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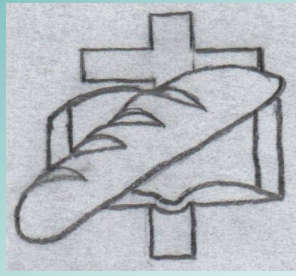


# FSBC *Messenger*

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH EL DORADO, KANSAS  
MARCH 2024

## Food Pantry Grocery List:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Meat
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Ramen noodles



NO DRY BEANS

## Blessing Box Suggestions

- Non-Perishable, ready to eat foods (crackers, jerky, trail mix, granola)
- Socks
- Mittens
- Hand warmers
- Snacks
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer



## Outreach Ministry

With Kansas weather being so unpredictable I ask that anything with liquid that can freeze not be put in the Blessing Box until we know for sure that it will not freeze. Instead, place non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods such as crackers, jerky, trail mix and granola. Other good choices are items to help with warmth like gloves, scarves, gators, hot hands, and socks.

Bread of Life is still taking donations. You can find the grocery list here in the newsletter or on the library window.

Butler Homeless Initiative is looking for volunteers to cook a hot meal for 20 people. If this is something that you feel led to do, you can contact BHI to set up your day at 316-323-4122 or email [admin@butlerhi.org](mailto:admin@butlerhi.org).

The bed ministry, Peace and Rest, delivered two beds to a family in January and one bed in February. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you would like to volunteer to help build the beds or deliver them, please speak to Pastor David or Janna.

The visitation team is also in need of volunteers to deliver welcome bags. If you are willing to do this, please reach out to Karen Drake.

Thank you for you time and donations.

## Proverbs 14:31

*Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God*

Thank you  
FSBC Outreach team  
Janna, Karen D, Joe L, Karen L, Paula M, Pastor David



# Pastor's Pen

Greetings, Church! Happy Easter, Church!

The day before Easter, 1988, Chuck Colson arrived in rain and fog at a prison in remote Montana. He was to speak at two services the next morning but he was exhausted from an over-booked schedule. The first service went badly. Dog-tired and dry, his preaching lacked enthusiasm, and he sensed that he wasn't reaching the men at all. Between services, he went to the chaplain's office, sank to his knees beside the desk, and earnestly asked the Lord to take away his frustration, exhaustion, and despair. But as he rose from his knees, he felt no different and was too tired to greet the inmates as they began assembling. Waiting as long as possible to enter the service, he was surprised to find the room packed. As he took his seat, one of the inmates rose to give a testimony.

"Ten years ago when Chuck Colson came to this prison," the man said, "I was in my cell. I had no intention of coming to the chapel to hear him. I knew he was a phony, and I wanted nothing to do with Christianity. But everyone in the prison seemed to be talking about the visit. The governor was coming with Colson, as well as a lot of television and newspaper reporters. *If Colson can get the governor to come to prison, I thought, I might as well see what he is all about.*"

Then the man turned toward Colson and said, "I listened to you preach, and I was impressed, but I wasn't buying it. When the meeting ended, I headed for the door. Somehow you were there before me, and you cut me off at the pass. You looked right at me and asked, 'Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior?' I looked back at you and said, 'No.'

"I'll never forget—" the man continued. "You looked me straight in the eye and said, 'Well, why are you here, then? You'd better get with it.'

"That exchange haunted me. It was the beginning of my spiritual journey. Soon after, I gave my life to Jesus, and everything has been different ever since."

The inmate, having given his own heart to Christ, had begun to evangelize inside the prison. One after another, prisoners had come to Christ.

"You see all these men, Chuck? This is the body of Christ that has grown up as a result of that meeting ten years ago. The church is alive inside this prison."

Amid thunderous applause, the inmate proceeded

to give Chuck a collection taken in the prison for Prison Fellowship's ministry.

"I felt their vitality flood into me," Chuck later recalled. "I had come to them weary and worn out, and the church inside the prison – planted without my knowledge ten years earlier – replenished me with its love and faithfulness. Just at the point of need, the power of the resurrected Christ flowed from one part of His body into another. "That Easter I had proof once again, in His living presence among a band of Christian inmates, that Jesus Christ is risen again."

I love this story! I connect well to it for a couple of reasons. First, there has been a similar movement of God in El Dorado Correction Facility the last several years. There is a church inside the razor wire that is flourishing because inmates are deeply committed to loving Jesus and their fellow inmates. Second, I am also energized every time I go out to preach at EDCF. The church there loves me as much as you do and they are hungry for the Word of God and the love I bring them from the church outside their walls.

It is truly amazing how free a man can become because our fiercest prison's bars have been broken by a risen Jesus: death and grave!

Happy Easter!

