

FSBC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO, KS | DAVID CROOK, PASTOR | JULY 2023

Upcoming Events!

July Events

- 4th & 5th**—Office Closed
- 8th**—11:30 am Ladies' Tea
- 9th**—Potluck, "A-Team" (2nd Sunday)
- 11th-18th**—Laura Out of Office
- 14th**—Men's Ministry Wind-Surge Game
- 16th**—Visitation Sunday
- 17th**—SCASB Executive Board
- 19th**—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due
- 20th**—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting (3rd Thursday)
- 24th—28th** Youth Camp
- 30th**—Youth Sunday (5th Sunday)
- 31st-Aug 2nd**—Staff Planning Retreat

August Events

- 5th**—Back to School Splash
- 6th**—Promotion Sunday
- 13th**—Potluck, "A-Team"
- 16th**—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due
- 17th**—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
- 18th**—SCASB praise sing
- 19th**—Men's Ministry Motocross
- 19th**—Bread of Life Food Ministry
- 26th**—SCASB/SEKBA Regional Leadership Conference. Coffeyville
- 28th-Sept 8th**—Pastor out of office

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4th**— Larry Herbel
- 5th**—Mary Mehaffey, Sheila Axtell
- 9th**—Larry Huebner
- 11th**—D.J. Baca
- 15th**—Kevin Tarrant Anniversary
- 16th**—Janna Davis
- 17th**—Larry & Kat Huebner
- 18th**—John & Christine Brickley

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 7th**—Rod & Laura Luehrs
- 10th**—Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley
- 12th**—James Davidson
- 17th**—Tina Baca
- 18th**—Lexi Davis
- 19th**—Kurt & Michelle Spivey
- 20th**—Kurt Spivey
- 24th**—Lane Baca, Linnie Baca
- 27th**—Joe & Debbie Reinert

FSBC Kid's Ministry

First Southern Baptist Church

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Paula Moore 316-258-6596

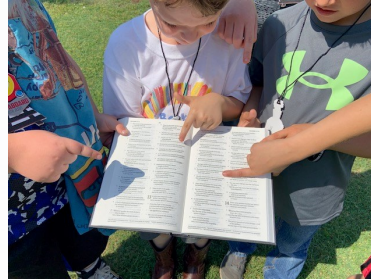
What a fabulous ROCKY RAILWAY VBS we had! Many volunteers made it all come together and we owe them a great big THANKS! We had a total of 41 kids come through our doors! Now that's a God Sighting for sure. The messages of Jesus' Power was very well received by all. The daily offering collected will be used towards the cost to ship Operation Christmas Child boxes this winter. We will be providing God Sightings for kids all around the world! Way to go kids!!!!!!

I hope you came away knowing that Jesus' Power can change your life here in this world and for all eternity. Now go and share that message with everyone you meet, just as Christ has commanded us to do in Matthew 28:19, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*.

The KidMin team will be spending the summer preparing for an awesome adventure for the kids on Wednesday evenings when they come back on Wednesday, September 6th. Until then, remember FSBC offers Sunday School for all ages, and children's church for ages 4yrs-6th grade.

In His Loving Service,

Ms. Paula



SUMMER SCHEDULE:
Sunday School 9:30am
Children's Church 11:00am
Back to School Splash Party
8-5-23
Wednesday Eve Activities Resume
9-6-23

Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! I Love You Church!

As I write this, I am still recovering from the Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans. The trip (16 hours in a van of pastors!! – One way!!) was exhausting, but the experience was great. The best of our Convention was on display, but there are some sobering takeaways. By the way, you can watch all the festivities at Acts2tv.com, looking for the '23 SBC Annual Meeting. Here are some highlights:

