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FSBC *Messenger*

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The Pastor's Pen



It is time for FSBC to reFocus

Greetings Church! I love you church! And I am excited about the future of our church!

Perhaps you recall that in 2023 we filled out some surveys that helped assess the health of our church. The report we received was tremendously encouraging! Bob Mills, former

Executive Director of our own KNCSB, met with our leaders and told us that we were one of the healthiest churches with whom he had ever worked. Further, the national organization told him that we are one of the healthiest churches to ever do this assessment!

Oh, what a boon the news was to our little church! The pandemic had greatly punctured our steam engine that four years ago was chugging us toward a bright future. All our dreaming was swallowed by our struggle to survive. God was very good to us and we never stopped praying for our church, but we really needed a spark to get the locomotive pulling again. The report did that for our leaders! We were hearing that God was not done with our little church! He has done a great work making us the kind of healthy church that He can use to do a marvelous work in our city! We kept on praying for our future that God would lead us toward making an

impact in our city. Then we voted to take a step toward a growing future by purchasing the annex property. We kept praying that God would gather here the people He knows we will need to do the work which He has not yet shown us He wants us to do in our city. Then almost suddenly, our attendance average started jumping by 10, then 20, then 30! The steam engine is rolling again!

Now it is time to figure out where the tracks God is laying are headed! What are we to strive for? Of course, we know that it is to promote the fame of our Jesus through sharing His Gospel with people. But how exactly, are we to do that in our time and community? What work is He gathering people here to accomplish? What future is our health intended to prepare us to realize? The answers to these questions require a process of seeking God's vision for FSBC.

This article is the next step in finding those answers.

reFocus is a process designed to walk us together toward those answers. It is a process of discovery, where we work together to figure out what God has for us the next few years. In order for this process to be complete, we need your involvement in prayer and participation. It is my hope and expectation that this will be spiritually invigorating not only to you personally, but to your entire church family.

The process will unfold surrounding a series of four Summits, each held the first Saturday of a month,

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August through November:

- Saturday, August 3 - Personal Summit
- Saturday, September 7 – reFocus Summit 1
- Saturday, October 5 - reFocus Summit 2
- Saturday, November 2 - reFocus Summit 3

Each Summit is scheduled for 9 am to 4 pm. We will meet at the

church. The time will be filled with many discovery exercises and conversations that God will use to reveal His plan for us. If you are not able to make one of the Summits, we will offer a couple of mid-month Pulse Groups for you to get a summary of what we discovered at the previous Summit.

Following the four Summits, our church leaders will be packaging our discoveries into media that will help us understand, express, and

navigate the pathway God will have revealed.

We do not yet know what God is going to show us. What we do know, is that because you are one of the ones God has here with us right now, you are part of that process and plan. Please make it a priority to participate. Your church is counting on you.

Pastor David

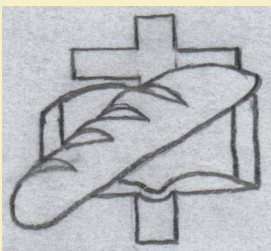
Thank you for Serving!

Volunteer Rotations

	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's	Nursery 1	Nursery 2	Head	Counter 2	Counter 3
6/2	John M.	Sheila	Reinert	Keith A.	Karen L.	Rod L.	Laura L.	Marsha P
6/9	John B.	John	Reinert	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Deb
6/16	David C.	Linnie	Reinert	John B.	Julie H.	Rod L.	Susan F.	Donna G.
6/23	Joe L.	Deb	Reinert	Kat H.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Janna D.	John T.
6/30	Rod L.	Janna	Guest	Keith A.	Karen L.	Rod L.	Laura L.	Marsha P
7/7	Johnie G.	Sheila	Brickley	John B.	Rod L.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Deb
7/14	John M.	John	Brickley	Johnie G.	Julie H.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
7/21	John B.	Linnie	Brickley	Kat H.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Janna D.	John T.
7/28	David C.	Deb	Guest	Keith A.	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Laura L.	Marsha P
8/4	Joe L.	Janna	Reinert	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Deb
8/11	Rod L.	Sheila	Reinert	John B.	Julie H.	Deb S.	Susan F.	Donna G.
8/18	Johnie G.	John	Reinert	Kat H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Janna D.	John T.
8/25	John M.	Linnie	Guest	Keith A.	Karen L.	Deb S.	Laura L.	Marsha P

Bread of Life

Bread of Life outreach dates for this summer are June 15th and August 17th. If you would like to help pack food boxes, we start at 10:00 to set up and pack. If anyone has paper grocery bags that we could use, please drop them off in the blue wagon.



Thank you,
Outreach Team

Coming This Fall. . .

Wednesday Nights Pre-teen Group for
sixth and seventh graders

B.A.S.I.C.

Becoming A Soldier In Christ Training

God's Army is a movement;

A God-sustained organism that will never
stop moving.

