



# FSBC Messenger

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

## Operation Christmas Child

Well, another successful shoebox collection season has come and gone. God is so good! Some of my friends and I have been praying that our church would be able to pack 199 boxes. Agnes and I prepared 199 boxes in faith that we would fill them all and God answered our prayers! Good job church family, 199 gospel opportunities going out around the world to tell 199 children about the greatest gift of all,

Jesus! Praise the Lord for His goodness in providing us with the resources to pack that many.

This month we are focusing on praying for all the boxes that have been collected. Pray that they reach their final destination without any hiccups and that each one impacts not only the child that receives it but also their family and friends with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are also in need of some more money for

shipping our boxes. The \$10 per box cost is a bargain for over-seas shipping, but with 199 boxes, that makes our goal \$1990. Thanks again church family for your generosity. We couldn't do this work without you.

***Remember, Christmas sales are good chances to snag good deals on items need for next year's boxes.***

Karen Leibbrandt



### Our Current Schedule

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Worship 10:45 am
- Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer meeting
- Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
- Wednesdays 6:30 pm Children, Youth and Adult Bible studies

# Pastor's Pen

Merry Christmas Church! I love you Church!

This is my favorite time of the year! I love the decorations and lights! I love the joy and the music! I love the levity and festivity! I even enjoy wearing my seasonal ties at church. (Weird, I know!) I especially love the celebrations with the people I love, including you! I do hope you will try to bring others to worship with you and your church family this Advent Season. Even in our times when people are quite disconnected from God, they are still often receptive to an invitation to worship during the Christmas season.

We will have much going on this season, so look carefully through this newsletter to find all the beautiful opportunities to worship and serve alongside your church family. For our Advent theme, we will be looking into the Messiah, from Isaiah 9:6, born who bears the name "Prince of Peace." We will see how that title makes Jesus suited to be the solution for the turmoil in our world today. I hope it will be relevant, timely, and insightful as you both watch the news and pray about what is happening in our world.

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Christmas Eve Service will hopefully prove to be one of our most precious and intimate worship services of the whole year. You are welcome to involve your extended family in this developing tradition. The children can even wear their pajamas!

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We will be thoroughly excited to have our children lead us in worship December 10. They have been practicing their carols and getting costumes, so come ready to both enjoy and encourage them!

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We will do caroling a little bit differently this year. We want to be a blessing to more people this year. We will form multiple groups going different places and then finishing together. We will visit two nursing homes and multiple homes of our church family who can't join us very often in worship. Here is the schedule:

- 3:10 Group organization at church
- 3:30 Depart the church
- 3:45 Simultaneous caroling – Children at Homestead, groups at Homes and Gordy Park apts
- 4:30 Everyone at El Dorado Care and Rehabilitation

Merry Christmas!  
Pastor David

# Upcoming Events!

## December Events

- 1st—SCASB staff Christmas Dinner Ark City
- 3rd—Holidays Meal, Annual Meeting
- 3rd—10th Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
- 10th—Kid's Program
- 10th, 3:10 pm—Caroling
- 13th—Last Night of Wednesday Programs till Jan 3rd
- 13th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due
- 16th—Bread of Life Food Ministry
- 17th—6 pm Women's Christmas Event
- 21st—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
- 24th—6:30 Candle-light Service
- 25th—Christmas
- 25th—Jan 2nd—Office Closed

## January Events

- 1st & 2nd—Office Closed
- 3rd—Wednesday night programs resume
- 6th, 10 am—Breakfast and undecorating party
- 10th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items due
- 14th—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 14th—Soup, Salad & Dessert Potluck, A-Team
- 15th—MLK Day, Office Closed
- 18th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
- 23rd—SCASB Executive Board
- 23rd—30th Laura Out of Office

# Deacons' Corner

What is the greatest, most fantastic gift that you ever received? When you look back over the years, I am sure there are one or two gifts that you have received that truly stand out. A few years ago, I had mentioned to my family that I was in need of a new coat. I might have even mentioned that a leather coat would be neat to have. On Christmas morning, I opened a box to a brand new leather jacket. It was awesome, but what made the gift special? I wasn't expecting a leather jacket so I would not have been disappointed had I not received it. What made it special, was knowing that someone was paying attention and listening to me. We all appreciate having others pay attention to us. Maybe someone calls you "out of the blue" or maybe you have received a card with a message of encouragement at a time you really needed it. The desire to be recognized or appreciated lives within all of us. At Christmastime, we all have the ability to fulfill that desire in another person, and it doesn't cost us more than our time

to do so.

