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*Love God,
Love Others,
Serve All*

FSBC Messenger

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2023

Welcome!



Our beloved Johnny Mehaffey built so many wonderful things for our church. He was, himself, a building block of our church. For decades he led us with his love. He was a master at bringing people to church, and more importantly—to Christ. If ever he saw a need, he worked to fill it. Whenever possible, he created things out of whatever was on hand and was a marvelous steward of God's resources. We will miss him dearly until the day we see him again in heaven.

One of Johnny's creations was a puppet theater that he and his faithful friend, Larry Goertz, made for the children's department. It was no longer being used for that purpose, and many discussions ensued about its future. We decided that the puppet theater created by our most welcoming

member should be re-created, Johnny-style, into a welcome center. Janna Davis made drawings, and she and pastor David transformed it into a mini church building to hold church information and other things to help people feel welcome and learn more about us. I present to you the (unofficially named) Johnny Mehaffey Welcome center.



November Events

- 1st**—OCC Packing Party
- 4th, 8:30 am**—SONday School Breakfast at Leon Prairie House
- 5th**—Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back)
- 12th, 1pm**—A Team (BYOL), NO POTLUCK
- 15th, by 9:00 am**—Newsletter Items Due
- 13th—20th** OCC Collections Week
- 21st-25th**—Office Closed
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- 24th**—Thanksgiving
- 26th—3 pm** Christmas Decorating Party

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- 3rd-10th**—Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
- 10th**—Kid's Christmas Program
- 13th**—Last Night of regular Wednesday Programs (resume Jan 3rd, 2024)
- 13th, by 9:00 am**—Newsletter Items Due
- 16th, 10-11:30**—Bread of Life Food Ministry
- 17th**—6 pm Ladies Christmas Event
- 21st, 5:30**—Facilities Team Meeting
- 24th, 6:30**—Candlelight Service
- 25th**—Christmas
- 25th-Jan 1st**—Office Closed

Pastor's Pen

I write this article having just returned from the Church Forward Conference, or the annual meeting of the Kansas/Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists in Omaha, Nebraska, as a delegate from our church. I always enjoy getting to go to be inspired by some great preaching and teaching, sharing hugs with my many friends and fellow pastors in our convention (I saw two of your previous pastors: Bobby Payne and John Harms), and looking for direction through the resources that God may lead us to use in the future. Thank you for sending me! I pray that much fruit will come of it in our future together!

I thought I would report some of the highlights so you could keep informed about the larger work of our church through cooperation with our sister churches.

- First, the greatest news at the convention: Baptisms in our churches were up 250% in 2022 from 2021! We were 3rd from last in our state conventions in 2021 for per-capita baptisms, ahead of only Canada and California. In 2022 we were second from the top behind only New Mexico! We agreed we wanted to overtake them this year! Regardless, praise God for this beautiful impact of our churches in the Kingdom of Christ!
- We welcomed two new churches to our convention.
- The biggest news from the conference was the rollout of our convention's very own Church Guard resource. Church Guard is an online toolbox to help prevent unwanted sexual behaviors and to know how to proceed when something inappropriate happens. Whether you are a church leader, attendee, family member, or victim-survivor, there are links to take you to information and resources specific to your unique situation. I encourage all of us to look at what we can do to prevent sexual abuse in our church on kncsb.org/churchguard. Prevention replaces the need for reaction.
- Lifeway is releasing a new digital curriculum for kids and students designed to reach the next generation looking for identity but finding their answers outside of the church. Hyfi digital curriculum flips the script on traditional ministry to give effective tools and strategies to reach the



Don't I still look cool in Hawaii?

- next generations for Christ. You can see a promo at lifeway.com/en/shop/hyfi
- A group of our sister churches, the Crosspoint group, is working on a new program to develop worship leaders to help with the enormous void of needed church worship leaders. I wrote last month that I was in conversations with a young man in that development pipeline. He told me a week before the convention that he was taking a job in that pipeline to help train others and was not interested in coming to us. I inquired about our church partnering in some way with the pipeline program. I received a receptive response from them for further talks on how such a partnership might be possible. PLEASE BE PRAYING !
 - On a personal note, I was elected to the Executive Committee of KNCSB for the next 3 years. I look forward to increasing our connection with the rest of our churches through this opportunity.
- Thank you for sending me, Church!

