

FSBC

Messenger

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO, KS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



Pastor's Pen

Baby, it's cold outside! Gggggreeettttings Chhchchurch! I Llllove You Chhchchurch! Well, winter is certainly here! Blanket snowfalls in October and January and temperatures hovering around zero are apparent signs that we are in for a difficult season of hardship and struggle.

The same can be said for more than just the meteorological conditions. Have you checked the temperature of our nation lately? We are in a winter of the worst kind. Our climate is volatile and threatens our very survival as a nation. Our economic struggles are getting colder. Our minds and sensibilities are going dormant, for we cannot even define what is a woman. The blizzard of the most intense political season is beginning to blow discord and anger all across this landscape for the next 11 months straight! Wild winds have already stirred up so much hate and vitriol that we could reasonably forecast a potential avalanche nearing civil war when whatever losing political party cries out the gunshots of election rigging and fraud. Oh what a wintry year we are facing!

Where will people turn? A majority of our neighbors are surviving inflation with credit cards, which will surely crush them as the debt snowballs. Requests for assistance have increased significantly in our local churches. But how long will the members of those

churches be able to spare the dollars they need for their own financial situation and be able to help someone who has not trusted in God in any other area of their life than as a financial snow shovel?

Again, where will they turn? Will the government be able to fund them? Who knows? The first week of January we learned that our national debt has topped 34 trillion dollars for the first time, 14 trillion of it since 2020. Uncle Sam's budget is now snowed under with 18% of it going solely to interest payments. The government's firewood stack will surely not last our financial winter.

But there is hope for the people of God! The seasons teach us that even the hardest winter is followed by new life in spring! For those who have learned to trust Jesus with far more than their financial barometer, there is the most beautiful spring waiting to turn full bloom when Jesus Christ comes back to set up His reign on earth! Then, and only then, we will have peace between nations and neighbors. Then, and only then, right will be right and wrong will be eliminated. Then, and only then, all provisions needed will be generously bestowed from Jesus' own benevolent hand.

But that benevolent hand will tragically not be extended to everyone. Only those who have surrendered their

lives to Christ through faith in Him as Lord and Savior can be prepared to get through this coming hard "winter". The difficult days ahead might mean great opportunity for our church to share hope, peace, and faith with our city. As every other resource for people ices over, may the warm fires of our walks with God and each other prove to be like stars shining in the night. This could be a banner season for the impact our church has in this community if we are able to live as a people with a real hope in Jesus Christ.

It is time for all believers in Jesus to get prepared. We need to think through what wintry gear we are going to need for the coming storm, but not just to protect ourselves. It is God's job to provide for His children. It is our job to spread the message of hope to those who won't know where to find it in the storm that is coming.

I will be preaching through Philippians and 1 & 2 Peter this year, looking to them as our winter survival training manual. I hope you will regularly join us with much curiosity and faith. You don't want to be off by yourself in the blinding storm. You don't want your faith to grow cold. We will keep the home(ward-bound)-fires burning together!

Pastor David Crook

Operation Christmas Child

February is a month when people celebrate love due to Valentine's Day. Through OCC, we can show God's love in a tangible way by packing shoeboxes. Our goal this year is to pack 200 boxes (aka gospel opportunities). To do this, we need to start collecting items now and praying for God to help us provide. This month we are collecting accessories. Please refer to the shopping list below for ideas. Also, don't forget to pick up any hats, gloves, or scarves that you may see on sale. You can always bring these and items from January (hats, gloves, and scarves) any time of the year.

Soon after shoeboxes get distributed, the kids are invited to participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey (TGJ). The Greatest Journey is a course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

Upon completion of the course, they receive a graduation certificate and a New Testament in their own language. This Bible includes the New Testament and selected Old Testament stories along with a dictionary of Biblical terms and a map of Bible lands. Complete with illustrations, it is often the first copy of God's Word the child, or their family, will own. Family and friends who attend the ceremony hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After seeing the transformation in the students, their loved ones' hearts are open to hearing the Good News for themselves. Praise God, many of them come to faith in Christ. Since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993, we praise God that over 50 million boys and girls have been discipled through the Samaritan's Purse program.