Pastor David

Easter Schedule  
**March 30, 2pm** Easter Egg  
Hunt (FSBC)  
**March 31, 2024**

**7:00 am** SONrise Service

**9:00 am** Potluck Breakfast

**10:30** Worship & Children's  
Celebration

# The Deacon's Corner

Do you ever have a sense that God is at work? Truthfully, the answer to that question is that God is always at work. God is always at work and He invites us to join Him. We miss His invitation in our busyness and in our disobedience. When we surrender our will and our way, God is able to reveal Himself and what He is doing. In full confession, I have often missed God's divine appointments, and like many of you, have experienced dry periods of not feeling God's presence. Praise the Lord our God who is faithful and just to forgive us, and thankfully He continues to extend the invitation to us to join Him in what He is doing.

God is moving in our church body at this very moment in time. He

has been up to something for a very long time, but maybe we are just now seeing the signs. New guests and soon to become friends are coming to our church. We are seeing many of these individuals heeding God's call to join our church family with formal membership to carry on the Kingdom work at FSBC. Many others are likely sensing God's call upon their life at this time, and we prayerfully hope that they will join us soon. God is utilizing the talents and passions of our members to carry out various ministries in our church. Whether it is teaching Sunday School, bringing children to church on the bus, or singing with our worship team, we are all being blessed by the obedience of

God's servants. The deacon body has appointed a newly formed annex management team, and though God has yet to reveal His plan for the property and building He has gifted us, we continue to seek His will and way for its purpose. Our church is also meeting the physical needs of many hurting people, with beds and food boxes being distributed to families and individuals. We are blessed when our church body submits to the Lord in holy service to Him. It is exciting to be a part of God's work. Until next time, Blessings.

Rod Luehrs  
Chairman of the Deacons

## Volunteer Rotations

Date	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery 1	Nursery 2	Lead Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
3/3	Rod Luehrs	Linnie	Reinert	Karen D.	Kat H.	Rod	Janna D.	Penny S.
3/10	Johnie Gragg	Deb	Reinert	Julie H.	Keith A.	Rod	Laura L.	John T.
3/17	John Meister	Janna	Reinert	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Rod	Ulala P.	Marsha P
3/24	David Crook	Sheila	Reinert	Rod L.	John B.	Rod	Susan F.	Donna G.
3/31	Joe Reinert	John	Guest	Karen D.	Kat H.	Rod	Janna D.	Penny S.
4/7	Rod Luehrs	Linnie	Brickley	Julie H.	Keith A.	Johnie G.	Laura L.	Marsha P
4/14	Johnie Gragg	Deb	Brickley	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Deb
4/21	John Meister	Janna	Brickley	Johnie G	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
4/28	John Brickley	Sheila	Guest	Karen D.	Kat H.	Johnie G.	Janna D.	Penny S.

## Meal Helpers

1st Wed (03/06): Donna & Johnie G

2nd Wed (03/13): NO PROGRAMS

3rd Wednesday (03/20)—Glenna Wise, Gloria Tucker

4th Wed (03/27): Leibbrandts

1st Wed (04/03): Donna & Johnie G

2nd Wed (04/10): Carol & Bob M

3rd Wednesday (04/17)—Glenna Wise, Gloria Tucker

4th Wed (04/24): Leibbrandts



# Operation Christmas Child

March is here and the numbers for shoeboxes collected in 2023 are in.

Join me in praising God for 11,330,126 shoebox gifts collected WORLDWIDE and 10,051,570 shoebox gifts collected in the UNITED STATES, the most that have ever been packed and donated nationwide!

**Also, our region, the Lower Midwest, had a record breaking year, with 777,162 shoebox gifts collected. That is 777,162 children who will get to hear about the gospel!**

What a great God we serve!

We still need about \$700 for the shipping the boxes we packed last year.

Now to set a goal for next year. We collected 199 boxes last year as a church. My God-sized goal for this year is 220. I am praying that we as a church body will be able to provide 220 children around the world the opportunity to not only receive a gift but to hear about the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

We are praying together for our **2024 Regional Goal of 825,000** Shoeboxes! Our **Lower Midwest Theme** is **"Growing More in 24"**, and our **2024 Theme Verse** is **1 Chronicles 28:20**. It is a powerful challenge to encourage us to continue sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth; *"Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God – my God – will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD."*

Thanks again for all your help and support. This month is a little different. If you like to make things, what we are collecting this month is right up your alley. If you don't like to make/craft things, then maybe you can buy some items that would allow the child who gets your box the opportunity to make something. I have listed some ideas in the box below. If you have any questions or want to serve more with OCC, please let me know.

