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The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Church! I love you Church! Happy New Year Church!

I am looking forward to seeing how this new year takes shape for our church. 2023 was a good year for us, seeing several very positive indicators that God is about to do something significant through our church. I pray that 2024 is our breakout year! I want to see us baptize 20 or more people as new believers in Jesus Christ. I want to see a 25% increase in our worship attendance and ministry involvement. I want to see a 200% increase in our Monday prayer meeting involvement to fuel the prior goals.

I don't know how to quantify and measure it, but I

want to see more engagement with God through His Word in a way that deepens each relationship with Christ. I have often challenged us to read through the Bible in a year, for it is a great thing to do. I feel like God is challenging me to spend 2024 in the New Testament in a new and deeper way. I would like to invite you into the journey as well. I have given you a reading plan that has you read a passage three days in a row and asking different questions each day. It does not go in the order of the New Testament books, but does do a whole book at a time. I hope it proves helpful to your engagement with God and His Word each day. Plan two passages per week: Monday-

Wednesday and Thursday-Saturday. Sunday is a catch-up day in the schedule.

My suggestion: get a notebook and journal your reaction to the passage asking the following questions for each 3-day reading:

Day 1: What does this passage show me about God?

Day 2: What does this passage show me about me?

Day 3: What does this passage show me about God's will for me?

The reading plan is printed on the next page. I hope we all enjoy slowing down and engaging each passage multiple times and in different ways.

Pastor David

Jan 1-3	Philippians 1-2
Jan 8-10	Mark 1-2
Jan 15-17	Mark 5-6
Jan 22-24	Mark 9-10
Jan 29-31	Mark 13-14
Feb 5-7	Colossians
Feb 12-14	James 5, Titus
Feb 19-21	John 4-5
Feb 26-28	John 8-9
Mar 4-6	John 12-14
Mar 11-13	John 19-21
Mar 18-20	Rev 4-7
Mar 25-27	Rev 12-15
Apr 1-3	Rev 19-22
Apr 8-10	Romans 4-6
Apr 15-17	Romans 9-11
Apr 22-24	Romans 15-16
A 29-M1	Acts 3-4:22
May 6-8	Acts 6-7
May 13-15	Acts 10-12
May 20-22	Acts 15-16
May 27-29	Acts 20-21
June 3-5	Acts 25-26
June 10-12	Hebrews 1-3
June 17-19	Hebrews 7-9
June 24-26	Hebrews 12-13

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Jan 11-13	Mark 3-4
Jan 18-20	Mark 7-8
Jan 25-27	Mark 11-12
Feb 1-3	Mark 15-16
Feb 8-10	James 1-4
Feb 15-17	John 1-3
Feb 22-24	John 6-7
F 29-M 2	John 10-11
Mar 7-9	John 15-18
Mar 14-16	Rev 1-3
Mar 21-23	Rev 8-11
Mar 28-30	Rev 16-18
Apr 4-6	Romans 1-3
Apr 11-13	Romans 7-8
Apr 18-20	Romans 12-14
Apr 25-27	Acts 1-2
May 2-4	Acts 4:23-5
May 9-11	Acts 8-9
May 16-18	Acts 13-14
May 23-25	Acts 17-19
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June 6-8	Acts 27-28
June 13-15	Hebrews 4-6
June 20-22	Hebrews 10-11
June 27-29	Philemon, Jude

July 1-3	Matthew 1-3
July 8-10	Matthew 7-9
July 15-17	Matthew 12-13
July 22-24	Matthew 17-19
July 29-31	Matthew 22-24
Aug 5-7	Matthew 27-28
Aug 12-14	1 Cor 4-6
Aug 19-21	1 Cor 9-11
Aug 26-28	1 Cor 15-16
Sept 2-4	2 Cor 4-6
Sept 9-11	2 Cor 10-11
Sept 16-18	1 Peter 1-2
Sept 23-25	2 Peter
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Oct 7-9	Eph 4-6
Oct 14-16	1 Timothy 5-6
Oct 21-23	1 John 1-3
Oct 28-30	Galatians 1-3
Nov 4-6	Luke 1
Nov 11-13	Luke 4-5
Nov 18-20	Luke 8
Nov 25-27	Luke 10:25-11
Dec 2-4	Luke 13-14
Dec 9-11	Luke 17-18
Dec 16-18	Luke 20:27-21
Dec 23-25	Luke 23

