



FSBC *Messenger*

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

August Events

- 5th**—Back to School Splash 3-5 pm at the City Pool
- 6th**—Promotion Sunday
- 11th**—Youth Lock-in
- 13th**—Potluck, “A-Team”
- 16th**—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due (workers’ lists for Oct., and articles for Sept.)
- 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
- 29th-Sept 5th**—Pastor Out of Town

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- **Wednesdays 6:30 pm** Adult Bible study
- **Fridays 6:00 pm** GriefShare

Youth News

I can’t believe school is starting up again!!! I didn’t have the summer off, and it still flew by!!!

We will be restarting our Wednesday night youth group in September, but we will try to have our lock-in again (no more surgery for me, hopefully!) August 11th and use this as our kickoff for the fall school year.

I could use some more volunteers for the youth department so please let me know if God has been nudging you to get involved with future church leaders!!!

In Christ,
Lisa Crook
785-207-7189

Southeastern and South Central Kansas Leadership Conference



EMPOWERED

ISAIAH 41:9-10

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Complimentary lunch provided)

First Southern Baptist

2701 W. Eighth St.

Coffeyville, KS 67337

There is no cost for this conference, but please RSVP to Mary Jo Stuckey by Monday, August 21 at scha47@att.net or (620) 221-3988.

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

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st— Melynda Wint

3rd—Austin & Ulala Prewit

6th—Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs

7th—Phil Drake

8th—David & Susan Fyffe

9th—Emma Leibbrandt

11th—Agnes Leibbrandt

12th—David Fyffe, Marsha Griggs

13th—Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt

14th—Laura Luehrs

15th—Dan & Brenda Sherman

24th—Mary Herrmann

26th—Kardyn Nielsen

29th—Deb Spencer, Micah Wint

Operation Christmas Child

August is upon us and that means school will be starting soon. School supplies will be on sale and that is what we are collecting this month. I have read many stories about children who receive shoeboxes with school supplies in them, and their parents are so grateful for those supplies. It allows them to go to school. In some places, you can't go to school if you don't have school supplies. So by including school supplies, we are not only giving these children an opportunity to go to school and improve their lives, we are also giving them a chance to learn about the gospel and how God loves them. Thanks for helping gather items to pack boxes to share the love of God to children around the world. (Items that are bold and italicized are the most needed)

Karen Leibbrandt

August OCC shopping List School Supplies

- *pencils*
- *pencil sharpeners*
- *erasers*
- *crayons*
- *notebooks/paper*
- *colored pencils*
- *pens*
- *scissors*
- *glue sticks (no liquid)*
- *watercolor paints (no liquid)*
- *ruler*
- *pencil case*
- *markers*

The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! I Love You Church!

I have been thinking about our usefulness. We all want our lives to count for something. No one wants to live a meaningless life. Yet, as I get older, I become more and more aware of the struggle many an aging person has with a perceived loss of usefulness. The body weakens. The mind dulls some. Productivity feels like it passed away with the previous decade. The question of usefulness becomes a nagging assault to peace of mind and contentment. New questions arise, such as:

What am I good for?
Why am I still here?
Am I any good to anybody anymore?
What can I even do anymore?
Why doesn't God just take me home?

I have noticed that this struggle is particularly keen to the aging man. We have been wired to base our worth on our strength and work and productivity. It often pains a man to admit his need and ask for help. One man who has voiced the above questions to me often lately is our beloved Austin. We all know of the strokes he had a few years ago. We've all witnessed the weakness and instability in his walk the last year. We are saddened by his worsening condition, but not nearly as discouraged as he. He used to teach Sunday School for over 20 years for adults with disabilities. He studied and taught the Bible diligently and knew it well. The stroke robbed him of the recall of most of what he spent most of his life learning. I have heard him weep over the loss and rejoice when a scripture of the sermon fired up those memories such that he knew what the preacher was talking about! He keeps asking, "What can I do?"

Scripture places a high value on the aged in the church. Young men are instructed to honor our elders. Elders are instructed to instruct our younger men and women in the faith. They are to model for us grace and faith and faithfulness to our Lord. They are to disciple us to follow Jesus. But how does someone who cries out to God every night the questions above find a place in the church to do these things? Sometimes it truly is hard to see the possibilities.

Austin showed us one possibility recently. Those attending worship on July 16 were able to witness some amazing beauty as God provided an answer to Austin's prayers. Following a sermon in which we were challenged to respond to the Spirit's call to come, Austin stumbled into the aisle to come forward because his Savior was calling him to! He started to fall and others stepped up to help him. He made it down to me and weepily said "Pastor, I'm tired." He loves his Savior. He loves his church. He grieves for his condition. We prayed a prayer of love and trust in his very familiar Jesus that moved even me to tears. He sat down with the help of others and cried out, "What can I do?" God gave me the insight to say, "Perhaps you just did it!"

