



# First Southern Baptist Church *Messenger*

AUGUST 2024

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## The Pastor's Pen



Greetings Church! I love you, Church!

In the wake of the May 24 fire in our church, there has been so very much to celebrate, work through, and certainly pray fervently through the adjustments. I know you want as much information about the process as you can get. You especially want to know when we can be back in our building. But before we obtain those answers, a few "big picture" thoughts must be explored.

The first celebration I have in this journey is you, FSBC! I know it has been a difficult season for connection, consistency, and communication! It has been difficult for me also. But I celebrate the grace, patience, labor, flexibility and spirit of cooperation we have all experienced by the power of God! This kind of situation has destroyed many a church in the past, but not you. We are demonstrating the fruit of our being a healthy church in which God is at work and our love is

strong. We are living above our tribulation, and Christ is being glorified! For whatever reason God has allowed this trial in our journey, God is showing us that He has plans for us that overcome!

I also celebrate the Church in El Dorado. Many of our Gospel partners in other congregations have offered to help us in any way possible. We have met in the funeral home chapel. We are currently meeting in Prospect, where a church has made room for us. As I write this, I am sitting in First Baptist Church while our FSBC kids are joining the FBC kids for VBS. (Whoa! So many initials! LOL). I have had conversations with many of their leaders in which they are so glad to have us and have further offered to help us with any construction or other needs we may have from our fire. Those sentiments have been offered by other churches as well. One even told me that a fire of revival has begun

in our city and one factor is our testimony! We may have absolutely no idea what Christ-glorifying plans God has yet to reveal to us that He had to start a fire to ignite!

Fire has several Biblical uses and meanings which I think are very relevant to our journey. First, it is a mark of God's leading. Remember the pillar of fire within which God led the Israelites through the wilderness? We may feel like we are wandering blindly as information and decisions and processes are slow to come, but God is with us, and He knows where He wants us if we keep looking to Him and following. Secondly and similarly, fire is associated with the arrival of the Holy Spirit in the Church. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon those huddled in the upper room appearing as tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit is our great resource for navigating these chaotic challenges which He already knew would happen

and to what purpose He has for us as a church. He loves us! He is with us! He is not done with us! (In fact, I have in the last two weeks had at least two conversations about baptism and at least one with someone who prayed to trust Christ during worship at Prospect.) Thirdly, Scripture speaks of a refining fire which tests our makeup and our works. The pressure of trials has a way of bringing to the surface the impurities and dirt that sits within and that have gone unattended in our souls. God also speaks of putting our works to the refining fire to reveal what is hay and stubble or what is precious and lasting. We are facing plenty of this kind of testing and discovery of what really matters for us as a church. May God be pleased with what He finds in us!

Now, let me report on a few things with current information at the time of this writing. The disruption of our regular office functions has afforded us the opportunity to remodel the Annex to create office and meeting space. Our new exterior paint looks like a beautiful match to our main building. The new interior is ready for me to move my office/study into this space and will also have a nice place to meet with you and our smaller teams. Thanks to our Annex Management Team, Facilities Team, and Administrative Team for getting this project going.

The Building Restoration process has been something to behold, to say the least (literally). It has been extensive, shocking, disruptive, endless, and exhausting, to say more succinctly. The building cleaning has been done. Restoration through painting and replacing certain surfaces and furnishings is next. Meanwhile, the building contents were cleaned off-site. We are currently working on our lists of

items that need to be replaced so we can submit them to our insurance company. The tasks and decisions have been countless, but God is answering our prayers for endurance. (Though some days we get weary for the moment!)

A couple of issues have been revealed in this process. First, we discovered that one furnace needed to be replaced. It was unsafe to use and was disabled to prevent accidental use. The Facilities Team presented a proposal at our July A-Team meeting. And that work has been done. Perhaps more significantly, certainly expensively, we have discovered that the roof over our Worship Center needs to be addressed at some point. The ceiling tiles had to be removed due to smoke and odor absorption. Before replacing them, we had an engineer examine the structure to see if they could bear a different surface material than the tiles. The engineer says we already have at least a 2-inch sag in the trusses and that extra weight is not advisable. He further says that he is not confident the roof could withstand a foot of heavy snow. While no one can foretell when it might give way, we had to decide what the wisest course of action would be. We expedited our re-entry by way of another tile ceiling and will deal with the roof at a later date.

The church Staff held a working Retreat a couple of weeks ago to work on the 2025 Calendar draft and logistics concerning our current mobile church situation. We also began studying the Sexual Abuse Prevention resources rolled out at our SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis. We will continue to lead our church toward making our ministries safe spaces for all. There may be some new policies, training or practices that will be designed to

help us improve our ability to do so.