Blessings to you all,  
Karen Leibbrandt



## March shopping list for OCC Quality crafts (for boys & girls)

### Ideas:

- Friendship bracelets
- finger puppets
- hair bows
- jump ropes (made from old t-shirts)
- make-it yourself crafts/items (either purchased or home-made kits)
- sewing kits with fabric (1-2 yards)
- fishing kits



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## March Events

1st—Children's workers conf. Tulsa  
 1st & 2nd—Man Up Conf. Salina  
 3rd—Volunteer Appreciation Sunday  
 3rd—Winter Jam  
 3rd-9th—Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer  
 10th—Daylight Savings Time begins  
 "A-Team", NO Potluck  
 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, Sunday Sundae Party  
 29th—Good Friday, Noon Community Service  
 30th—2 pm Egg Hunt Outreach Event  
 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

# APRIL 2024

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7 VBS recruiting Sunday	8	9	10	11	12	13 Little Buddies Fishing Derby
14 A-Team (BYOL) (No Potluck)	15	16	17 9 am Newsletter Items Due	18	19 WCC Board Meeting	20 Bread of Life Food Ministry 10-11:30 am
21 Kid’s Pop-tarts, PJs & Praise Party	22	23	24	25	26 6pm Church Movie Night	27
28 Johnie & Donna Gragg, Rick Stewart	29	30	1 Jackie Jackson, Zebediah Hill	April Events Camp Fundraiser (all month) 7th—VBS recruiting Sunday 13th—Little Buddies Fishing Derby 14th—1pm “A-Team” (BYOL) NO		

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## April Events

Camp Fundraiser (all month)

## 7th—VBS recruiting Sunday

### 13th—Little Buddies Fishing Derby

14th—1pm “A-Team” (BYOL) NO

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17th—By 9 am Newsletter items due

20th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30)

## 21st—Kid's Pop-tarts, PJs and Praise Party

**26th, 6pm—Church Movie Night**

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4th—Ulala Prewit,

5th—Donna Gragg, Phil & Karen Drake

28th—Johnie & Donna Gragg, Rick Stewart



# Youth News

Winter Jam is ALWAYS amazing!!!! This Year it is on March 3rd, and we have a group going. God speaks through music in different languages to reach us all and I love how Winter Jam mixes a lot of varieties of praising our Lord and Savior.

March is full of sunshine and four leaf clovers!!! The schools will be out for Spring Break the week of March 10th so the youth will not meet on the 13th.

Camp will be here before you know it!!! Youth need to turn in \$50 by May 1st. If you need help paying this, we will have opportunities to earn this money! We want the youth to take ownership for their way to camp so please let me know if you want to help with fundraising!

Youth also need to participate in three mission outreaches, get registered online and have a parent complete the challenge course permission online. Right before camp, we will also need a medical form turned in signed by the parent.

Prayers appreciated starting now for God to work in hearts and lives this summer at camp!!!

Lisa Crook  
785-207-7189

## Camp Registration Information

Parents/campers and sponsors will enter their own registrations online beginning 3/6/2024. **On 3/6/2024 the link below will become active.** It will not work prior to that time.

- Please do not direct your campers to the [kncsbevents.org](https://kncsbevents.org) site. Campers need to register for Super Summer by using the link provided below. This takes them straight to the camper registration form for your group.
- Provide your campers with both the link and Group ID below. Without this information, they cannot register.

**Enter camper information at this link:** [kncsbevents.org/sscamper](https://kncsbevents.org/sscamper)

**Your Group ID is: W523034**

- After entering their registration details, the camper will be automatically directed to the online Challenge Course Agreement. This is a legal document and must be completed by an adult camper or the Parent/guardian of a minor.
- When a camper registers, they will receive a detailed confirmation email, and you will receive an email telling you a camper has added their details to your group.



## FSBC Kid's Ministry March 2024

First Southern Baptist Church

200 Oil Hill Rd, El Dorado, KS

316-321-3465

Bus 316-452-3594

Hello Friends!

Spring is on the horizon; new grass, new flowers, new life! Speaking of new life, we recently had the baptism of our friend, Nathaniel, and we want to celebrate his new life in Christ (insert hugs here). In the Bible, we read about a man called John the Baptist. John went all around the countryside in Judea telling people about a new beginning they could have. He said to repent. That means to ask God to forgive your sins, turn away from those sins, and try again. John baptized people who repented. They were baptized to show the world that God had forgiven their sins. This was a new beginning for them. Even innocent Jesus himself went to John the Baptist to get baptized to show us what to do



When FSBC holds activities for kids, it is our mission to provide opportunities for the kids to learn about Jesus and be able to make the decision to live a life as a believer in Christ our Savior and Redeemer.

Dear God, we thank You that Jesus, who was without sin, washes away our sins and gives us a new life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In His Service,  
Ms. Paula

### Upcoming Children's Events

March 11-15 Spring Break

March 24 Children's Easter Special

March 24, 12:30 pm Sunday

Sundae Party

March 31 Children's Easter Celebration

Our Wednesday class learned about God saving 3 friends from the fire when they trusted in God. Daniel 3:28



### Free Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2pm

First Southern Baptist Church

200 Oil Hill Rd 316-321-3465



Memorize

The 10 Commandments and  
Exodus 19:5-6 and join us for  
our Sunday Sundae Party  
March 24, 12:30pm