Pastor David

Youth

The youth will be helping fill Operation Christmas Child boxes on the 1st. Our goal is to get our youth to participate in more activities throughout the year. We want them to be active members in our church!

We will not have our Wednesday night program on the 22nd. Spend time with family!!!

Several students have been memorizing scripture for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. What will it take to motivate you to memorize God's Word??

Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Lisa Crook
Youth Leader

The Deacon's Corner

Greetings, church family. While writing my last Deacon's Corner article, we were amid summer's last grasp of hot weather. At the time of this writing, Fall has descended upon us. Most of us are probably thankful for the reprieve from hotter temperatures and are excited about the activities and events that come with this time of year. I have shared this before, but I really love this time of year. I love the cooler weather, Friday night football games, leaves changing color, and even looking ahead to the holiday season. I know that some of you who just read that last sentence may say, "Hey Rod! Slow down there with that talk about the holiday season." I agree wholeheartedly, but sometimes it is hard to ignore those thoughts when Walmart has already started displaying their Christmas fare. So how do we enjoy the moment we're in?

Here are some suggestions. Philippians 4:4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" Psalms 118:24 says, "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Each and every day is a blessing from above. In our hurriedness, sometimes we neglect to thank God for each new day and don't stop to "Rejoice in the Lord." There are many praiseworthy things going on right now and many opportunities for you and I as members of the body to serve. Our Lord is at work and invites us to join him in his work. The Fall Festival allows numerous ways to be involved. Passing out candy, decorating a car trunk, running a carnival game, and/or distributing cotton candy are just a few of the ways that one could serve. Operation Christmas Child continues to collect items for the shoeboxes, and we look forward to the shoebox assembly night coming up soon. Sunday School classes are in full gear. If you are not attending Sunday School, you are missing a blessing. Our church offers a class for all levels and those that come will say that their small group is one of the best things they look forward to all week. Maybe God is calling you to teach Sunday School. Paula Moore, our children's director, is the one to speak with about a calling to teach children. These are just a few ideas for celebrating Jesus at this moment in time. Also coming in November is our Christmas decorating party—a fun time of fellowship and preparing our building for the holiday season. I hope you find some inspiration in my suggestions.

Chairman of the Deacons

Rod Luehrs

Blessings Box

I would like to introduce everyone to our newest addition to helping out our homeless community. Some of you may or may not have known that Deacon was homeless for 2 years. He had a heart for helping the homeless but was not sure how to start. I stepped in after he passed to try to bring what he wanted to do for the homeless community of El Dorado. We have placed a Blessing box outside of our church in hopes that the items that are placed in it will help out whoever is in need of them.

We are not asking for donations, but I do want to provide a list of items that will be available in our Blessing Box. If you do wish to donate, please place the items in the box.

I would also like to thank everyone for all the items that have been donated to The Bread of Life food ministry. We couldn't do what we do without you.

In Christ,
Janna Davis



Blessing Box Suggestions

- Canned food with pull-rings
- Socks
- Mittens
- Hand warmers
- Snacks
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer



Operation Christmas Child

Yay! It is November! This is THE month for OCC. Operation Christmas Child began 30 years ago with a request to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. A total of 28,000 shoeboxes were packed and delivered that Christmas. Since then, more than 209 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift.

All the shoeboxes that have been packed here in the U.S. are collected at local churches (the 3rd week in November), then taken to central drop offs. After that they get taken to one of the 8 regional processing centers. Ours go to the Colorado processing

center. Once there, volunteers go through each box to make sure there isn't anything that shouldn't be in the box like war related items, money, liquids, food. Then the boxes are put into cartons specific for each one, like girls 2-4, boys 2-4 and so on. Then they are off to their destination in one of the 170 countries and territories around the world. Shoebox gifts are collected in the U.S., Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, and South Korea.