As we prepare for the busyness of the holidays, I would like to challenge all who read this newsletter article to take a little time out their schedule to do something for someone else that shows you are thinking about them, or are recognizing them in some way. Statistics show that the holiday season is one of the loneliest times of the year for some individuals. As joyful as the Christmas season should be, it can actually bring on depression for some individuals. No one likes the idea of someone being sad or depressed during this most special season of the year. Would you join me and the other deacons in looking for ways to do something spontaneous and unique for at least one other person during this holiday season? Here are a few suggestions. Send a Christmas card to a shut in. We have members of our church who are not able to get out and be amongst us as much as they would like. Let me know if you need contact information for anyone that fits this description. Maybe you

know of someone who you haven't talked to in some time. Send a quick text message letting them know that you are thinking of them. Some other considerations might cost a few dollars, but are definitely worth the expense knowing that it could brighten someone's day. How about buying a gift for an angel tree? There are many children that would love to receive a gift in this manner. Here is one other suggestion. You might have an opportunity to eat a meal at your favorite restaurant during the next few weeks. Look for someone who is eating by themselves or maybe a serviceman or woman who you could buy a meal for. My family and I have received a tremendous amount of joy from anonymously paying for another person's meal. These are just a few suggestions. If you have other great ideas, share them with me or others. This is the season to give great gifts to let others know they are valued.

Rod Luehrs  
Chairman of the Deacons

## Youth

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! The youth have been learning about different aspects of the Christian life and Lord willing, in 2024 they will put it all into practice!

We will be taking a break over the holiday season to give students a chance to celebrate Christ's birthday with friends and family.

Interested in helping out in some way with the youth in 2024? Let me know!

In Christ,  
Lisa Crook  
785-207-7189



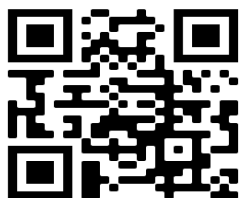
# Thank you for Serving!

Date	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery	Counters
11/19	Linnie & Cory	Reinert	Keith A., John B.	Deb S., Ulala, Rod
11/26	Deb & Cory	GUEST	Janna D., Johnie G.	Deb S., Susan, Johnie G.
12/3	Sandy & Cory	Brickley	Rod, Cara S.	Rod, Janna, Penny
12/10	Sheila & Cory	Brickley	Kat H., Karen L.	Rod, Ulala, Laura
12/17	John & Cory	Brickley	Julie H., Keith A.	Rod, Susan, Johnie G
12/24	Linnie & Cory	Brickley	Rod L., Johnie G.	Rod, Janna, Deb
12/31	Deb & Cory	GUEST	Janna D., John B.	Rod, Penny, Laura
1/7	Sandy & Cory	Reinert	Karen D., Kat H.	Johnie, Ulala, Johnie
1/14	Sheila & Cory	Reinert	Julie H., Keith A.	Johnie, Susan, Deb
1/21	John & Cory	Reinert	Karen L., Rod L.	Johnie, Janna, Laura
1/28	Linnie & Cory	GUEST	Johnie G., Janna D.	Johnie, Penny, Rod

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sundays</b> 9:30 am—Sunday School 10:45 am—Worship	<b>Mondays</b> 6:15 pm Prayer meeting	<b>Tuesdays</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>Wednesdays</b> 6:30 pm Adult, Youth and Children's Bible study	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>1</b> SCASB staff Christmas Dinner Ark City	<b>2</b> Olivia Baca
<b>3</b> Holidays Meal Annual Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Carolyn Jorn, Mark Wint	<b>6</b> David Crook	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>10</b> Dianna Stroer, Paula Moore Kid's Program Caroling 3pm	<b>11</b> Penny Nielsen	<b>12</b> Kinley Nielsen	<b>13</b> 9 am Newsletter Items Due	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bread of Life Food Ministry 10am-11:30 am
<b>17</b> Glenna Wise, Carol Mitchell 6 pm Women's Christmas event	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint No Wednesday programs	<b>21</b> 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	<b>22</b> Jerry & Sandy DeWitt	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 6:30 Candle-light Service	<b>25</b> Christmas 	<b>26</b> Tom Edwards	<b>27</b> No Wednesday programs	<b>28</b> Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Barry & Sue Mohler Office Closed 25-Jan 2	Office Closed 25-Jan 2nd					