Because we all need to respond to the Spirit whenever He calls! We don't need to let an aging body or mind, nor an imagination of what others might think, nor a failure, nor a wound, nor a past, nor any other excuse stop us from coming to meet with Jesus when the Spirit says come. Austin showed us the only thing we need: a heart that is willing to say yes! I am grateful for Austin's heart which the stroke has not touched. I am grateful for the lesson his example taught me. God is not done with Austin. Or me. Or you.

Perhaps you would like an adventure that will make you feel more useful than you ever imagined! Our association of churches is doing another mission trip to Mexico this November. If you want to go, I'll go with you. Information is in this newsletter. Talk to me about it.

If you are looking for an opportunity to be trained to be more useful while God has you here, consider the leadership training event later in August. Check out the link below and let me know you want to go.

Pastor David

Mexico trip resources at https://scasbks.com/mexico_mission_trip_2023

Documents of our last executive board meeting. https://scasbks.com/july_17_2023.

FSBC Kid's Ministry
First Southern Baptist Church
200 Oil Hill Rd, El Dorado, KS
316-321-3465
Bus 316-452-3594
Paula Moore 316-258-6596

BACK TO SCHOOL

Hi kids! Well it's that time again—time to go back to school. Some of you are probably excited and others of you may be sad summer is over. You may be nervous about going back to school because of all the new things that you will face; new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school.

Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students in Matthew 16:15-16 *"But you", He asked them, "who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

Do you know the answer to the question Jesus asked? Wherever you are, whenever you choose, you can call out for Jesus to forgive your sins and save your soul. May God's grace be with you in school this year and remember that whatever happens, Jesus loves you and so do I.

In His Service,

Ms. Paula



**Exciting things
coming for
Wednesday
Evening Kids
Ministries!
Stay tuned!**

Parents,

Its time to fill out student information forms again. We will need a current form on file for your child to participate in church activities and ride the Church van. Forms are available in the office or can be emailed to you. Contact Ms.Paula for new forms. Forms due by the end of September.



**Celebrate Resuming Wednesday Evening
Activities**

With an Ice Cream Social!

Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 6:30pm

FSBC Playground

**Pool Party at the City Pool
August 5, 3pm-5pm**



The Deacon's Corner

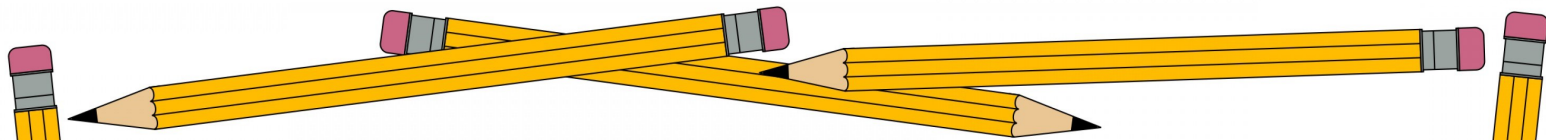
The Deacon's Corner

Wow! The month of July is over halfway through. It seems just like yesterday that the church family was actively preparing for Vacation Bible School and now families are preparing for the start of a new school year. I know our children and teenagers are probably booing right now upon reading those words, but they still have a few short weeks to soak up as much summer as they can. With the new school year on the horizon, it is also time to look forward to our new Sunday School year. Promotion Sunday is coming up. Some of our children will be moving up to older classrooms. This is also a great time to join a Sunday School class. If you have been sitting out the summer or have been thinking about attending Sunday school, we have great options for children, teens and adults. Please speak to me, one of our other Deacons or Pastor David about a Sunday School option available to you and members of your family. Sunday School is a great place to build relationships and get connected to your church family. I encourage you to explore what God has planned for you.

In the last newsletter, I promised there would be pictures of our Deacon body to accompany the deacon family list. You will find the list and pictures with this article. Have fun figuring out the signage for each deacon in the pictures. The Pastor had fun with the signs each deacon is holding. Everyone can now put a name with a face. If you have been attending regularly and consider FSBC your church home but do not see your name listed in the family spreadsheet, please let me or our church secretary know of the omission and we will make the correction. God Bless!