When they get to their country, local churches will use them to reach children in their area for the Lord. They have an outreach event for the kids where they present the gospel and then pass out the boxes along with The Greatest Gift Booklet. (It has been translated into 97 languages with more translations in progress) Then they invite the children to come back to participate in The Greatest Journey, a

12-lesson discipleship program. Since 2009, over 1.7 million teachers have been trained to lead more than 35 million boys and girls in the program and 17.4 million children have made decisions for Christ! It is an amazing time for all involved. I have had the opportunity to participate in a few distributions in Ecuador. It is so awesome to see how God uses these simple boxes to reach children around the world and then get to see His tangible love in these simple gifts.



We will be packing our shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 in the Fellowship hall. Please come and join the fun. Snacks will be provided. I love this time of year! It is such a great time. I am so thankful for each and every one who has graciously donated items and money for the shipping of our boxes.

In Christ,
Karen Leibbrandt

Thank you for your service!

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
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	Rod L., 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.
12/3	Sandy & Cory	Brickley	Rod, TBA	Rod, Susan, Laura
12/10	Sheila & Cory	Brickley	Kat H., Karen L.	Rod, Janna, Penny
12/17	John & Cory	Brickley	Julie H., Keith A.	Rod, Laura, Johnie G
12/24	Linnie & Cory	Brickley	Rod L., Johnie G.	Rod, Ulala, Deb
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November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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6th—Kat Heubner, Karen Drake
10th—Bob & Carol Mitchell
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Greetings friends,
What a blessed year we are having! The students are working hard on learning all about the Superheroes of the Bible. We have covered Adam The First, Ark Man (Noah), and Mr. Obedient (Abraham) so far. Between hero introductions, we are working on what characteristics it takes to be a Superhero for God; loving our parents, being slow to speak, and looking for the good in all things. The students are also memorizing 1 Corinthians 10:31 this quarter. Please encourage your students to share about God's Superheroes. Ask questions, read the Bible story, and most of all talk with them. God gave us great examples to learn from in His Word!

In Jesus' love,
Ms. Paula

By now I hope your child has shared with you about our evening packing shoeboxes.



Operation Christmas Child is the designated mission program for our Kid's Ministry. We will be doing specific collections throughout the year. It is always a fun and rewarding time for all that participate. The work is not finished yet! We are currently decorating pages of Christmas trees with coins to help with the shipping costs. This Christmas tree coin page is due **November 15th**. Our church is a drop off destination for the community to bring the shoeboxes that they have packed. Ms. Karen will be here the week of Nov. 13-20th to receive boxes. Feel free to call Karen Leibbrandt for more details.

Just a reminder **no Wednesday Kid's Club on November 22nd**. We would like to wish you many blessings as you spend time with family and friends. We will **resume on November 29th**.



To all those who pitched in for the Fall Festival, we send a huge thank you! Sharing the love of Jesus can be so fun and fulfilling. Thank you.
"Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Q: Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

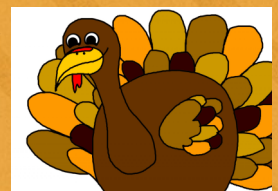
A: The outside!

Q: What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?

A: The Turkey Trot!

Q: Who was the drummer in the Thanksgiving band?

A: The turkey, because he had the drumsticks!



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

1 Corinthians 10:31b

Merry Christmas!

You can decorate this
Tree with coins as a
Christmas gift for
Operation Christmas Child.

*God gave His son, Jesus,
to be the Savior of the world.
This is the best gift ever!*

**"For God so loved the world, that
He gave His only Son, that
whoever believes in Him should
not perish but have eternal life."**

John 3:16

*We can say "Thank you" to God by giving money
that will help more people hear the Good News
that God's Son, Jesus, is the Savior of the world.*

*If you want to give money as a Christmas gift to God for OCC,
please take this Christmas tree home and decorate
it by taping coins on the branches.
(Please do not use glue.)*

When you are finished, bring the decorated tree back to church!

Please return by
Wednesday,
November 15th

THANK YOU!