Karen Leibbrandt

February OCC shopping List

Sunglasses
Elastic hair bands
Necklaces
Bracelets
Ball caps
Head bands hair bows, clips
Bandanas

The Deacon's Corner

Many years ago, I remember our family receiving a wedding invitation. It was fancily decorated, but what stood out to me was the date of the wedding. It said, "In the Year of our Lord." As a young person, I remember asking my parents what that meant. I don't remember the exact response that I received from my mom, but I do remember her saying, "Doesn't it make sense that this year and every year belongs to Our Lord?" She was right. Psalms 118:24 says, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." If each day is one that the Lord has made, then it is most certainly the year of the Lord, along with all of the years that have preceded this one and the ones that follow, should the Lord tarry.

I was challenged by the Pastor's sermon this past Sunday. In his message, he proclaimed that this year will be the most exciting and fulfilling year for our church. He issued challenges for us as believers on our part in receiving new believers into our fellowship and the role we will play in helping meet the needs of many new people who will come to our church because they are hurting and looking for answers. On the flip side, he also said that this coming year could present challenges for our nation unlike any we have seen since the American Civil War. A very sobering thought, but one that nevertheless is likely true considering the somber reality of events going on in our nation right now. We can take heart though. IT IS the day and year of our Lord. He is still in control, and He invites us to be a part of His work. I want to be a part of an exciting year of seeing what the Lord will do in our church and community of El Dorado. Until next time, Blessings.

Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons



Volunteer Rotations

	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery 1	Nursery 2	Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
1/28	Joe R.	Linnie B.	Guest	Johnie G	John B.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
2/4	Jerry D.	Deb R.	Brickley	Karen D.	Kat H.	Deb S.	Janna D.	Penny S.
2/11	Joe L.	Sandy D.	Brickley	Julie H.	Keith A.	Deb S.	Laura L.	John T.
2/18	John M.	Sheila A.	Brickley	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Marsha P
2/25	David Crook	John T.	Guest	Rod L.	John B.	Deb S.	Susan F.	Donna G.
3/3	Rod L.	Linnie B.	Reinert	Karen D.	Kat H.	Rod L.	Janna D.	Penny S.
3/10	Johnie G.	Deb R.	Reinert	Julie H.	Keith A.	Rod L.	Laura L.	John T.
3/17	John M.	Sandy D.	Reinert	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Marsha P
3/24	David Crook	Sheila A.	Reinert	Rod L.	John B.	Rod L.	Susan F.	Donna G.
3/31	Joe R.	John T.	Guest	Karen D.	Kat H.	Rod L.	Janna D.	Penny S.



Wednesday Night Meals

5th Wednesday (Jan 31)—Rod & Laura L., Deb S.
 1st Wednesday (Feb 7)—Donna & Johnie Gragg
 2nd Wednesday (Feb 14)—Carol & Bob Mitchell
 3rd Wednesday (Feb 21)—Glenna Wise, Gloria Tucker
 4th Wednesday (Feb 28)—Rod & Laura L., Deb S.
 1st Wednesday (March 6)—Donna & Johnie Gragg
 2nd Wednesday (March 13)—NO PROGRAMS
 3rd Wednesday (March 20)—Glenna Wise, Gloria Tucker
 4th Wednesday (March 27)—Rod & Laura L., Deb S.

Our Current Schedule

- **Sunday School 9:30 am**
- **Sunday Worship 10:45 am**
- **Sunday 5 pm** Women's Bible Study
- **Mondays 6:15 pm** Prayer meeting
- **Tuesdays 6:30 pm** Celebrate Recovery
- **Wednesdays 6:00 pm** dinner served to children
- **Wednesdays 6:30 pm** Adult, Youth & Children Bible study
- **Thursdays 6:00 pm** GriefShare

Featured Events

Foster Parents' Night Out Feb 9th, 5:30-9:00 pm

This is an opportunity for our family to serve some foster families in our community.

Some things you can do to help:

- Check kids in
- Be here! Love the children and help keep them occupied.
 - Crafts
 - Movie
 - Story
 - Games
- Help prepare activities in advance.
- Help with set-up and/or clean up.

If you can help, call Paula or sign up in the foyer.

Valentine Banquet February 24th 5:30 pm

This banquet is for everyone, not just “sweethearts!”

- **5:30 pm-6:30 pm**—Dinner and activities in the fellowship hall
- **7:00 pm**—concert upstairs in the worship center—open to the public!