- The International Mission Board gave us much to celebrate! We have historically cooperated with our sister churches to send more than 25,000 missionaries around the world. At this year's meeting, we commissioned 79 missionaries to go to foreign lands to take the Gospel to address the world's greatest problem: lostness. Each missionary/couple came before us to tell us why they were going, the church that was sending, and solicit prayer for their requests. Some had to appear as shadows on a screen so that their faces would not be identified via the internet in the lands which are hostile to the Gospel.
- The IMB also unrolled Project 3000. There are currently 3072 UUPG's in our world. That is Unreached, Unengaged People Groups. These tribes have no Gospel witness in them (maybe ever) and likely have no access to the Gospel. The IMB is focusing on them so that Revelation 5:9 can be fulfilled with at least one from every tribe, nation, and tongue experiencing the redemption of our God and worshipping the Lamb in heaven. Project 3000 consists of hiring 100 people each of the next 3 years who will each be assigned 10 of these people groups to research them and pray for a missionary to them. They will research the UUPG's culture, language, literacy, etc. to prepare the way for the ones God calls to the mission field. Might He be calling you to become a researcher or a missionary?
- The North American Mission Board is working hard to get churches and campus ministries reaching the 278,000,000 lost people in North America because "It's all about the Gospel." Annie Armstrong giving is up 27% since 2010 and we have planted 10,000 new churches. These churches are responsible for nearly one fourth of all SBC baptisms. We expect a full one-third of all our 2030 churches in the SBC to have been started after 2010.
- SEND Relief is actively helping meet practical needs of people in disaster-torn areas of not only our country, but around the world, including Syria and Turkey following devastating earthquakes, and war-torn Ukraine. Hungry are fed, displaced are

sheltered, belongings are rescued, and the Gospel is shared.

- The Sexual Abuse Implementation Task Force unrolled a huge resource for our churches. We can go to sbcabuseprevention.com to screen a candidate for ministry for a known legal history of being a sexual abuser.

There were, however, some sobering events as usual:

- Messengers voted to uphold the Executive Committee's expulsion of the three churches who appealed to the convention to remain in the SBC, including the very influential Saddleback Church of southern California. One of the issues for disfellowshipping was over whether a woman could carry any title of pastor when the Baptist Faith & Message clearly states that only a man can hold that office. The BFM statement is a long-held Baptist tradition. However, other long-held Baptist traditions were violated in order to uphold the former.
 - ◇ First, it is a Southern Baptist tradition to keep cooperation for our Great Commission efforts primary and to not allow minor issues to break our cooperation. An example would be in 2013, when we voted to keep Calvinists in our fold for the sake of our mission.
 - ◇ Secondly, it is in our constitution, and thus our tradition, that "the convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body, whether it is a church, auxiliary organization, association, or a convention." Each church's local autonomy, along with the right to call its leaders whatever they choose in faith, is now being subjected to the Convention's prevailing opinions or they risk expulsion. In fact, the decisions of this convention now put 1,928 churches in violation because they have titled some of their women leaders as pastors. At least one other very influential church in our convention already announced the day after the annual meeting that they will forego the likely pending witch-hunt and voluntarily withdrew.
 - ◇ Lastly, it is a strong Southern Baptist tradition that the BFM is merely a statement that is generally agreed upon in our convention. There has previously been room for disagreement on non-essential doctrines listed in the BFM. The expulsion of a church that practices only one difference with the BFM elevates that document from a confession to a creed. Baptist cries have long been: "No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible." Apparently no more.

Even though there is reason for sobered prayer, we will remain focused on the positives of what we are doing together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Pastor David Crook

The Deacon's Corner

By the time the church family reads this newsletter, the month of June will already be almost over. Vacation Bible School has come and gone, but hopefully this summertime ministry opportunity was just the beginning of establishing some new relationships with the children who attended and their families. If the manner in which the children belted out the VBS songs this past Sunday was any indication of how much the stories and activities impacted their lives, then the children certainly heard the "Good News" and will remember the life-changing message. As a church family, we need to continue to encourage these young people to pursue Jesus with their whole hearts. This enduring message applies for the older crowd as well.

Since last month's newsletter, your deacon body has updated our Deacon family lists. an updated list is included in this newsletter. Please look for your name in one of the deacon columns. If you do not find your name, please let one of the deacons or Pastor Crook know that your name was omitted. The Deacon body is striving to ensure that everyone that calls FSBC their home, has a "go to" person that they can reach out to in time of need. Our phone numbers are listed because we do want to serve when needed. You may reach out to us for prayer or just to bring your concerns in confidential counsel. We want to fulfill our call to service to our church family.

Lastly, we would like to start a new initiative to begin on our next Lord's Supper Sunday. As many of you know, we have used the Sunday that Communion (The Lord's Supper) is celebrated as a day to collect a Benevolence offering for hurting families in our community. Our church has been most generous during these times of benevolent giving as the need in our community is greater than ever. We would like to continue this practice, but add one additional element. Many of you donate regularly to the church food pantry that Janna Davis and the outreach committee oversee. The Deacon Body would like to start a non-perishable food collection day on the Sundays that we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Boxes or other containers will be available in the foyer to collect the non-perishable items that are donated. If we use the last Sunday of each month as a reminder, it will keep our food pantry stocked, and also help to remind all of us that we have a way of giving back to our community on this special day of remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Our first opportunity to give benevolently will be Sunday, June 25. Until next time, God Bless!.

Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons

Deacon's Family List

Joe Leibbrandt	Joe Reinert
620-554-4233	316-210-1748
Baca, David & Christine	Adkison, Lonn
Baca, Linnie	Ballard, Susan
Drake, Phil & Karen	Bishop, Todd and Becky
Dunn, Ron & Char	Conrade, Clay
Frye, Jenny	Cooley, Carl
Kruesel, Dani	Edward Cleveland
Lemaster, Jessie & Kendall	Gragg, Johnie & Donna
Mitchell, Robert and Carol	Griggs, Marsha
Mehaffey, Mary	Herrmann, Gene & Mary
Prewit, Austin & Ulala	Jorn, Carolyn
Reinert, Joe & Debbie	Kincade, Marty
Simpson, Joey	Leibbrandt, Joe, Karen & Pat
Smith, Roger and Jan	Stroer, Dianna
Throckmorton, John	Tarrant, Kevin
	Todroff, James & Dwayna
	Wise, Glenna
	Wright, Nathan & Nancy

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Deacon's Family List continued

John Brickley	Larry Huebner	Rod Luehrs
316-371-1898	316-305-7660	316-323-5660
Axtell, Sheila	Crook, David & Lisa	Anderson, Keith & Allison
Borger, Lawanda	DeWitt, Jerry & Sandy	Baker, Joanie
Branaman, Greg	Hollis, Cheyenne and Keaton	Bennett, Burgundy & River Horner
Fyffe, David & Susan	Herbel, Larry	Boss, Norma
Goertz, Diane	Jackson, Jackie	Brickley, John & Christine
Hill, David & Julie	Luehrs, Rod & Laura	Davidson, James & Kelly
Huebner, Larry & Kat	Meister, John	Davis, Janna & Aidan
Jones, Marilyn	Scott, Marty	Diffendahl, Bryan, Cheri, and EJ
Moody, Mary Lou	Spivey, Willey	Gill, Cory & Jessica
Moore, Paula	Thomas, Zach & Zara	Hayes, Jessica & Malia
Nielsen, Tyson & Penny	Zumalt, Jessica	Peacock, Vicky
Sawyer, Dan		Piha, Marsha
Trumpower, John		Sherman, Dan & Brenda
Tucker, Gloria		Spencer, Deb
		Stephens, Terry & Penny

Youth News

As I'm rubbing my eyes from the Lock-In and trying to move forward, I am excited about July!

July 12th we will be traveling to All Star Sports. We will meet at the church at 6 and head west. We will be back by 9 pm. Want to volunteer for the youth team???? Now is a great time to start!

Camp is almost here!!!! We

would truly appreciate prayers to begin now and continue after camp is over. We will leave on Monday, July 24th, at 10 a.m. (feel free to come pray over us!) and return the afternoon of the 28th. Please be in prayer for the following students and adults we are taking: David, Lisa, Cory, Aidan, Sophia, DJ, Angelina, Trenton, Dylan, Lexi, Kaylinn, Savannah, Izzy,

Sahara, Jessie, Jayden, Zara and Ecko. Please also be in prayer for the speakers and musicians and all those who are pouring out Jesus to our students this week!

Watch for our August kick-off in the next newsletter and again, if you feel called to work with youth, let me know!!!

Lisa Crook,
Youth Leader

Operation Christmas Child

An ends of the earth story:

Bringing the gospel to the Himba

Village leaders gathered around the fire and pleaded with their ancestors' spirits. The drought seemed endless, families were falling deeper into poverty, and the witch doctor's promises of healing had failed time and time again. The Himba people in Namibia call it the holy fire- it's how they communicate with and worship their ancestors, whom they view as gods. In a culture defined by traditions, the holy fire is one of the most important.

The Himba are nomadic livestock farmers who live in small mud huts without electricity or running water. They don't have a written language, so the Himba are oral storytellers who often fill their days with singing and chanting. Their physical appearance is distinctive, from the red clay mixture that women spread over their skin to elaborate headdresses resembling cattle horns, from skirts made of calfskin to sandals pieced together from old car tires. Himba families are often plagued by poverty to the point that it's not uncommon for children to eat only one meal a day. The Himba have been largely forgotten people for many years. That is, until God burdened the heart of a pastor to take the Gospel of Jesus where it had never been. . .