You have perhaps heard of the all-church Summits to be held the first Saturdays of August through November. In the wake of the fire, we have decided to postpone these important events. Perhaps what we are going through together will play a significant role in clarifying what God must reveal to us in these Summits.

I am looking forward to our church participating with many other churches from our county in the Walnut River Revival, September 21, 2024. This day of preaching, worship, and outreach is the follow up to the one held at the Oil Museum last fall. Please pray for a mighty move of God that would stir the hearts of our citizens to find out what God might do.

Finally, Mary Jo Stuckey has announced her retirement as secretary of our South Central Association of Southern Baptists, effective July 11. She has served us very well since 2001 and has left us wondering how anyone else will ever be able to do the job! She is a jewel and we wish her well. But please pray for our association Administrative Team as they seek the Lord's direction toward someone to serve us and our sister churches well.

Grateful for you and being in this journey together.

Pastor David Crook





# The Deacon's Pen

Wow, it is amazing how things change in a matter of two months. The last time I wrote for the newsletter, I chose to write an encouraging reminder about staying faithful to the church and its activities during the summer months. A week after that note was published, we experienced a fire in our church building resulting in our displacement to other locations throughout the city. Who would have thought at that time that we would be meeting in another location with no definitive date as to when we will get to return to our building. Yet God is faithful, and I am happy to report that our church continues to remain faithful to Him! It has been encouraging to see how our

church attendance has continued to remain steady during this time. During our first Sunday on the lawn at our church building, we had as many people as we would have had even if we had been meeting inside. Our attendance during worship over the next several Sundays has maintained and has even surpassed some of the typical summer Sundays we have had in the past. So much for the "Summer Slump". Praise the Lord! We have seen several new faces, despite some of our regulars being absent. Speaking of which, if you have been hanging back because it is not the regular church setting, let me assure you that we miss you.

With half of the summer yet to

go, I would like to encourage everyone to continue to remain faithful to the Lord and His Church. Our Sunday Schools are now meeting and thriving. If you have never taken part in Sunday School, we would love to invite you to join us. We don't have all of the answers to what God is going to do for us in regard to the building at 200 Oil Hill Road, but that is okay, because God has it in control. On behalf of the deacon body, if there is anything that we can assist you with during this time, don't hesitate to reach out.

Rod Luehrs  
Chairman of the Deacons

## Bread of Life

Our next Bread of Life outreach date for this summer is 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 let us know.

Thank you,  
Outreach Team



... "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

### 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

## Youth

School??? Nope, don't want to think about it!!!

But we look forward to resuming activities in September on Wednesday nights!!! We will continue studying "The Thread" as we gather again. Learning Bible

stories with the thread through it all being Jesus has been great!!!

We are still having youth Sunday School so encourage your youth to join us!!!

Lisa Crook

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.

# Operation Christmas Child

August is upon us and that means school will be starting up soon. School supplies will be on sale and that is what we are collecting this month. I have read many stories about children who receive shoeboxes with school supplies in it and their parents are so grateful for those supplies. It allows them to go to school. In some places, if you don't have school supplies, you can't go to school. So by including

school supplies, we are not only giving these children an opportunity to go to school and improve their lives, we are also giving them a chance to learn about the gospel and how God loves them. Thanks for helping gather items to pack boxes to share the love of God to children around the world. (Items that are bold and italicized are the most needed).

Karen Leibbrandt

August OCC shopping List  
School Supplies

*pencils*  
*pencil sharpeners*  
*erasers*  
*crayons*  
*notebooks/paper*  
colored pencils  
pens  
scissors  
glue sticks (no liquid)  
watercolor paints (no liquid)  
ruler  
pencil case  
markers

We give thanks to  
God always for you  
all, making  
mention of you in  
our prayers.  
1 Thessalonians 1:2

Thank you for serving!

	Prayer	Driver	Children's Church	Nursery 1	Nursery 2	Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
8/4	Joe L.	Janna	Brickley	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Rod L.
8/11	Rod L.	Sheila	Brickley	John B.	Julie H.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
8/18	Johnie G.	John	Brickley	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
9/1	John B.	Deb	Reinert	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Deb
9/8	David C.	Janna	Reinert	John B.	Julie H.	Rod L.	Susan F.	Donna G.
9/15	Joe L.	Sheila	Reinert	Kat H.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Janna D.	John T.
9/22	Rod L.	John	Reinert	Keith A.	Karen L.	Rod L.	Laura L.	Marsha P
9/29	Johnie G.	Linnie	Guest	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Deb



# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sundays</b> <b>9:30 am</b> —Sunday School <b>10:45 am</b> —Worship <b>5:00 pm</b> —Women's Bible Study	<b>Mondays</b> <b>6:15 pm</b> Prayer meeting	<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Adult Bible study	<b>Thursdays</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> GriefShare		
	August OCC shopping List School Supplies 			<b>1</b> Community Back-to-School Bash at the PAC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Sunday School Breakfast, Leon KS
<b>4</b> Promotion Sunday	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Rod & Laura Luehrs	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Mary Gonsalves 6 pm Movie Night	<b>10</b> Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley 3-6pm Back-to-school Swim Party
<b>11</b> "A-Team" (kids to new Sunday School classes )	<b>12</b> James Davidson	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 am Newsletter Items Due	<b>15</b> 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	<b>16</b> SCASB praise sing—First Baptist Douglas	<b>17</b> Tina Baca, Marsha Piha Bread of Life Food Ministry 10-11:30
<b>18</b> Lexi Davis	<b>19</b> Kurt & Michelle S. Casas por Cristo deposit due	<b>20</b> Kurt Spivey	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Lane Baca, Linnie Baca Leadership Conference
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Joe & Debbie Reinert	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## August Events

1st—Community Back To School Bash at the PAC  
 3rd—Sunday School Breakfast, Leon KS  
 4th—Promotion Sunday  
 9th—Church Movie Night  
 11th— "A-Team", (kids to new Sunday School classes )  
 14th—by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due  
 15th—5:30 Facilities Team Meeting  
 16th—SCASB praise sing—First Baptist Douglas  
 17th—Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30)  
 19th—Deposits due for Casas por Cristo  
 24th—Leadership Conference

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

7th—Rod & Laura Luehrs  
 9th—Mary Gonsalves  
 10th—Hope Brickley, Hannah Brickley  
 12th—James Davidson  
 17th—Tina Baca, Marsha Piha  
 18th—Lexi Davis  
 19th—Kurt & Michelle Spivey  
 20th—Kurt Spivey  
 24th—Lane Baca, Linnie Baca  
 27th—Joe & Debbie Reinert

SEPTEMBER 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	2 Labor Day, Office Closed	3 Austin & Ulala Prewit	4	5	6 Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs	7 Phil Drake 7th—Sunday School Breakfast, Leon KS Working Genius Workshop, Winfield
8 David & Susan Fyffe National Grandparents’ Day, Potluck, “A-Team” Meeting	9 Emma Leibbrandt	10	11 Agnes Leibbrandt Programs Resume	12 David Fyffe, Marsha Griggs	13 Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt	14 Laura Luehrs
15 Dan & Brenda Sherman	16	17	18 9 am Items Due	19 5:30 Facilities Team meeting	20 Simpson Wedding	21

Church Forward Week of Prayer 15-21

22	23	24 Mary Herrmann	25	26 Kardyn Nielsen	27	28
29 Deb Spencer, Micah Wint Youth Sunday (5th Sunday)	30	1	2	3	4 Penny Stephens	5

September Events

2nd—Labor Day, Office Closed  
11th—Programs Resume  
7th—Sunday School Breakfast, Leon KS  
7th—Working Genius Workshop  
8th—National Grandparents’ Day, Potluck, “A-Team” Meeting  
15th—21st—Church Forward Week of Prayer  
18th—by 9:00 am Newsletter items Due  
19th—5:30 Facilities Team meeting

20th—Simpson Wedding  
21st—Fall Cleanup  
29th—Youth Sunday (5th Sunday)

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st— Melynda Wint  
6th—Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs  
7th—Phil Drake  
8th—David & Susan Fyffe  
9th—Emma Leibbrandt  
11th—Agnes Leibbrandt  
12th—James Davidson, David Fyffe, Marsha Griggs  
13th—Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt  
14th—Laura Luehrs  
15th—Dan & Brenda Sherman  
24th—Mary Herrmann  
26th—Kardyn Nielsen  
29th—Deb Spencer, Micah Wint

**FSBC Kid's Ministry April  
2024**  
**First Southern Baptist Church**  
**200 Oil Hill Rd, El Dorado, KS**  
**1035 SE Bluestem Rd, El**  
**Dorado, KS**  
**316-321-3465**  
**Bus 316-452-3594**  
**Paula Moore 316-258-6596**



**DIVING INTO  
GOD'S WORD  
AT SCUBA  
VBS WITH  
FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- \*Thursday, Aug. 1st, School Supply Give-Away, PAC in El Dorado, 4-6pm**
- \*Aug. 4th, Promotion Sunday Recognition.**
- \*Aug. 10, 3-6pm. Back to School Splash (free admission), City Pool.**
- \*Aug. 11th, Attend New Sunday School Class if Promoted.**
- \*Aug. 14th, First day of school for El Dorado.**
- \*Aug. 15th, First day of school for Flinthills.**