The Deacon's Corner

By the time the church family reads this newsletter, school will be out, teachers will breathe a sigh of relief, and parents will begin asking when it is time for their children to go back to school. Summertime has arrived and with its arrival come many of the great activities families and churches look forward to experiencing. Swimming at the pool, T-Ball games and summer reading programs at the library are just a few of the fun summer traditions that young people look forward to. With several weeks of time away from school, parents may take advantage of the time to plan a special family vacation. Meanwhile at the church, workers are busily putting together the final plans for an amazing Vacation Bible School. All of these summertime traditions are wonderful, and we naturally can't wait to take part, but let's talk about a part of summer that sometimes gets overlooked. In fact, I want to forewarn you of a part of summer to avoid: The Summertime Slump.

If the Summertime Slump is unfamiliar territory, let me share a brief description of a fairly common occurrence for churches in the months of June, July and August. School dismisses in late May and the regularity and schedule that the Monday to Friday routine brings for students and families is now gone for nearly three whole months. This is not to say that people don't continue to go to work, but with children not being in school, time is freed up to take part in other endeavors that may not be constrained by the timeframe of the school year. The Monday morning expectation of arriving at the front door of the school takes a summertime hiatus allowing families to take a long weekend to go off and do those activities that they are not always able to take part in due to the school schedule. Please don't get me wrong. Everyone loves the long weekend and the summertime tradition of taking a vacation. There is nothing wrong with spending time with family, but more often than not, churches will experience a summertime dip in attendance as families get away. You may or may not agree with what I am about to say, and that is okay, but consider this thought. Why do we attend church and Sunday School? There are a variety of responses that members of our church family might share, including worshiping and growing closer to God, encouraging fellow believers, and serving one another. Yet consider this, some might view church attendance as something one just does on the weekend when not juggling the schedule that the

nine month school year brings. In other words, church fills the brief time between the grind of the work and school week. When the regular schedule of the school day takes a break, the necessity of joining together regularly for the fellowship that church provides could go away also.

I hope that no one reads this article and interprets my musings as a call to skip family trips or vacations. I would absolutely encourage everyone to enjoy the summer season, taking part in vacations and other fun activities, but let me encourage all of you to remain steadfast in your commitment to God, his Church, and your fellow believers. It is not just a place to occupy our time on Sundays. It is where we gather with God's family to rejuvenate and worship. Start by making a commitment to sending your children to VBS. If you are able to help, there are jobs available. If you can not make it to VBS, pray for the children and workers, maybe bake some cookies to donate. It is going to be a great time. Continue to join your brothers and sisters in Christ during Sunday worship. We miss you when you're gone. This is where I enter my plug for Sunday School. I can think of no better time to try Sunday School than the start of the Summer Season, as many of the classes are starting new themes of study. Please enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in worship services this summer.

Rod Luehrs

Youth News

The school year ended well with us taking 23 students bowling in May! We had a great time.

I keep getting asked by the youth when the lock-in will be. It is June 21st from 7 pm to 7 am June 22nd. Want to help? I would love to have you, if even for just a portion of the night!

We will be going to camp July 22nd through July 26th. To encourage personal responsibility, we made some requirements of the students to go to camp. We have 6 students and 2 adults that met the requirements to go. I wholeheartedly believe that God will do amazing works in us that week!

Please be in prayer for our youth this summer and as we begin a new school year this fall. As Paul states in 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." (NIV) They can change the world with their example!

Lisa Crook, Youth Leader

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Bible study	Thursdays 6:00 pm GriefShare		1
OCC list for June: Small Stuffed Animals. Make sure they are <i>new</i> or gently used and clean.						
2 5 pm VBS Kick-off Event	3	4 Madylanne Wint	5	6	7	8
Vacation Bible School 9-Noon						
9 VBS Program Potluck "A-Team"	10 Kelly Davidson, David & Christine Baca	11	12	13	14 Susan Fyffe	15 Bread of Life Food Ministry 10-11:30 am
Pastor Out of Office for SBC Annual Meeting 10-13						
16 Fathers' Day	17 Nathaniel Hill, Pastor's 6th "Anniversary" Here	18	19 David Hill	20 Johnie Gragg 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	21	22
7pm-7am Youth Lock-in						
23	24	25	26	27 Sophia Baca	28 Brenda Sherman, Ellis Baker, Tyson & Penny Nielsen, Ellis & Joanie Baker	29 Church Reserved (Reinert)
Staff Planning Retreat 26-28						

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- Youth Sunday
- Children's Special
- Sundae Sunday

June Events

2nd, 5pm—VBS Kickoff Event
 3rd-7th—Vacation Bible School 9-Noon
 9th—Potluck, "A-Team", VBS Program
 10th-13th—Pastor Out of Office for SBC Annual Meeting
 15th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30)
 16th—Fathers' Day
 19th—NO NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE, NO JULY NEWSLETTER

