with you. If you have special things happening in your life or in your family's life, let us know. It is exciting to be able to offer up praise to our wonderful Lord and Savior. If you have recently started attending FSBC and you are seeking ways to become more involved, there are numerous ways to exercise your spiritual gifts in service to the Kingdom. Let us know if you need help in finding your special means of serving in our family of believers. Until next time, may God Bless You and your family.

Rod Luehrs  
Chairman of the Deacons

## Wednesday Night Meals

- ◆ March 1st —Cindy R.
- ◆ March 8th—Laura L. & Deb S.
- ◆ **March 15th—NO PROGRAMS**
- ◆ March 22nd—Janna D.
- ◆ March 29th—Deb R. & Karen L.
- ◆ April 5th —Carol Mitchell
- ◆ April 12th—Laura L. & Deb S.
- ◆ April 19th—Donna G.
- ◆ April 26th—Janna D.

## Upcoming Events

### March Events

- 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 Children or Youth Programs**
- 15th**—by **9:00 am**, Newsletter Items Due
- 16th**—**5:30 pm** Facilities Team (3rd Thursday)
- 25th**—Spring Cleaning Day
- 26th**—VBS recruiting Sunday

### April Events

#### Camp Fundraiser (all month)

- 2nd**—Palm Sunday , Children's Program
- 7th**—Noon Good Friday Community Service
- 8th**—Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 9th**—**Easter 7:00 am** SONrise Service  
**9:00 am** Breakfast  
**10:30** Egg Hunt and Children's Church  
**10:30** Worship
- 14th**—WCC Board Meeting
- 14th--15th**—Glow
- 15th**—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-12)
- 16th**—Kid's PJ day  
A-Team (2nd Sunday)  
**(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 of evening Programs for Summer
- 14th**—Mothers' Day  
Graduation Sunday
- 17th**—Last Day of School Pizza Party (after school)
- 17th**—by **9:00 am** Newsletter items due
- 18th**—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting  
(third Thursday)
- 29th**—**Memorial Day, Office Closed**



# Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! I love you church! And I am so proud of all of you who worked together the last few months to pull off an AMAZING Wild Game Feast outreach just over a month ago! Some highlights surrounding the event include:

- Even before the event was here, a group of people started planning and working together to do something for their church that was bigger than anything we have done together in recent years. Some on the team had not been in a leadership role at FSBC ever or in a long time. They worked tirelessly and with beautiful attitudes. It reminds me of how Heaven views the faithful service of God's children as beautiful and a song of praise. Paul alludes to it in his prayer for the Romans in 15:5-6: **<sup>5</sup> Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice.**
- About 30 of our people were present and working hard to prepare, cook, serve, and clean. You were all amazing! We even received a great compliment from the facility management: "You did one of the best cleaning jobs we have ever seen."
- Those of you who took tickets to people you know did a great job! We did very little advertising. Most of the people there came because YOU talked to them! Our attendance statistics were:
  - ◇ We had more than 200% of our Sunday worship attendance
  - ◇ Depending on who counted and when, between 160 and 200 people were there, plus not a few deer, a mountain lion, elk, and bison. It was amazing how well behaved all the animals were, even the live snakes. By the way, mad props to Kevin Tarrant and Ken Gray for their taxidermy prowess!
  - ◇ 13 people indicated that they had trusted Christ that night as their personal savior! We

are following up with each one to help them get started in their relationship with Jesus!

- Over 80 door prizes were given away. Thousands of dollars worth of donations made the prizes. A fun time was had by all, which was part of our mission to provide a great experience.
- We had a few competitions during dinner to pass the time and add to the experience. Some youth participated in an antler-rattling contest. It was made more fun as the Thiessen girls took a turn and "cuted" the crowd. Steve Rhodes stole the show in the turkey calling contest as he stood next to me and said, "Here, David, David, David!" I don't get it.

All-in-all, great connections were made with donors and a pocket of our community which are outside our walls and a great time was had by all. May Jesus get all the glory and continue to bear fruit from this event well into our church future! Enjoy these pictures from the event.









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## *Preparing Our Hearts*

During the Easter season, some people prepare their hearts and draw closer to God through a formal time of prayer, fasting, and giving. Drawing closer to God is a worthwhile and important pursuit.

In Matthew 13, Jesus talked about how good soil was key to a good harvest. A farmer who ignores the soil will have poor soil, but if he works to care for the soil, it will produce a great harvest.

When we pray, fast, and give, we're preparing the "soil" of our hearts. We're aligning ourselves with God and His will.

Think about ways you and your family can create soil strengthening habits together.

- \* Find times to pray: Mealtimes, Bedtime, and the drive/ride to school.
- \* Think of a way you and your family can bless another family. Maybe watch their kids, or bake a treat for them.

