



*Love God,  
Love Others,  
Serve All*

# FSBC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FSBC EL DORADO | OCTOBER 2023

## Fall Festival

On October 28th, we will host a community Fall Festival. This is a community outreach event, and we need our church family to work as a community to make it a success! We are offering games, trunk or treat, cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs. Volunteers Needed! Some of the jobs available are:

- Decorate your car and hand out candy
- Help with set-up
- Help with activities
- Help with Clean-up

**There is a sign-up sheet  
in the foyer!**

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# Pastor's Pen



Greetings Church! I love you Church!  
(Aloha and Aloha Church!)

Thank you so much for allowing me to take some time away for a vacation with Lisa to Hawaii! We had a wonderful time on one of the most beautiful places on the planet! If you want to be annoyed with pictures from our trip, just ask us! We will be glad to relive the moments at your jealous expense!

But it is good to be back to see what God is going to do in our church! I believe we are nearing a time of growth and impact in our church. Some interesting doors have been opened for us recently that might bear much fruit in the near future. Keep these things in your prayers:

- Years ago, the owner of the property to our immediate north, Mike Glendenning, promised Johnny Mehaffey and others that our church could have first opportunity to purchase that property when Mike was ready to retire. Mike passed away 2 years ago, and his widow reached out to us to inform us she is ready to honor Mike's commitment. On September 10 our church elected a Property Acquisition Team to negotiate and oversee the process should our church decide to purchase the property. That decision must be made by a three fourths majority vote at a congregational meeting. Please pray for that team and our church leaders as we talk through what would be best for our church in this decision.
- Our children and youth kickoffs were September 6<sup>th</sup>. We had 60 kids and adults between them! This is presenting immediate challenges to our transportation program. God is up to something great again this year, and He is proving that He will supply all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Our sister church in Arkansas City just agreed to sell their van and are making it available to us. It is still very early in the process, but we are negotiating with them as well. More details to come.
- In just a few months, we will be blessed to have 5 infants in our nursery! We want to bless these Fab Five

parents with a great church home in which not only can they grow in their own love for Christ but also rely upon our trustworthy leaders, programs, and materials for their precious children to learn to trust their marvelous Creator and beautiful Savior. We may have to hire some college students to help with our nursery program if we cannot adequately staff with volunteers.

- I have been in conversations with a young man who is currently a worship leader intern at our sister church in Salina about the possibility of him coming to join our ministry here at FSBCEd. It is still quite early, but we are farther along than I have been able to get with anyone else prior to him. I will be meeting with him again, so please pray for God's direction!
- While we never want the Body of Christ in El Dorado to suffer division and hurt, there have been a few people from another church in town looking for a place to heal from such conflict in their previous church. I am encouraged that our great church health can be the environment they might need to heal and reengage in the mission of getting the Gospel of Christ to our city.
- We have our Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat in October to build connections with our neighborhood. There are families we can meet and build relationships by simply decorating our vehicles, passing out candy, and engaging in conversations! What a great way for each of us to help build our church family! Please pray for a large reach and impact for this event.

I am so glad to be your pastor and part of what God is about to do here! Let us pray over these and other not-yet-known opportunities before us to be sure we do what God has before us for His glory!

Pastor David

# The Deacon's Corner

Last month, several members of our church family attended leadership training in Coffeyville, KS. I enjoyed the day, as did many others. It was nice to attend training related to each individual's areas of ministry within our church. One particular training that resonated with me was in the area of worship. David Manner, who serves at the state level of the Kansas-Nebraska convention, led the training. He opened his presentation by saying, "Worship doesn't just occur during the time of music within the Sunday morning worship hour." He went on to stress that "worship begins on Monday morning." What an interesting consideration. Essentially, he was saying that we begin preparing for worship and continue in an act of worship from the first day of the week. Many of us begin our day in a quiet time of prayer and Bible Study. This certainly is an act of worship as we meditate on scripture and reflect on what the Lord is teaching us. Worship continues during our day as we honor him by being Christ

-like examples in our workplaces and neighborhoods. When we submit to His will and deny ourselves, we worship. Yet how many of us have only thought of worship as that one hour a week that we set aside on Sunday mornings? I for one was convicted of this truth. I have been guilty of this overly simplistic view of worship. Too many times, I have mistakenly entered our church worship center seeking a meaningful time of worship. My attitude has not been in a proper perspective. I have been guilty of assuming that worship has occurred if I have an emotional response from the experience, and then walked away feeling empty if I didn't get the "warm fuzzies" that I assumed signaled that worship had occurred. David Manner's presentation reminded me that worship is not what we expect to "get", but rather the attitude and actions we exhibit that signal we want to glorify God. Worship is most certainly in the songs that we sing, but is it any less worshipful if we do not sing the songs that appeal to a particular preference?