**Wednesday Kidz Club is scheduled to resume Sept. 11th, but is subject to change if needed.**

**Hello Friends!**

**It's hard to believe that as I write this, the summer is halfway over. What a busy summer it has been. From being displaced from our home church, to finding a temporary worship facility so that the church can continue to worship on Sundays, we have been on the go go go. As of right now, we do not have an exact date of return to our building, but we are in prayer that we will be back in around the start of the school year. We are trying to keep everyone updated through emails, texts, calls, our church website, and Facebook accounts. Feel free to call me if you have any questions during this time. Meanwhile, with the cancellation of our own VBS (insert sad face here), we were invited to join the First Baptist Church's SCUBA VBS in July. I saw many of our regular faces there, and missed some of them too. As a Children's Department, we are working to schedule some fun activities, so that we can fellowship and keep our relationships growing. Please check the upcoming events listed on this page to stay informed.**

**Thank you for all your prayers during this time of great changes.**

**God's blessings abound,**

**Love,**

**Ms. Paula**



You are invited to the  
First Southern Baptist Church

# BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH



Saturday 10th August 3pm-6pm

El Dorado City Pool, 900 N. Taylor, El Dorado KS

Snacks  
Provided

316-321-3465

Free  
Admission



## Working Genius Workshop



Dr. Stan  
Harstine



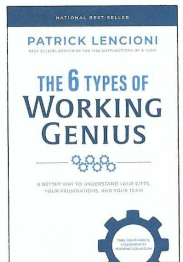
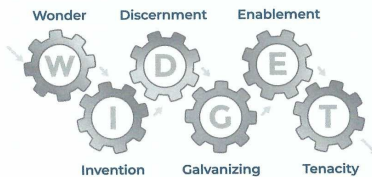
Jean  
Gibbs

Saturday, September 7  
8:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.  
(Lunch provided)

SCASB Office  
1922 Central Ave.  
Winfield, KS 67156

Registration Deadline:  
Sunday, September 1

### THE SIX TYPES



**WONDER:** identifies the need for improvement or change

**INVENTION:** confirms the importance of that need, and generates an idea or solution

**DISCERNMENT:** assesses the merit and workability of the idea or solution

**GALVANIZING:** generates enthusiasm and action around the idea or solution

**ENABLEMENT:** initiates support and assists in the implementation of the idea or solution

**TENACITY:** commits to ensuring that the idea or solution gets completed and that desired results are achieved

THE 6 TYPES OF  
Working Genius

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## Southeastern and South Central Kansas Leadership Conference

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Complimentary lunch provided)

I Am the True Vine

You are the branches

A branch cannot bear fruit by itself

Abide in Me

Apart from me you can do nothing

### FBC Independence

220 S. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Independence, KS 67301



Miranda  
Collins



Glenn  
Davis



Eric  
Franklin



David  
Gibbs



Becky  
Lynn



Voyt  
Lynn



David  
Manner



Andy  
Miller



Todd  
Reeder



### Dr. Geoff Chang

Curator, Spurgeon Library  
Asst. Prof. of Historical Theology  
Midwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary  
Kansas City, MO

There is no cost for this conference, but please RSVP to Voyt Lynn  
by Monday, August 19 at [voyt@scasbks.com](mailto:voyt@scasbks.com) or (316) 249-1310

## South Central Association of Southern Baptists

November 5-10, 2024

## Mission Trip to Juárez, Mexico

with  
**Casas por Cristo**

### What will we do in Mexico?

- We will be building a new home for a family in need with the El Paso-based ministry [Casas por Cristo](https://www.casasporcristo.org/).
- We will share age and language-appropriate evangelistic materials in the neighborhood around the build site.



### Trip Cost:

#### • SCASB church participant: \$1,050/person

\* Each participant from a SCASB church is subsidized courtesy of support from the SCASB Sending and Sharing Teams!

#### • Non-SCASB church participant: \$1,200/person

### Financial Details:

- Your meals outside of Mexico are not included in the cost.
- \$200 Deposit is due by Monday, August 19.** (Deposit is non-refundable, but is transferable)
- Balance (\$850 or \$1,000) is due by Monday, September 23.**
- Large Family Discount: with two paid participants, a third member of the same immediate family is free.

Registration Deadline is Monday, August 19!

See the back for more information.

To register, contact Voyt Lynn at (316) 249-1310.