## Meal Helpers

1st Wed (12/6): Donna & Johnie G  
 2nd Wed (12/13): Carol & Bob M  
 3rd Wed (12/20): NO PROGRAMS  
 4th Wed (12/27)—NO PROGRAMS

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd—Olivia Baca  
 5th—Mark Wint  
 6th—David Crook  
 10th—Dianna Stroer, Paula Moore  
 11th—Penny Nielsen  
 12th—Kinley Nielsen  
 17th—Glenna Wise, , Carol Mitchell  
 20th—Nathan Wright, Mark & Melynda Wint  
 22nd—Jerry & Sandy DeWitt  
 26th—Tom Edwards  
 28th—Dylan Davis, James & Kelly Davidson



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 25th—Lisa Crook  
 31st—John Meister



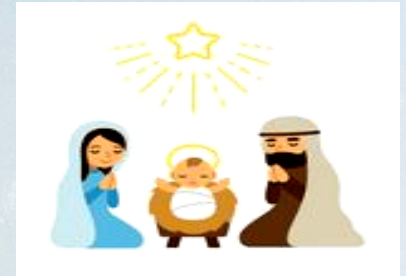
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Hello friends,

The Christmas season is upon us! We here in Kid's Min at FSBC are so excited about this time to share about the promises fulfilled in the birth of Savior, Jesus Christ. It's important for all of us to remember the true meaning of this time we celebrate. God's love for us came down to earth in the form of a tiny baby and He grew up to die for our sins so that we may have an everlasting life with Him. Oh how blessed we are to be children in the kingdom of God! I'm excited to share that we here at FSBC have Family Advent Bags to share with you this year. Inside the bag, you will find all the contents needed for your family to participate in meaningful activities this Christmas season. I hope you find a way to enjoy these activities that can bring your family closer to the true meaning of Christmas this month. Please contact me if you have any questions. I want to wish each one of you a merry and blessed Christmas filled with the love and peace of our Lord, Christ Jesus.

In His name,  
Ms. Paula

The Sunday School Classes will be presenting the Christmas Pageant, The Amazing Story of Christmas, to the Congregation on Sunday, Dec. 10th during the 10:45 Worship Service. We invite you to come and enjoy!



The church will be hosting a Christmas Caroling event on Sunday, Dec. 10th from 3-5:15pm. The children will be wearing their Pageant costumes from the morning performance. Please arrive at church at 3pm to get dressed. We will travel by van to 2 local nursing homes to sing Christmas Carols. We would love for you to join us in this ministry to the community. All ages are invited. We plan to return to the church at 5:15pm.



### Calendar Highlights

Dec. 3: Holiday meal following service  
Dec. 10: 10:45am Children's Christmas Pageant  
3-5:15 Church Caroling  
Dec. 13: last Wednesday Kid Min for December  
Dec. 24: 6:30pm Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25: Christmas  
Jan 3: Wednesday Eve Activities resume

*"A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And He will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace." Isaiah 9:6 NIV*



# Christmas Scavenger Hunt



**Directions:** To begin the adventure, grab a camera, Bible and this list. Read aloud Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-2. Next, read the clues and the Scripture provided to solve each riddle. Check each item off your list as you finish. For a twist, take pictures of each item you find or have children draw a picture of the answer instead.

*Read Luke 2:6*

completed ☐

Find something soft and warm that is similar to the material in this verse.

*Read Luke 2:6*

completed ☐

Find something the same color of what was probably used to line Jesus' bed.

*Read Luke 2:8*

completed ☐

Find something as soft and furry as the animal mentioned in this verse.

*Read Luke 2:9*

completed ☐

Find something the color of the heavenly hosts in this verse.

*Read Luke 2:15*

completed ☐

Find something that the shepherds would have worn or used as they traveled to meet Jesus.

*Read Luke 2:19*

completed ☐

Find something the same shape as where Mary treasured the memories of Jesus' birth.

*Read Matthew 2:9*

completed ☐

Find something the same shape as the "nightlight" that guided the Wisemen.

*Read Matthew 2:11*

completed ☐

Find \_\_\_\_\_ gifts to offer to baby Jesus. Hint: This is the same number of gifts the Wisemen presented to Jesus.

*Once you're done, retell the story of Jesus' birth in your own words.*