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Sept 26-28	1 Thess 1-4
Oct 3-5	Eph 1-3
Oct 10-12	1 Timothy 1-4
Oct 17-19	2 Timothy
Oct 24-26	1 Jn 4-5, 2 & 3 Jn
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Nov 7-9	Luke 2-3
Nov 14-16	Luke 6-7
Nov 21-23	Luke 9-10:24
Nov 28-30	Luke 12
Dec 5-7	Luke 15-16
Dec 12-14	Luke 19-20:26
Dec 19-21	Luke 22
Dec 26-28	Luke 24

Youth

WOW! 2024?? I remember thinking as a kid we would be flying cars in 2020!!!

As we start a new year, the youth will be looking at a new year to learn more about their relationship with Christ and start thinking about camp in the summer.

Please be praying God moves in amazing ways in 2024 in their hearts as well as everyone's hearts!

P.S. Wanting to make a New Years Resolution to serve more in the church??? Let me know if you enjoy youth and want to help in any way!!!

Lisa Crook



Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Another new year has come, and I thank God for it. I am excited to see God work this year—not only through OCC, but in our lives. Thank you each again for your generous support with this ministry that reaches children all over the world. Because of you, these boxes will help our brothers and sisters around the world reach children and be able to share the love of God with them using these simple gifts. Be in prayer for the outreach events that will take place and the little hearts who will receive these boxes and hear the gospel. Below is a story of how a simple gift transformed a young lady's life.

A Kite in a Shoebox Gift Helps Start One Girl's Soaring Journey of Faith

When a teen in Central Asia received a gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoebox, the Lord used it to lead her to Christian community and discipleship. Saliha* enjoyed a surprise beyond anything she ever imagined as she opened her Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. The young teenager lifted the lid of her overflowing gift box to discover all sorts of fun things, including her favorite item—a kite! She looked forward to flying her new treasure to see it dart and twist high in the sky, but, unfortunately, she had no one close with whom she could share her joy.

Saliha was born into a traditional family in Central Asia, and her parents divorced when she was very young. Most of the time, her mother worked abroad to support her and her younger brother, so Saliha lived with her aunt.

During a difficult time, God used that kite in Saliha's shoebox to

show her that God had not forgotten her.

"After I received the gift, I started going to church every week," Saliha said. "I think that I immediately accepted Jesus into my heart. It happened very quickly—I did not have any doubts."

Soon the people who introduced Saliha to her newfound Savior became extremely dear to her. She no longer felt alone.

"I can say that the church has become my home," Saliha said, realizing that she's found a second family. "I could come to church and ask for help, talk to someone, and make friends. And so, it happened. I found quite a lot of new, good friends in the church."

Saliha came to love her fellow believers and their joyful songs. Like her kite, she began to soar as a person, dancing in the winds of the Holy Spirit with joy and the love of God.

"I realized that He loved me and wanted to be my Best Friend. He knew I desperately needed love and friendship," she said.

Learning to Teach God's Word

A year later, Saliha joined the children's ministry team at her church and received training in how to teach The Greatest Journey discipleship course, designed especially for shoebox recipients like her. When the future teachers went through the 12 Bible lessons they would teach the boys and girls, Saliha especially appreciated Lesson 7, which highlights the Luke 5 story of people who lowered their paralyzed friend to Jesus through a roof. The Lord not only healed the man on the mat, but forgave his sins as well!

"I always have tears when I read and watch a cartoon about this story," Saliha said.