Rod Luehrs





Joe Leibbrandt 620-554-4233	Joe Reinert 316-210-1748	John Brickley 316-371-1898	Larry Huebner 316-305-7660	Rod Luehrs 316-323-5660
Baca, David & Christine	Adkison, Lonn	Axtell, Sheila	Crook, David & Lisa	Anderson, Keith
Baca, Linnie	Ballard, Susan	Borger, Lawanda	DeWitt, Jerry & Sandy	Baker, Joanie & Ellis
Drake, Phil & Karen	Bishop, Todd and Becky	Branaman, Greg	Hollis, Cheyenne and Keaton	Boss, Norma
Frye, Jenny	Conrade, Clay	Fyffe, David & Susan	Herbel, Larry	Brickley, John & Christine
Kruesel, Dani	Gragg, Johnie & Donna	Goertz, Diane	Jackson, Jackie	Davidson, James & Kelly
Lemaster, Jessie & Kendall	Griggs, Marsha	Hill, David & Julie	Luehrs, Rod & Laura	Davis, Janna & Aidan
Mitchell, Robert and Carol	Herrmann, Gene & Mary	Huebner, Larry & Kat	Meister, John	Diffendahl, Bryan, Cheri, and EJ
Mehaffey, Mary	Jorn, Carolyn	Jones, Marilyn	Scott, Marty	Gill, Cory & Jessica
Prewit, Austin & Ulala	Leibbrandt, Joe, Karen & Pat	Moody, Mary Lou	Spivey, Willie	Peacock, Vicky
Reinert, Joe & Debbie	Tarrant, Kevin	Moore, Paula	Zumalt, Jessica	Piha, Marsha
Simpson, Joey	Wise, Glenna	Nielsen, Tyson & Penny		Sherman, Dan & Brenda
Smith, Roger and Jan	Wright, Nathan & Nancy	Sawyer, Dan		Spencer, Deb
Throckmorton, John		Trumpower, John		Stephens, Terry & Penny

**Mission
Opportunity**

See the Poster in the
foyer for more details

South Central Association of Southern Baptists

November 7-12, 2023

Mission Trip to Juárez, Mexico



with
Casas por Cristo

What will we do in Mexico?

- We will be building a new home for a family in need with the El Paso-based ministry [Casas por Cristo](#).
- We will share age and language-appropriate evangelistic materials in the neighborhood around the build site.



**Registration
and deposit
due by
Monday,
August 14th**

AUGUST 2023

30 Youth Sunday	31	1	2	3	4	5 Back to School Splash 3-5 pm
	Staff Planning Retreat					
6 Promotion Sunday	7 Rod & Laura Luehrs	8	9	10 Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley	11 Youth Lock-in	12 James Davidson
13 Potluck "A-Team" (kids to new Sunday School classes)	14	15	16 Amanda Frye 9 am Newsletter Items Due	17 Tina Baca 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	18 Lexi Davis SCASB praise sing	19 Kurt & Michelle Spivey Bread of Life Food Ministry
20 Kurt Spivey	21	22	23	24 Lane Baca, Linnie Baca	25	26 SCASB/SEKBA Regional Leadership Conference. Coffeyville
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Thank you for serving!

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
7/30	Sandy & Cory	GUEST	Diane G., Deb R.	Johnie G., Ulala, Susan
8/6	John & Cory	Brickley	Johnie, Karen L.	Deb S., Rod., Laura
8/13	Linne & Cory	Brickley	Donna G., Julie H.	Deb S., Diane, Penny
8/20	Deb & Cory	Brickley	Janna D., Joe R.	Deb S., Rod, Laura
8/27	Sandy & Cory	GUEST	Diane G., Deb R.	Deb S., Ulala, Johnie

SEPTEMBER 2023

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3 Austin & Ulala Prewit	4 Labor Day, Office Closed	5	6 Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs Wednesday Programs Resume	7 Phil Drake	8 David & Susan Fyffe	9 Tim Boender, Emma Leibbrandt Family Picnic
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10 National Grandparents' Day "A-Team" Meeting	11 Agnes Leibbrandt	12 David Fyffe, Marsha Griggs	13 Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt	14 Laura Luehrs	15 Dan & Brenda Sherman	16 Hearts of Fire Women's Event 10 am-2pm
17	18	19 Men's Ministry Motocross	20 9 am Newsletter Items Due	21 5:30 Facilities Team meeting	22	23 Fall Cleanup All Church Revival 12-7pm
Church Forward Week of Prayer						
24 Mary Herrmann	25	26 Kardyn Nielsen	27	28	29 Deb Spencer, Micah Wint	30

September Events

4th—Labor Day, Office Closed

6th—**Wednesday** Programs Resume

9th—Family Picnic

10th—National Grandparents' Day, "A-Team" Meeting

15th & 16th—Hearts of Fire Event

17th—24th—Church Forward Week of Prayer

20th by 9:00 am—Newsletter items Due

21st—5:30 Facilities Team meeting

23rd—Fall Cleanup

23rd—All Church Revival 12-7pm at the El Dorado Oil Museum

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9/17	Deb & Cory	Reinert	Julie H., Gloria T.	Rod L., Deb, Penny
9/24	Sandy & Cory	GUEST	Keith A., Karen D.	Rod L., Ulala, Laura