20th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting
 21st, 7pm—Youth Lock-in (ends 7am the 22nd)
 26th-28th—Staff Planning Retreat
 29th—Church Reserved (Reinert)
 30th—Youth Sunday

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Bible study	Thursdays 6:00 pm GriefShare		
30 Youth Sunday Sundae Sunday	1	2	3	4 Larry Herbel Independence Day Office Closed 4th & 5th	5 Mary Mehaffey, Sheila Axtell	6
7	8	9 Larry Huebner	10 9 am Newsletter Items Due	11 D.J. Baca	12	13 9am Sound Board Training
14 Potluck A-Team	15 Kevin Tarrant Anniversary	16 Janna Davis	17 Larry & Kat Huebner	18 John & Christine Brickley	19	20
Laura Out of Office 16-23						
21 No Women's Bible Study	22	23	24 Cindy Rhodes	25	26	27
22nd-26th—Youth Camp						
Laura Out of Office 16-23						
28 John Trumpower	29	30	31	OCC List for July: Clothing items Clothing (tops and bottoms), Socks, Undergarments (underwear, bras) Shoes/flip flops. Remember to get items for both girls and boys ages 2yrs-14yrs.		

July Events

4th & 5th—Office Closed
 10th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due
 13th, 9am—Sound Board Training
 14th—Potluck, “A-Team”
 16th-23rd—Laura Out of Office
 22nd-26th—Youth Camp



AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Bible study	Thursdays 6:00 pm GriefShare		
August OCC shopping List School Supplies				1	2	3 9-4 Personal Summit
4 Promotion Sunday	5	6	7 Rod & Laura Luehrs	8	9 6 pm Movie Night 	10 Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley 2pm Back-to-school Swim Party
11 "A-Team" (kids to new Sunday School classes) Youth Kickoff event	12 James Davidson	13	14 9 am Newsletter Items Due	15 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	16	17 Tina Baca, Marsha Piha Bread of Life Food Ministry 10-11:30
18 Lexi Davis	19 Kurt & Michelle Spivey	20 Kurt Spivey	21	22	23	24 Lane Baca, Linnie Baca
25	26	27 Joe & Debbie Reinert	28	29	30	31

August Events

- 4th—Promotion Sunday
(1st Sunday in August)
- 9th—Church Movie Night
- 10th, 2pm—Back-to-school Swim Party
- 11th— "A-Team", kids to new Sunday School classes, Youth Kick-Off Event
- 14th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due
- 17th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30)



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Hello Friends!

Happy Summer! I appreciate all the seasons, but summer is my favorite! I think it stems from my days as a school teacher/mom and being able to enjoy the summer months with my own children. By the time you read this newsletter, VBS may have come and gone, and hopefully will have been a huge success. I'm excited for this year's VBS content and I'd like to share why. There will be great emphasis on the message of salvation. It is my prayer that this not only plants seeds of faith in the children, but that we might actually get to see some kiddos come to know Christ and maybe see a few baptisms! This is the prayer for all outreach events here at FSBC. If you or your child have follow up questions, I am always available for you. (You may even hear the ABC's of salvation come home with your child. They are also included in this newsletter.)

Lastly, you may notice I have a new last name. Yes, I got married this spring and feel so blessed with the man that God has brought into my life. God is so good.

In His service,
Ms. Paula

The end of the year celebration for Kidz Club was "bursting" with fun with our bubble theme, and we are excited to start the planning for all of next year's fun with the Gospel message!

The Gospel ABCs

A: Admit that you're a sinner.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Romans 3:23

A person needs to understand that their sin is what separates them from a Holy God. They need to admit that they sin. Ask God's forgiveness and repent of their sins.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:13

B: Believe the Lord Jesus

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

John 3:16

You need to believe who Jesus is, that He is the Son of God sent down to the world to take the penalty for our sins. Put your trust in Him as your only hope of salvation. Become a child of God by receiving Christ.

C: Confess the Lord Jesus

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

Romans 10:19



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

The children's Sunday School classes are currently in a study about the fruit of the Spirit. They have been challenged to memorize the verse above. We are also learning a fun song to go along with the verse and will be singing it in the worship service on Sunday, June 30th. We invite family and friends to be there to celebrate with us. Directly after the service, we will head to Braum's to celebrate with our 2nd Sunday Sundae event!



2024 PopTarts, PJs, & Praise Party!



**Eli, Ida, Agnes, Savannah, Emma, and Carrie
Fellowshipping is Fun at FSBC!**

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Sundays: 9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Children's Church

VBS: June 3-7, 9am-Noon

No Children's Choir. It will resume in September

**There is a kid's camp out in the planning stages.
Information will be shared soon!**

Kidz Club returns September 4th!!!!!!

- **What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?
Swimming Trunks**
- **Do fish go on vacations?
No, because they're always in school.**
- **What is a frog's favorite summertime treat?
Hopsicles**