She also really appreciates the story of David, including his heroic defeat of Goliath, and his words in Psalm 23. Saliha said the latter has helped her through problems many times, especially when she was sick.

In addition to learning how to share God's Word with youth, Saliha discovered through The Greatest Journey training that she was also called to be a parent and a teacher. Today at age 22, she is already a happy wife and mother and is in her third year of studies at a university.

Training the Next Generation

She is grateful for how God captivated her heart for children's ministry, beginning with the Samaritan's Purse discipleship program.

"I still remember one my first students in The Greatest Journey, an 8-year-old named Ryana*," said Saliha. "She was so special to me, though she didn't look special at all. She was meek and obedient and reminded me of myself when I was a young girl."

Ryana went on to complete all 12 lessons of The Greatest Journey discipleship course and receive her own copy of God's Word at graduation. After the course finished, however, Saliha didn't see Ryana again for some time. But that all changed when she got an internship at a public school.

"Ryana was in my class," Saliha said. "I was very happy to meet her again. She recognized me and was very excited."

Saliha prays that Ryana will continue to grow in the Lord and one day possibly even become a teacher as well.

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Saliha's story of transformation began when someone prayerfully packed a kite in a shoebox gift. This creative item, however, was just the beginning. The Greatest Journey follow-up program helped her grow in Jesus Christ and share Him with others. As a teacher, she's helped many more children do the same.

*indicates name changes to protect identities

Karen Leibbrandt



January OCC
Shopping List
Hats
Scarves
Gloves
Any good after-
Christmas deals

The Deacon's Corner

As the new year rapidly approaches, one may ask, "How is it already nearly 2024?" Like many busy adults, it seems that time accelerates more rapidly the older that I get. I never believed my parents and grandparents when they told me this, but I now know what they were talking about. Rather than contemplate the rapid passing of time, may I suggest we reflect on the best way we can use our time. We can apply this both in the present and as we look towards 2024. The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that, "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven." The rest of Chapter 3 of that same book details nearly every life event and emotion in the human experience. In the passage, the words that resonate most with me are those in verses 7 and 8. In those verses, it says, "A time to keep silence and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate." As I look back at 2023, I ask myself how many times I spoke when really it was the time to keep silent. It is interesting

that the contrasting statements of silence/speaking and love/hate are back to back in this passage. In our haste to be heard, do some hateful words sometimes spill out when we would be better served to remain silent? As you reflect on New Year's Resolutions and the best use of the rapid progression of time that we all experience, would you join me in examining our use of words to lift up and not harm? Help me be accountable as I help and encourage all of you to be careful to think and reflect before speaking. There are many noble and worthwhile resolutions that we can choose to address, but as for me, I will be examining my speech to make sure that it reflects a heart of love. If you have a New Year's Resolution that you will be working on this next year, share it with me if you choose. I will pray for you as you pray for me. Until next time, blessings.

Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons

January Events

- 1st & 2nd**—Office Closed
- 3rd**—Wednesday night programs resume
- 6th, 9:30 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

February Events

- 9th**—Parent's Day Out
- 11th**— "A-Team" (BYOL), No Potluck
- 11th**—Youth Event TBD
- 14th**—Valentines' Day
- 14th, by 9:00 am**—Newsletter Items Due
- 15th, 5:30**—Facilities Team Meeting
- 15th-19th**—No School USD 490 (Conferences)
- 17th, 10-11:30**—Bread of Life Food Ministry
- 19th**—President's Day Office Closed
- 23rd, 6:00 pm**—Valentine's Banquet

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

Happy New Year Everyone!

