



First Southern
Baptist Church



Messenger

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FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST
CHURCH

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THE PASTOR'S PEN



Greetings, Church! I love you, Church!

I know it has been a very long summer for us all as we have been displaced from our church family home. We have had to endure hot temperatures, too little rain, tomatoes that didn't do too well (maybe that's just me), the church attendance summer slump, and a whole lot of struggle trying to get the church back to livable conditions. The people we have hired are doing an admirable job, but the time table just seems to keep dragging along. Communications have been difficult to get to everyone in a timely manner and some connections with some very precious parts of our church family have been heart-breakingly strained. I hope each of you will look around your pre-fire memory files and try to recall someone you have not seen

much lately and take the initiative to contact them and tell them you miss the fellowship and worship you look forward to experiencing together soon.

Even though the struggle has been real, you have been great, Church! I have been praising you to the many people who are asking how we are doing! I tell them that our church health is truly shining through this difficult season which has destroyed many a church. You don't blame. You don't complain. You don't accuse. You offer to help. You ask kindly how the progress is coming. It is obvious to me that so very many of you are fulfilling your pledge to each other, which you made when you signed your church covenant, to PRAY for your church every day! I can feel it. I rely on it! Keep it up, Church, especially as the final phases of

reconstruction and return are nearing and more decisions and plans must be made.

I am also VERY proud of and grateful for our church staff. The adaptations, decisions, and labor have been both taxing and stressful, but we could not have done as well as we have without Laura and Paula. I am also especially grateful for the Facilities Team for their MANY hours spent meeting, deciding, and laboring to do their part getting our building and function restored. They are amazing! Everyone try to find these people and thank them.

I also want to give thanks and praise to our great God for His faithfulness in this season! Being on the front lines of so much, I get to witness or hear so very many great things that God has done through this that would not elicit

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His praises otherwise: a huge act of kindness by a neighbor to our main campus; cooperating weather when we had to meet outside; partnership with other churches; provision of temporary space; the spreading of our testimony; a celebration of baptism. He provides countless little things, greatest of all, a young man who was working on our annex coming to know Christ! Even with all these praiseworthy blessings, which we would not have without the fire, I am certain that there are

other things in our future that He has planned for us which we would not have been open to following Him into if He had not put us in our current season! I have no clue what He might be getting us ready for, but from what I have seen so far, I am excited! May Christ build His church in US, regardless of our building!

I want to encourage you to make plans to use the Walnut River Revival as your own personal tool to introduce a friend to your

wonderful Savior. Saturday, September 21st from 11 to 8:30 at the Civic Center is a great opportunity to bring someone to hear the Gospel and enjoy food, music, testimony, and Gospel partnership with brothers and sisters from other area churches. Keep this event in your prayers and ask God for a true revival to break out right in front of us! I'll see you there!

Pastor David Crook



Sharing Gospel Truth through Walnut River Area Testimonies,
Worship and Prayer focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

11 am-8:30 pm
Saturday Sept 21, 2024

Fellowship
Praise Music
Food
Inspiration

El Dorado
Civic Center
201 E Central

Worship in the Community of Christ!

Local Pastors and Ministries will present. For more info: Linsey Cutsinger
316-323-5152

Volunteer Rotations								
	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery (DURING CHURCH)		Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
9/1	John B.	Deb	Brickley	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Susan F.
9/8	David C.	Janna	Brickley	John B.	Julie H.	Rod L.	Deb S.	Donna G.
9/15	Joe L.	Sheila	Brickley	Kat H.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Janna D.	John T.
9/22	Rod L.	John	Brickley	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
10/6	John M.	Deb	Reinert	John B.	Julie H.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Donna G.
10/13	John B.	Janna	Reinert	Kat H.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Janna D.	John T.
10/20	David C.	Sheila	Reinert	Keith A.	Karen L.	Johnie G.	Laura L.	Marsha P
10/27	Joe L.	John	Guest	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Deb

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

September is upon us and that means school has started up. School supplies are on sale, so if you see some good deals, pick them up for our boxes.

This month we are collecting games. The list below has some possible ideas, but is not all inclusive. Use your imagination!

Don't forget that you can pack a shoebox anytime either physically or online at <http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

**National Collection Week is coming:
November 18-25, 2024!**

September OCC shopping List Games

Puzzles
Etch-a-sketches
Playing cards
Mazes
Word search books
Jump rope, (for single
jumping and double)
Jacks
Marbles

“Not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” —Hebrews 10:25

THE DEACON'S CORNER

It is crazy! Absolutely crazy! It seems like only a day or two ago that I was sharing my thoughts with all of my church family about the summer and how it might affect our church. Now as I am writing this article, it literally is my first day of school for the 2024-2025 school year. With that being said, there is no time to worry about where the time went, but I do look forward to the excitement of starting a new school year. I have found that, as a school teacher, there is always an excitement for what the new school year will bring. What will the new students be like? Will they be well behaved? How ready are they for learning the new set of standards that I am charged with teaching?

I'm sure for my students there are many questions about the new school year as well. What will my classroom look like? Will this class be harder than last year's class? Will my teacher be strict? These are just a few of the hundreds of things students and

teachers consider going into the new school year.