Pastor Rizera Hipakua has done some hard things. He endured ridicule from his family after becoming a Christian. He obeyed God's call to devote his life to the pastorate, even though it meant financial uncertainty. But taking the Gospel to people who had never heard the Name of Jesus would be his hardest challenge yet. How would the Himba

respond? Would they allow him into their villages? How would he explain the Gospel to people who worshipped the spirit of their ancestors? To people who wouldn't be able to read the Bible—even if one existed in their language?

Pastor Rizera and his church members were in the middle of a week of prayer and fasting, asking God how to begin outreach among the Himba, when an individual came to the church to share about a Samaritan's Purse project called Operation Christmas Child. The first Himba village that Pastor Rizera visited with Operation Christmas Child was a few hours away in Ombaka. He invited church members and other local believers to help him with the outreach event. They distributed shoebox gifts, presented the Gospel, and enjoyed getting to know the Himba families. This first Gospel outreach among the Himba was more successful than Pastor Rizera ever expected, but he had no intention of stopping there. He asked Alma, a Sunday school teacher and local schoolteacher, to lead the Ombaka children through The Greatest Journey, the Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship program for shoebox recipients.

Several children and adults in Ombaka came to saving faith in Jesus Christ as a result of this initial shoebox outreach event and The Greatest Journey. They were so eager to continue learning that they started gathering regularly under a large tree in the village for worship and prayer. Over time, Pastor Rizera saw God transform the lives of people who were once without spiritual hope. They no longer met at the holy fire to pray

to their ancestors. Alcoholism slowly faded away. The children, now more respectful and obedient to their parents, sang Scripture praise songs created from traditional tribal tunes.

"God breathed new life into them. They are a new creation. They were a people in darkness—now they are living in the Light of Christ," Pastor Rizera said.

A few years after the outreach event, Samaritan's Purse partnered with both the Seed Company, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Christians in Ombaka to build a sanctuary on land donated by the village chief.

Be sure to read next month's article to find out how else God is using Pastor Rizera!

Thanks again for helping us collect items to fill our shoeboxes (a.k.a. gospel opportunities). Be on the lookout for items going on clearance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Karen Leibbrandt

OCC shopping List for July:

Clothing items

⇒ Clothing (tops and bottoms)

⇒ Socks

⇒ Undergarments (underwear, bras)

⇒ Shoes/flip flops

Remember to get items for both girls and boys ages 2yrs-14yrs.

Happy shopping

JULY 2023

25	26	27 Sophia Baca	28 Brenda Sherman, Tyson & Penny Neilsen	29	30	1
2	3	4 Larry Herbel Independence Day	5 Mary Mehaffey, Sheila Axtell	6	7	8 Ladies' Tea
9 Larry Huebner Potluck	10	11 D.J. Baca	12	13	14 Men's Ministry Wind-Surge Game	15 Kevin Tarrant Anniversary
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24th-28th—Youth Camp						
30 Youth Sunday	31	Staff Planning Retreat		3	4	5

Workers' Lists

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
7/2	Sheila & Cory	Reinert	Diane G., John B.	Johnie G., Ulala, Shawn
7/9	John & Cory	Reinert	Johnie G., Karen L.	Johnie G., Rod, Laura
7/16	Linnie & Cory	Reinert	Donna G., Julie H.	Johnie G., Diane, Susan
7/23	Deb & Cory	Reinert	Janna D., John B.	Johnie G., Deb., Penny
7/30	Sandy & Cory	GUEST	Diane G., Deb R.	Johnie G., Ulala, Shawn

Our Church is collecting # 2 pencils with latex free erasers for the

El Dorado School's "Back-To-School Bash" which is making school supplies available to kids in need.

Please bring donations of pencils or money to the church by

July 23rd



AUGUST 2023

30 Youth Sunday	31	1	2	3	4	5 Back to School Splash
Staff Planning Retreat						
6 Promotion Sunday	7 Rod & Laura Luehrs	8	9	10 Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley	11	12 James Davidson
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8/13	Linne & Cory	Brickley	Donna G., Julie H.	Deb S., Diane, Susan
8/20	Deb & Cory	Brickley	Janna D., Joe R.	Deb S., Johnie, Penny
8/27	Sandy & Cory	Brickley	Diane G., Deb R.	Deb S., Ulala, Shawn