Easter Schedule March 31, 2024

7:00 am SONrise
Service

9:00 am Breakfast

10:30 Worship &
Children's Celebration



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Sundays 9:30 am —Sunday School 10:45 am —Worship 5:00 pm —Women's Bible Study	Mondays 6:15 pm Prayer meeting	Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	Wednesdays 6:30 pm Adult, Youth and Children's Bible study	1 6:00 pm GriefShare	2 Matthew Wint	3 Cory Gill
4	5	6	7	8 Tyler Luehrs 6:00 pm GriefShare	9 Tyson Nielsen Parent's Day Out	10
11 1 pm "A-Team" (BYOL) (NO Potluck)	12	13	14 Valentines' Day Newsletter Items Due by 9 am	15 Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting 6:00 pm GriefShare	No School 15th-19th	
18	19 President's Day Office Closed	20	21 Joanie Baker	22 6:00 pm GriefShare		
25 Aidan Davis	26	27	28	29 6:00 pm GriefShare		24 5:30 pm Valentine's Banquet

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February Events

- 9th—Parent's Day Out
- 11th—"A-Team" (BYOL), No Potluck
- 14th—Valentines' Day
- 14th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due
- 15th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
- 15th-19th—No School (Conferences)
- 17th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30)
- 19th—President's Day Office Closed
- 24th—5:30 pm Valentine's Banquet

"Beyond this veil of tears
 There is a life above.
 Unmeasured by the flight
 of years.
 And all that life is love."

James Montgomery



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2nd—Matthew Wint
- 3rd—Cory Gill
- 8th—Tyler Luehrs
- 9th—Tyson Nielsen
- 15th—Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis
- 17th—Marty Kincade
- 21st—Joanie Baker
- 25th—Aidan Davis

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March Events

1st & 2nd—Man Up Conference
 3rd—Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
 3rd—Winter Jam
 3rd-9th—Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
 10th—Daylight Savings Time begins
 NO Potluck, "A-Team" (2nd Sunday)
 11th-16th—Spring Break (Local Schools)
 13th—No Programs
 20th—by 9:00 am—Newsletter Items Due

21st—5:30 Facilities Team (3rd Thursday)
 23rd—Spring Cleaning Day
 24th—Palm Sunday, Children's Easter Special
 29th—Good Friday, Noon Community Service
 31st—Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service
 9:00 am Potluck Breakfast
 10:30 Worship and Children's Celebration

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

6th—Mary & Gene Herrmann
 13th—Joey Simpson
 18th—John Brickley
 20th—Lexi Simpson
 31st—John Throckmorton

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

Hello All!

2024 is off and running. I hope it finds you blessed. The students are working hard on learning the Ten Commandments and how they apply to each of us. We use scripture, pictures, hand motions, songs and dance, games, and videos to reinforce what we learn. You might have your children share some of these fun activities with you. Enjoy and learn along with them. Your participation in their learning is the most impactful thing you can do to help your children learn. God's divine rules were given to us so we could live a life pleasing and honoring God. But humans sin, so God sends Jesus to give us a way to be clean again and live in eternity with Him. Even children can understand this message. God loves us and wants us to love Him. Help us spread the love of Jesus by sharing the message with your children.

In His service,
Ms. Paula

A fun way to practice
memorizing the 10
Commandments!

https://youtu.be/L2hB5Gqo8Vo?si=Y_QkJ06il-Atohd7



Upcoming this month in **Kid's Club**.....

Fiery Trio, Builder Man, Superhero Lessons on Moving Fast, and Local Heroes

Want to join the Sunday Sundae Club?

Students that memorize the 10 Commandments and Exodus 19:5-6, will be able to join the Club! (PreK/Kdg will need to memorize the commandments). The club will get together in March to enjoy an ice cream sundae of their choice.



WE WANT YOUR TRASH!

Dice (any size/color)
Old game boards
Altoid Tins
Yarn

There is a collection box in the Children's Wing Hall. Thank you for any and all contributions!



Want to know how to be a Superhero?

Join us Wednesday evenings for Kid's Club where we meet God's Superheroes and learn characteristics that God wants to see in us.

Wednesdays: Dinner at 6pm, Activities 6:30-7:30pm

Need a ride? Call the bus line 316-452-3594, fill out the consent form that is available at the church or with the QR code.



