

First Southern
Baptist Church

Messenger

OCTOBER 2024

**FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST
CHURCH**

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The Deacon's Corner

Greetings Church Family,

On Sunday, September 15th, the members of First Southern Baptist Church voted to proceed with the acquisition of the property known as Prospect Baptist Church. On behalf of the Deacon body, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for keeping this big event in the life of our church in your prayers. I know you have been praying and would urge you to remain in prayer about what God would have us do with the property and building. As Pastor David mentioned at the meeting, our church has been praying over this matter for some time now. Over the last few years, the question of whether we should take on the property had been brought up on several occasions within deacon meetings and with our church A team. With the fire in our church and the temporary relocation to the Prospect building while our church is being refurbished, we have had the opportunity to consider this

matter with more conviction and seriousness. I would also add that I do not think it was by any accident that Prospect was made available to us by El Dorado Equip Church. God put the wheels in motion for us to temporarily move into the building and I truly believe that He is not finished with leading us in the direction of what he ultimately would have us do with this ministry tool.

In the weeks preceding this vote, the church continued to pray and fast over what we should do. The church family meeting in July was a key step in this process because it gave your church leadership the opportunity to hear the possibilities. There were many great ideas that were presented. Again, no firm decisions have been made. I firmly believe that God already knows what He would have us do. It is in faith that we join Him in His work. In His time, He will make the plan abundantly clear. When I stood up at the meeting to tell you that there was no arm twisting among the deacon body,

I meant it. There was harmony and peace among the deacons for proceeding forward with this acquisition. The same may be said for the A-Team. Again, it is by no accident that one would witness such unity about an opportunity as big as this.

We prayed that God would lead the charge, and He unified the hearts of the leadership teams to rally around this project. I am excited to see what He will continue to do in our midst. In the meantime, please keep this topic at the forefront of your prayer life. Also keep your eyes and ears open to the pulse of the community of El Dorado. It's possible that you might hear about a ministry opportunity that our church can be a part of that includes the use of a large facility such as the Prospect building. Please share any ideas that the Lord reveals to you.

Blessings To All,

Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons



Laura From Leftfield

I invite each of you to pray with your church staff and leadership. God will not be showing us the entire plan upfront, but He will help guide our steps—if we seek His face. We need to seek Him constantly, seek Him with open hearts and minds, and seek Him TOGETHER.

One part of this includes our new Sunday School emphasis, the six week study of “Forward” by Dr. David Jeremiah. God made each and every one of us the way we are to do His good work. We are not all the same, each of us has our own talents, experiences and aptitudes to bring to the table. We MUST work together to complete the work God is preparing for us.

I know that many of you reading this do not regularly attend Sunday School. Please make an exception for this 6 week study. You might just find, after experiencing the fellowship and closeness that Sunday School offers, that you want to continue attending.

There are many twists and turns yet to come on this roller coaster we are riding. Lets buckle up and see where the ride takes us!

In Christ,
Laura

When I was a teenager, I LOVED roller coasters. If I am honest with myself, I probably just liked proving to myself and others that I could withstand them. The more twists, turns and loop-de-loops, the better. It goes upside down six times? Yay! At this point in my life, you couldn't pay me to ride a roller coaster. I am more than willing to admit that there is not a single part of them that I like. They make my stomach unhappy and give me a headache. When the boys wanted to go to an amusement park, I always bowed out and let their father take them.

I don't know about you, but the last several months, I feel like I have been riding on a roller coaster. My stomach is constantly churning trying to figure out how to adapt to the next turn. As I write this, my head is pounding. Change is hard. Change without all of the answers is more than a little daunting.

Ever since the “little” fire in the church basement, our church family and church staff have had to make a lot of adjustments, make mountains of decisions, and do countless tasks that weren't on our to-do lists in May. God is preparing us for something, and my inability to plan my next steps has me far out of my comfort zone. Is anyone on this ride with me?

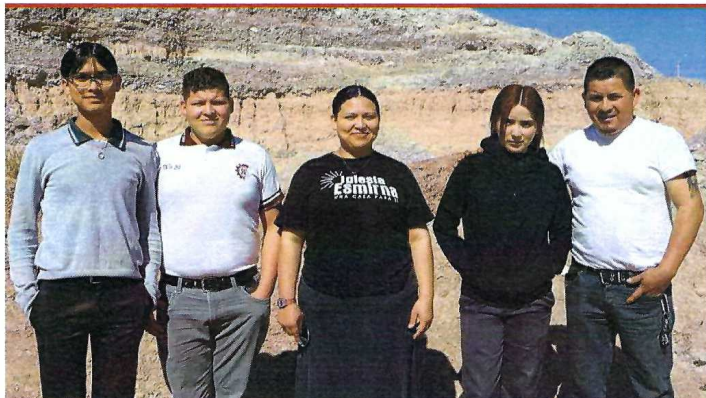
As we look forward to these next stages, stages that include a freshly painted and cleaned building free of 70 years of accumulated clutter, we need to pray, plan, and prepare.