Worship also occurs when I bring my tithes and offerings, thanking God for all of His blessings, and trusting that He will continue to provide for all of my needs. Worship occurs when I focus on Spirit filled instruction that is delivered from the pulpit. I glorify God when I block out distractions that would keep me from hearing words from His Holy scriptures that challenge me, rebuke me, correct me, and encourage me. My prayer for myself and for all of you who read my words, is that we would not cease our act of worship at the noon hour on Sunday mornings. My prayer is that we would continue in deliberate worship of our Lord and Savior as we depart into our own circles of life. Worship is not limited to a finite hour on Sunday mornings. It is in everything we do, and Our Lord Savior and Sovereign King most certainly deserves it.

Rod Luehrs

Chairman of the Deacons

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
9/24	Sandy & Cory	GUEST	Keith A., Karen D.	Rod L., Ulala, Laura
10/1	Sheila & Cory	Brickley	Rod L, Deb R.	Johnie G., Susan, Deb
10/8	John & Cory	Brickley	Joe R., Karen L.	Johnie G., Janna, Penny
10/15	Linnie & Cory	Brickley	Janna, Gloria T.	Johnie G., Rod, Laura
10/22	Deb & Cory	Brickley	Johnie G., Karen D.	Johnie G., Ulala, Deb
10/29	Sandy & Cory	GUEST	Rod, Christine B.	Johnie G., Susan, Rod
11/5	Sheila & Cory	Reinert	Kat H., John B.	Deb S., Janna, Penny
11/12	John & Cory	Reinert	Julie H., Karen L.	Deb S., Laura, Rod
11/19	Linnie & Cory	Reinert	Keith A., John B.	Deb S., Ulala, Laura
11/26	Deb & Cory	GUEST	Janna D., Johnie G.	Deb S., Susan, Johnie G.



# Operation Christmas Child

It is officially the time of year to start thinking

about getting our shoeboxes packed and ready. In September, I went to an OCC kick-off event in Wichita. I got to hear from a young lady, Dania Andraos, from the Middle East, who received a shoebox when she was a child. She grew up within a Christian home, but her family was not accepted in her community because they were followers of Jesus. They were poor and didn't have much. They didn't celebrate birthdays or Christmas with gifts because they didn't have the money. They were a family of prayer and took all their needs and wants to God. One prayer they prayed was for a radio so that they could listen to Christian programming. One day Dania went to a church gathering and there she received an Operation Christmas Child box. Her mom told her and her brother they had to wait and open at home, which was a 30-minute walk!

Her brother tried to sneak his hand under the lid to try and feel what was inside. When she opened her box, it was filled with school supplies, hygiene items (before they could use the bar of soap, her mom wanted to put it in their clothes for a while so they would smell good), and some toys. There was also a small box in it that had a small personal radio in it. That radio was an answer to their prayers. Dania said she knew God answers prayers, but the radio just solidified it for her. Oh, the power of prayer and a simple shoebox gift!

Each box we pack is a gospel opportunity. Churches, schools, and some orphanages around the world partner with OCC and hold outreach events where they share the gospel and then hand out gift boxes to all the kids. These boxes are a tangible way for the kids to experience the love of God. Some even ask, "Why would someone in another country who doesn't even know me give me a gift?" The answer: because we love them like God loves them. They are

then invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, which is a 12-week discipleship program. At the end, they graduate and receive a New Testament in their own language! How cool is that!?

The kids would love to see and hear from the one from whom they got their gifts. Thanks again for all your help. **Our packing party is scheduled for November 1st.** If you can't make it and would still like to participate, here are a couple alternatives:

1. Pack a shoebox on your own. If you need some guidance or a box, let me know, and I can help.
2. Build a box online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox). We will once again serve as a drop-off location for Shoeboxes. The dates for that are November 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Mon 13<sup>th</sup> --Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm-5pm, and Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> 8-10 am.

Thanks!  
Karen Leibbrandt

## Our packing party is next month, and we are still in need of some items:

- Toys: (nothing war related like guns or camo) some examples are cars, balls (if it inflates, pack a needle and pump), tools, Legos, puzzles, games, playing cards, animal figures, dolls, crafts, sewing kits, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk
- Bars of soap, NO LIQUIDS, please
- pencil sharpeners
- Hairbrushes/combs
- Hair accessories (hair ties, bows, clips, headbands)

Other items:

- Sunglasses
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Hats
- Drawstring bags, purses, wallets
- Clothing-- shoes, flip flops, socks, underwear

**If you plan to help pack, please start now by writing some notes or cards to put in each box. You can also bring pictures of you and your family to include.**



# Youth News

Hello Fall! As we roll along, I wanted to let you know about opportunities for the youth to earn tickets and the new requirements to have the student's camp costs paid. See below and please be praying this system will encourage students to grow in their relationship with the Lord!