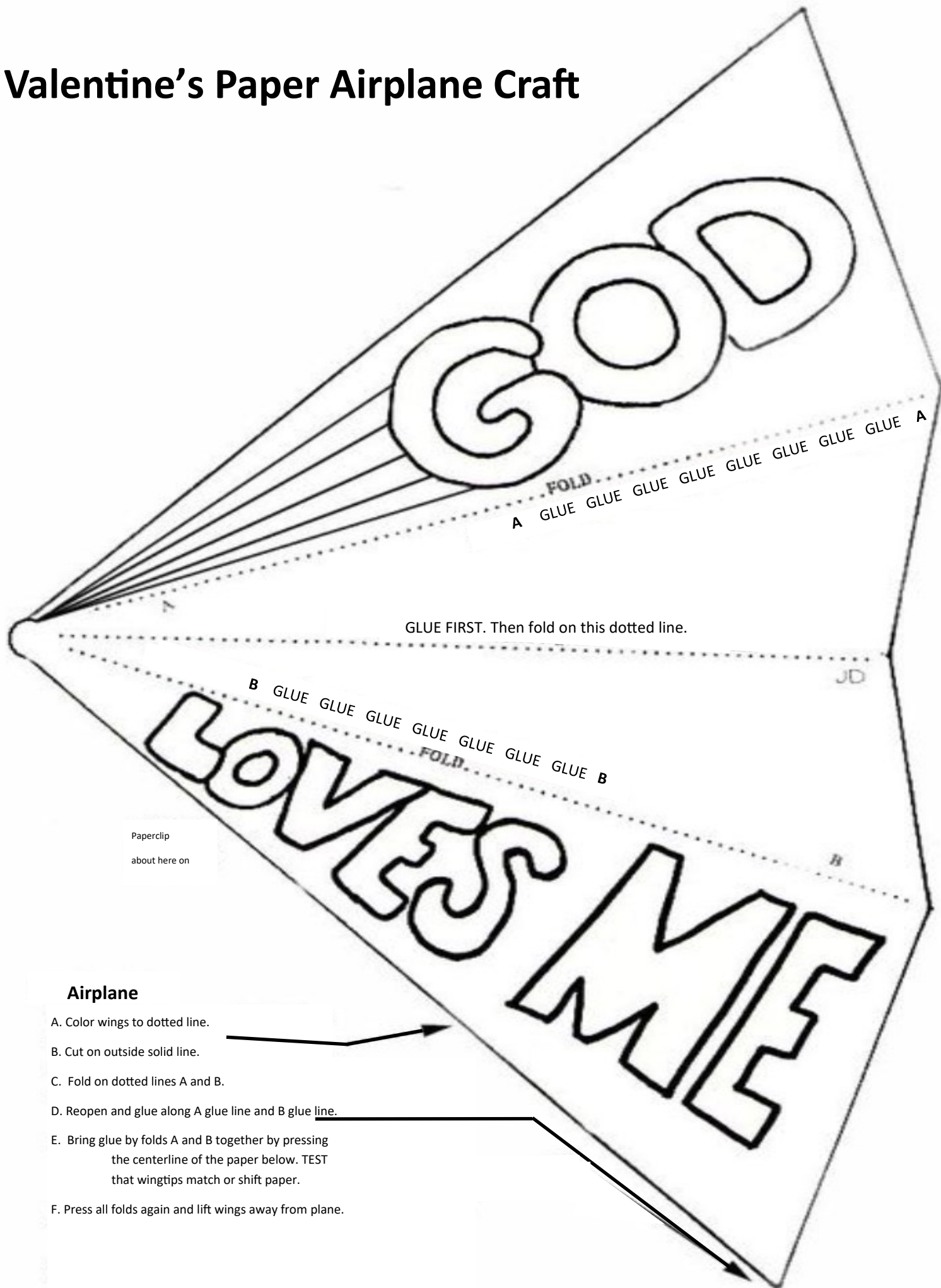
Sunday School Memory Verse this quarter:

"Now obey me completely. Keep my covenant. If you do, then out of all the nations you will be my special treasure. The whole earth is mine. But you will be a kingdom of priests to serve me. You will be my holy nation. That is what you must tell the Israelites."

Exodus 19: 5-6 Nlrv



Valentine's Paper Airplane Craft



Airplane

- Color wings to dotted line.
- Cut on outside solid line.
- Fold on dotted lines A and B.
- Reopen and glue along A glue line and B glue line.
- Bring glue by folds A and B together by pressing the centerline of the paper below. TEST that wingtips match or shift paper.
- Press all folds again and lift wings away from plane.