South Central Association of Southern Baptists
Please Pray for the November 5-10
Mission Trip to Juárez, Mexico



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The Aguilera Araujo Family



Introducing the Aguilera Araujo Family (from left): Iran (19), Arath (18), Ana (38), Fernanda (17), and Rogelio (39).

Mission Team Members:

FSBC Ark City
 LaVaughan Scheurich

Trinity Ark City
 Lane Adams

FBC Belle Plaine
 Pastor Jeremiah Orr
 Cecil Beaman
 Gage Bryan
 Jerry Crumley
 Tina Friend
 Carla Main
 Ian Wilkerson

NewSpring, Wichita
 Janey Mahlandt

FBC Douglass
 Marjorie Miller
 Janice Spencer
 Jerry Spencer

FSBC, El Dorado
 Pastor David Crook
 Aidan Davis

FSBC, Garden City
 Martha May
 Justin Moore

FBC Towanda
 Pastor David Gibbs
 Jaydee Gibbs
 ADOM Voyt Lynn



CPC Missionary
 Zach Bryan

Help Your Team



Needs

- Funds to send our team
- Gifts for the Families:
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Youth News

We are meeting at East Park until we are back in the church so we played kickball on the softball field!

Lisa Crook



Operation Christmas Child

It is officially the time of year that we start thinking about getting our shoeboxes packed and ready. In September, I went to an OCC kick-off event in Wichita. I heard a story about a shoebox distribution where they were one box short. A mother of twin girls told the leader that her girls could share. So now everyone had a box. When the girls opened their box, there were two of everything in it. Isn't God so good! He has plans for each box we pack, and He knows the exact children that will receive them. That is one reason why I love the ministry of Operation Christmas Child.

Each box we pack is a gospel opportunity. Churches, schools, and some orphanages around the world partner with OCC and hold outreach events where they share the gospel and then hand out gift boxes to all the kids. These boxes are a tangible way for the kids to experience the love of God. Some even ask, "Why would someone in another country who

doesn't even know me give me a gift?" The answer: because we love them like God loves them. They are then invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, which is a 12-week discipleship program. At the end, they graduate and receive a New Testament in their own language! How cool is that!?

Our packing party is next month, and here is a list of some items I think we are short on. I haven't been able to take inventory of our things at church due to the fire so I am trusting God to bring in the items we need.

The kids would love to see and hear from the one from whom they got their gifts. Thanks again for all your help. **Our packing party is scheduled for November 6th at 6:30.** If you can't make it and would still like to participate, here are a couple alternatives:

1. Pack a shoebox on your own. If you need some guidance or a box, let me

know, and I can help out.

OR

2. Build a box online at www.samaritanspurse.org/buildabox

We will once again serve as a drop-off location for Shoeboxes. The dates for that are November 18th-25th, see details below. Thanks!

Karen Leibbrandt

OCC Schedule

November 6th, 6:30 pm

Packing Party

Collections week, November 18th-25th

- Mon 18th—Friday 22nd 5-7 pm
- Saturday 23rd—10am-1pm
- Sunday 24th—2pm-5pm
- Monday the 25th—8-10 am.

October Shopping List

- WOW items like a soccer ball/football with pump, a doll, a stuffed animal
- Toys: (nothing war related like guns or camo) some examples are cars, balls (if it inflates, pack a needle and pump), tools, Legos, puzzles, games, playing cards, animal figures, dolls, crafts, sewing kits, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk
- Bars of soap, NO LIQUIDS, please
- pencil sharpeners
- Hairbrushes/combs for girls and boys
- Hair accessories (hair ties, bows, clips, headbands)

Other items:

- Sunglasses
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Hats
- Drawstring bags, purses, wallets
- Clothing-- shoes, flip flops, socks, underwear

If you plan to help pack, please start now by writing some notes or cards to put in each box. You can also bring pictures of you and your family to include in your box(es).

FSBC Kid's Ministry

October 2024

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And we're off and running! School is in full swing and that means our children's programs are too. Wednesday evening Kidz Club is going great! We are so blessed that you are sharing your children with us. We have started learning the Biblical principles of our relationship with Jesus. We know He loves us, He cares for us, and He longs for us to love and worship Him. It is our goal to expose children to this wonderful love of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Encourage your child to retell about the lessons from Kidz Club and Sunday School so they learn to share about the love of Jesus.

In His Service,
Ms. Paula

This year's memory verse for Kidz Club:

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure."

1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

Please make sure to enroll your child in the current '24-'25 Kidz Club program. This is also where the permission form for Church Transportation is located. Use the QR code to register.



We celebrated Grandparent's Day with a list of reasons that make grandparents so special to us and a poem from Ms. Marsha about Grandchildren.