I love this time of year. It's a time of year to take stock of where we've been and where God is leading us next. His plan is superior to anything we can come up with on our own. God wants us to

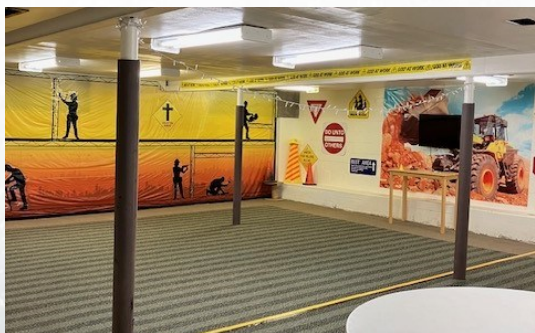
"Trust in the Lord with all your (our) heart and lean not on your (our) own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

When we lean on God to direct us everyday, the glory will be His! It's our goal at FSBC to teach the kids in our care how to look toward God for answers and direction. This happens through Bible reading and memorization, games, songs, fellowship and prayer.

I want to personally thank you for the opportunities that you allow us to have with your kids.

We are looking for more volunteers to help with our programs. If you are interested in helping with the children's programs, please contact Ms. Paula at the church.

In His Service,
Paula Moore



Our new Kid Zone for Wednesday evening group activities!



The children had the opportunity to go Christmas Caroling at local nursing facilities.



The kid's performed the story of the birth of Jesus! Mary and Joseph: Savannah Loyd and Lane Baca, Cow: Olivia Baca, Donkey: Juliet Haynes; Sheep: Ida Leibbrandt; Camel: Anastasia Stewart; Shepherds: Nathaniel Hill and Gunther Baca; Angels: Carrie Loyd and Emma Leibbrandt; Star: Agnes Leibbrandt; Wisemen: Eli Gill, Obadiah Leibbrandt and TJ Haynes; Narrated by Joe Leibbrandt.

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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1st—David Baca
- 5th—Austin Prewit, Sophie Simpson
- 7th—Kevin Tarrant
- 8th—Willie Spivey
- 16th—Nathan and Nancy Wright
- 17th—Gloria Tucker
- 22nd—Debbie Reinert
- 24th—Cheyenne Hollis
- 25th—Lisa Crook
- 31st—John Meister



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18	19 President’s Day Office Closed	20	21 Joanie Baker	22	23 6:00 pm Valentine’s Banquet	24
25 Aidan Davis	26	27	28	29	1	2

No School 15th-19th

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Wednesday Night Meals

1st Wednesday—Donna & Johnie Gragg
 2nd Wednesday—Carol & Bob Mitchell
 3rd Wednesday—Glenna Wise, Gloria Tucker
 4th Wednesday—Rod & Laura L., Deb S.

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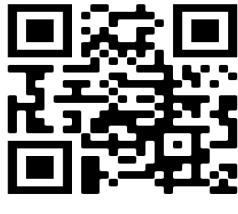
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- 9th—Tyson Nielsen
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- 17th—Marty Kincade
- 21st—Joanie Baker
- 25th—Aidan Davis

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Date	Offering Prayer	Driver	Children's Church	Nursery 1	Nursery 2	Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
12/31	Joe R	Linnie	Paula	Janna D.	John B.	Rod	Susan	Janna
1/7	Johnie	Sandy	Reinert	Karen D.	Kat H.	Johnie G.	Deb S.	Penny S.
1/14	John M	Sheila	Reinert	Julie H.	Keith A.	Johnie G.	Laura L.	Marsha P
1/21	David C.	John	Reinert	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Deb
1/28	Joe R.	Linnie	Paula	Johnie G	John B.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
2/4	Jerry D.	Deb	Brickley	Karen D.	Kat H.	Deb S.	Janna D.	Penny S.
2/11	Joe L.	Sandy	Brickley	Julie H.	Keith A.	Deb S.	Laura L.	Rod
2/18	John M.	Sheila	Brickley	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Marsha P
2/25	David C.	John	Paula	Johnie G	John B.	Deb S.	Susan F.	Donna G.

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F	R	O	S	T	N	E
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Word List

- COLD
- SLEET
- FROST
- SLIDE
- ICE