In Christ,  
Lisa Crook

## Earn Gift Cards!!!

1st drawing 11/01/23

### Earn tickets to be entered into a \$25 Gift Card!

- Bring your bible to youth group-1 ticket
- Do a YouVersion Plan and add Lisa as a friend so she can see your progress!
- ~1 ticket for starting a plan
- ~2 tickets for completing a plan
- Memorize Scripture--5 tickets for every one you get word for word
- Memorize the books of the Old Testament--15 tickets
- Memorize the books of the New Testament-10 tickets
- Site all the books of the bible in order--30 tickets
- Bring a friend-2 tickets (it can't be someone who has been at Youth Group before)

## Earn a separate \$25 Gift Card!

1st drawing at the end of the study

- Bring your Bible-1 ticket
- Be at Sunday School by 9:40 am-1 ticket
- Do assigned "homework"-5 tickets
- Complete the study
- ~Be there every week
- ~Do "makeup" if you miss a week
- Participate in the discussion-2 tickets

## 2024 Camp Requirements

### BEFORE May 1st

- Help in 3 mission outreaches
- Help with fundraising
- Register online with Challenge Course Permission BY PARENT
- Medical Form turned in & signed BY PARENT
- \$50 Deposit-non refundable

### AFTER May 1st

If you do not go to camp, you need to pay back the church the full cost of your camp registration minus the deposit

### Mission Outreach Opportunities

- Pack and serve Food Boxes
- Rake Leaves
- Mow for shut-ins
- Help people move
- Other service pre-approved by Lisa



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**First Southern Baptist Church**  
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**Bus 316-452-3594**  
**Paula Moore 316-258-6596**

### **BE A SUPERHERO FOR JESUS!**

This year we will learn what the Bible has to say about being a Superhero for Jesus! We will learn that small acts done for Jesus can lead to a super life. Sometimes superheroes do great things. Other times it's the little things that make them super. Adam, Abraham, Moses, and Joseph are the first Bible Superheroes we will learn about! Big and small things of these heroes all add up to a life that honors God and allows us to do some "super" things for Christ and others. We are looking forward to going on this journey together.

With Jesus' love,

Ms. Paula



### **FSBC Fall Festival**

**Saturday, October 28th**

**3:00-6:00pm**

**FSBC Parking lot**

**Fun, Games, Prizes,  
Food & Drinks**

***"Whatever you do, do it all for the  
glory of God"***

**1 Corinthians 10:31b**

## **Operation Christmas Child Donations**



OCC is our chance to put Mathew 28:19b into the hearts and hands of our Kids' Club, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"*. Our very own Ms. Karen does such a wonderful job collecting donations all year long so that we can pack the gift boxes for OCC in November. This year we are wanting the kids to become even more involved and are asking them to collect and donate the following supplies:

**Sewing thread, sewing needles, buttons, safety pins, sewing pins, fishing line, medium to small fishing hooks, sinkers, fingernail clippers, and empty clean RX bottles (to hold the kits).**

We will assemble these donations into Sewing and Fishing kits and send them out into the world.

We will need the donations by **October 25th**.

Thank you for all of your support.

### **PARENTS!**

**Please fill out an updated student information/consent form for this year. This can be done in paper form or online with the QR code. Please pay special attention to the code of conduct for church transportation. Without current forms, we will not be able to transport your children. Thank you for your cooperation.**



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<b>8</b> Norma Boss "A-Team" Meeting (No Potluck)	<b>9</b> Greg Branaman	<b>10</b> Ida Leibbrandt	<b>11</b> Ryan Luehrs	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Diane Goertz	<b>14</b>
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## October Events

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 1st, 2-3pm—LifeChain at the courthouse  
 2nd—SCASB Annual Meeting  
 8th—"A-Team" Meeting (No Potluck)  
 9th & 10th—KNCSB Annual Meeting in Omaha Nebraska  
 18th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due  
 19th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting  
 21st—Bread of Life Food Ministry  
 22nd—Potluck, Outreach Day for Fall Festival  
 28th—Fall Festival  
 29th—Youth Sunday, Youth Mission Impossible

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th— Penny Stephens  
 7th—Gene Herrmann  
 8th—Norma Boss  
 9th—Greg Branaman  
 10th—Ida Leibbrandt  
 11th—Ryan Luehrs  
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**1st—OCC Packing Party**  
**5th—Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
**12th—A Team**  
**15th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due**  
**13th—20th OCC Collections Week**  
**21st-25th—Office Closed**  
**24th—Thanksgiving**  
**26th—3 pm Christmas Decorating Party**

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

**4th—Michelle Spivey**  
**6th—Kat Heubner, Karen Drake**  
**10th—Robert & Carol Mitchell**  
**16th—Rod Luehrs**  
**20th—Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt**  
**26th—Jessica Zumalt**  
**27th—David & Julie Hill**

## Meal Helpers

**1st Wed (11/1): Donna & Johnie G**  
**2nd Wed (11/8): Carol & Bob M**  
**3rd Wed (11/15): Glenna W.**  
**4th Wed (11/22): NO PROGRAMS**