WANTED:

- Helpers to help unpack at FSBC in the near future.
- Donations of Legos!
- Church Van Drivers & Monitors
- Special children's worker for one-on-one assignments
- Organizers
- Children's Church Teachers
- Cookie Bakers

If you have any interest in the areas listed above, please contact Ms. Paula

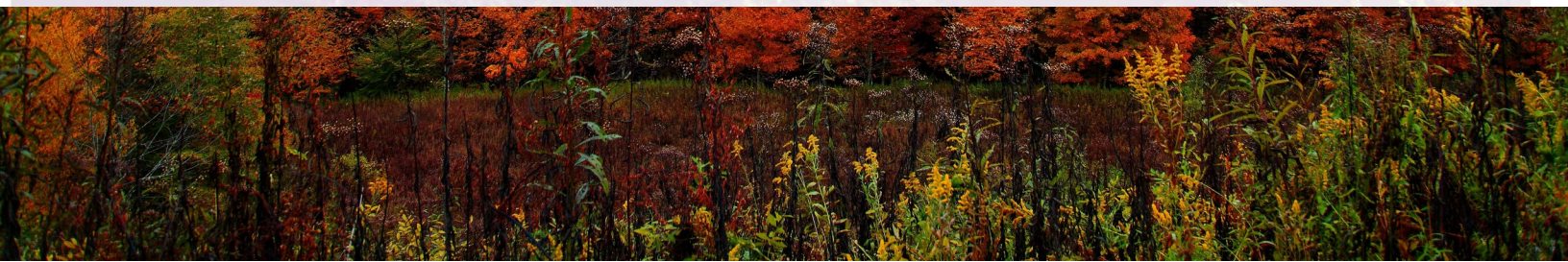


Telling Everyone About the Messiah!

Volunteer Rotations

Date	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery 1 During Church	Nursery 2 During Church	Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
9/29	Johnie G.	SUB	Guest	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Marsha P.
10/6	John M.	Deb	Brickley	John B.	Julie H.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
10/13	John B.	Janna	Brickley	Kat H.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Laura L.	John T.
10/20	David C.	Sheila	Brickley	Keith A.	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Janna D.	Marsha P
10/27	Joe L.	John	Guest	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Deb
11/3	Joe R.	SUB	Reinert	John B.	Julie H.	Deb S.	Susan F.	Donna G.
11/10	Rod L.	Deb	Reinert	Kat H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Janna D.	John T.
11/17	Johnie G.	Janna	Reinert	Keith A.	Karen L.	Deb S.	Laura L.	Marsha P
11/24	John M.	Sheila	Guest	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Johnie G.

Week	Date	Wednesday Meals
4th	9/25	Darlene & Sandy
1st	10/2	Robert & Carol
2nd	10/9	Susan, Marsha, Paula
3rd	10/16	Mary G. Carolyn J.
4th	10/23	Darlene & Sandy
5th	10/30	Laura & Deb
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4th	11/27	Darlene & Sandy



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29 Deb Spencer, Micah Wint	30	1	2	3	4 Penny Stephens	5
6 9:00 am Open House	7 Gene Herrmann SCASB ANNUAL Meeting	8 Norma Boss, Timothy Hill	9 Greg Branaman	10 Ida Leibbrandt	11 Ryan Luehrs	12
13 Diane Goertz "A-Team" Meeting (Lunch provided) (No Potluck)	14 <div>KNCSB Annual Meeting in Salina, KS</div>	15	16 9 am Newsletter Items Due	17 Steve & Cindy Rhodes 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	18 Obadiah Leibbrandt	19 Bread of Life Food Ministry
20	21 Terry & Penny Stephens	22 Mary Lou Moody	23	24	25	26
27 Lawanda Borger	28	29	30	31	1	2 Bentley Baca
	Pastor out of Town 28th-1st					

Open House! October 6th

- **9:00**—Breakfast and Tours
- **10:30**—Concert of Praise
- **Noon**—Fundraiser Lunch for Mission Trip



NOVEMBER 2024 (70 YEARS OF FSBC)

27 Lawanda Borger	28	29	30	31	1	2 Bentley Baca
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3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 Michelle Spivey	5	6 Kat Heubner, Karen Drake OCC Packing Party	7	8	9
10 Robert & Carol Mitchell "A-Team"	11	12	13 9 am Newsletter Items Due	14	15 Jan Smith	16 Rod Luehrs
17	18	19	20 Lauren Davis, Joe & Karen Leibbrandt	21 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	22	23
OCC Collections Week 18-25						
24	25	26 Jessica Zumalt	27 David & Julie Hill	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 3 pm Christmas Decorating Party
OCC Collections 18-25		Office Closed 27-29				

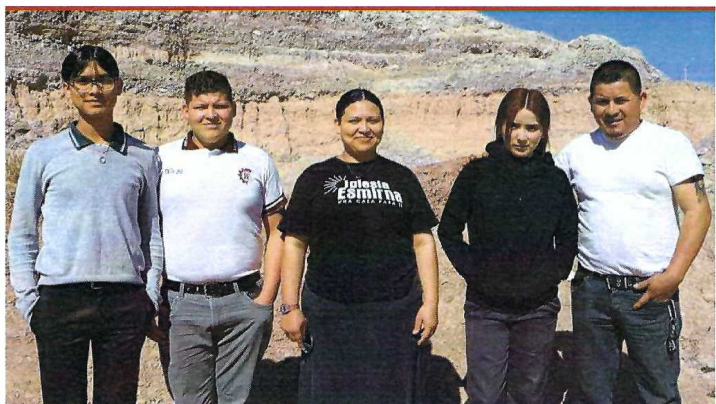
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