Is your heart prepared for the love of Jesus?

In His service,

Paula Moore



Carrie Loyd was our January winner!

Congratulations Carrie! Drawing tickets are earned when kids memorize their Bible verses, bring their Bibles to church, bring a friend to class, or answer questions for their teachers.

### **MEDIA**

Bible for Kids App

Pro: Through interactive adventures and beautiful animations, kids

explore the big stories of the Bible. This app is a delight-filled experience designed to encourage kids to return again and again.

\*Animated Bible Stories

\*Interactive Animations

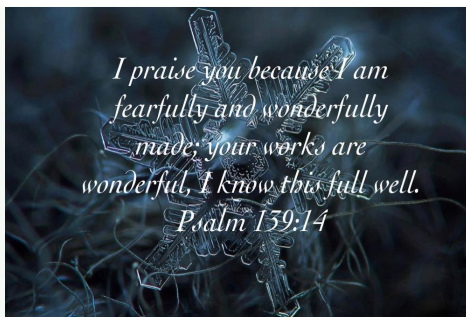
\*Fun Bible Activities

\*Challenges, Quizzes, & Research

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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes." Romans 1:16a



In January, the Children's Church hour focused on Psalm 139:14. Along with understanding the uniqueness that God created in each of us, there were fun Snowflake activities. At the end of the month, ALL students successfully recited the verse from memory!



This month the children's church hour will be focusing on the Judges Deborah and Gideon.

Thank you, John and Christine Brickley!

## Wednesday Kid Min Update

We have finished up the books of the Old Testament and are now learning the books of the New Testament!

Students are working hard to memorize the books of the Bible through play, stories, songs, and memorization. Please encourage your student to recite their verses and books of the Bible to you. When parents care, kids care.

Please remember that student supervision is only provided when the first bus arrives at 6 pm. Prior to that time, there is no adult supervision for your students.

Bus: If your child rides the bus, we are expecting to return them on the bus route as well. If that is not your plan, please let the bus driver and / or their teacher know ahead of time. We strive to provide the safest environment for your student and appreciate your help.



Harmony enjoyed playing the role of Jonah in the whale. All the pre K/ Kindergarten students in Ms. Paula's Penguin class had this opportunity.

Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to learn the stories of the Bible and to learn to know the love of Jesus. Just this month Ms. Diane's class learned more about Moses. Now they are focusing on Esau's forgiveness of Jacob. The world needs the ability to forgive.

We invite you to join us on Sundays at 9:30. There is a bus route for Sundays as well.



We will soon be recruiting volunteers and asking for supplies.

Can't be there that week?

Ask Ms. Paula how you can help out prior to the week of VBS.



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		Spring Break				
19	20 Lexi Simpson	21	22	23	24	25 Spring Cleaning Day
26 VBS Recruiting Sunday	27	28	29	30	31	

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters	Date (Wed nights)	Bus
3/5	Linnie & Cory	Reinert	Diane G., Cindy R.	Rod, Johnie, Penny	3/8	Steve & John Th.
3/12	Deb & Cory	Reinert	Johnie G., John B.	Rod, Deb, Laura	3/15	NO PROGRAMS
3/19	Sandy & Cory	Reinert	Donna G., Dianna S.	Rod, Diane, Shawn	3/22	John Th. & Cory
3/26	Steve & Cory	NONE	Julie H., Keith A.	Rod, Ulala, Susan	3/29	John Th. & Cory
4/2	Linnie & Cory	Brickley	Janna D., Julie H.	Johnie G., Deb, Penny	4/5	John Th. & Cory
4/9	Deb & Cory	Brickley	Diane G., Deb R.	Johnie G., Rod, Laura	4/12	John Th. & Cory
4/16	Sandy & Cory	Brickley	Johnie G., Dianna S.	Johnie G., Ulala, Shawn	4/19	John Th. & Cory
4/23	John Th. & Cory	Brickley	Donna G., Joe R.	Johnie G., Rod, Susan	4/26	John Th. & Cory
4/30	Linnie & Cory	NONE	Janna D., Julie H.	Johnie G., Diane, Penny	5/3	John Th. & Cory

# APRIL 2023

Camp Fundraiser  
(all month)

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<b>2</b> Palm Sunday Children's Program	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ulala Prewit, Tom & Vicki Edwards	<b>5</b> Donna Gragg, Phil & Karen Drake	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Noon Good Friday Community Service	<b>8</b> Community Easter Egg Hunt
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<b>16</b> Kid's PJ day A-Team (No Potluck)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Newsletter Items Due by 9 am 5:30 Facilities	<b>20</b> Team Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> SCASB Executive Board Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Johnie & Donna Gragg	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Youth Sunday						

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*Love God,  
Love Others,  
Serve All*