While the usual first of the school year activities is going on, I also have questions about our newly updated and restored church building at 200 Oil Hill Road. When will we get to go back to the building for our normal worship services? What will the sanctuary and classroom spaces look like? Will it smell like fresh paint and new carpet? But the question that I am contemplating the most is “Will they come?” Our church has experienced an upheaval that, quite frankly, could have been devastating to the well being of our membership, but God is Good. He has sustained us. He has strengthened us. He has also challenged us to think outside the box about how we minister to our community. Along the way, he has sent new families and individuals seeking a local fellowship of believers. We have been gathering in the Prospect Baptist church, and it has prompted some former

attendees of that location to come back to worship in its confines. Hallelujah! Prayerfully, in just a few short weeks, we will return to our former building. How will we use some of the lessons we have learned from this experience to maximize the ministry opportunities that God has laid before us? Our freshly scrubbed building will be wonderful, but it will only be an empty shell if we don't bring life into it. That includes bringing the same faith, love and perseverance that God supplied for us during this unexpected journey we traveled this summer. The 200 Oil Hill location can once again be a thriving community for hurting individuals to come and find rest in Christ. I hope that all of you will come with the same sort of burning questions, but most of all, come with an excitement for what will God do next.

Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS

October is right around the corner, and normally, this would be the time that we would start getting activities ready for our Fall Festival. We do not have a set date that we will be back in our building or how long it will take to unpack everything once we are back. Because of this scheduling uncertainty, the Outreach team has decided that we will cancel Fall Festival for this year. Instead we will use this time to pray and work on a plan for a float for the Christmas parade. Workers and planners are welcome! We will have an Outreach Team Meeting August 29th at 6pm at the Church annex building (306 Oil Hill Road).

Thank you,
Janna Davis and the Outreach Team

NEW CLASS

Wednesday Nights
September 11th
6:30 - 7:30

Preteen Group
6th and 7th grade

B.A.S.I.C.

Becoming A Soldier In Christ
Training

God's Army is a movement.
A God sustaining organism
that will never stop moving.

Joel 2:1-11

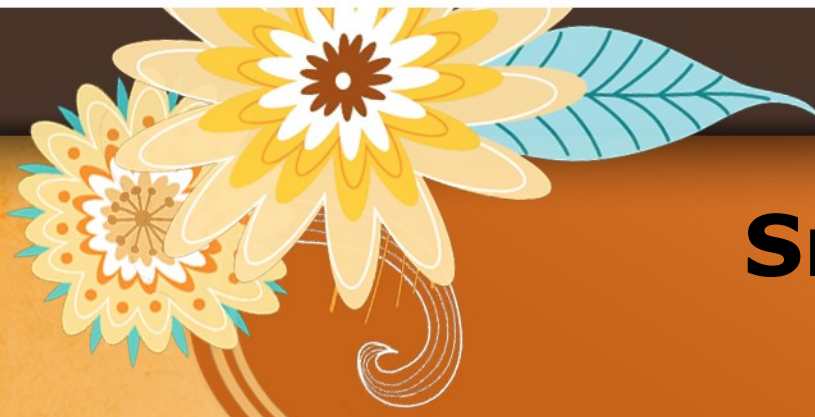


YOUTH NEWS

We celebrate our camp time! We took 2 adults and 7 students, and 3 of those students accepted Christ! I am excited about this fall! We will begin meeting at East Park until we are back in our home building. Please pray for those students who asked Christ to be their Savior and for the some of them stepping into leadership this year!

Lisa Crook,
Youth Leader





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1 RSVP FOR Working Genius Workshop	2 Labor Day, Office Closed	3 Austin & Ulala Prewit	4 Adults Resume	5	6 Karen Leibbrandt, Shawn Luehrs	7 Phil Drake Working Genius Workshop
8 David & Susan Fyffe National Grandparents' Day "A-Team" Meeting (BYOL)	9 Emma Leibbrandt	10	11 Agnes Leibbrandt Children & Youth programs Resume	12 David Fyffe, Marsha Griggs	13 Christine Brickley, Sandy Dewitt	14 Laura Luehrs
15 Dan & Brenda Sherman Family Meeting (BYOL)	16	17	18 9 am Newsletter Items Due	19	20 Simpson Wedding (Prospect)	21 11 am-8:30 pm, Walnut River Revival
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



FSBC Kid's Ministry
September 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



T.E.A.M. JESUS KIDZ CLUB
Starting Wednesday, September 11th
WEDNESDAYS
AGES PREK-5TH GRADE
6PM-7:30PM
DINNER SERVED
First Southern Baptist Church
Temporary Location 1035 SE Bluestem Road
Transportation Available 316-452-3595
ONLINE REGISTRATION
Check us out on Facebook @FSBC El Dorado Children's Ministry

Hello! Can you believe that summer is over and kids are back at school? Wednesday Kidz Club is ready to begin again this year. There are a few temporary changes until we get back into our building in a few weeks, but, we didn't want to wait to see everyone! Register online with the QR code above, or contact Ms. Paula for a registration form. This registration will provide needed information as well as give you an opportunity to sign up for transportation. Kidz Club will again provide a sack-lunch-type meal from 6-6:30pm. Classes will follow from 6:30-7:30pm. We will use the Prospect Church building at 1035 SE Bluestem Rd until we return to our home building. Class activities may look different while at our temporary location, but fun and learning about our Lord and Savior will always be our objective. We plan to focus on "Telling Everyone About the Messiah" this year. We are calling it T.E.A.M. Jesus! We want to share ways to tell others about Jesus. He stated in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Age isn't mentioned. Kids can be missionaries with their family, friends, and school community. Let's equip our children to be leaders of the gospel.



The Children's Choir was asked to perform at the Praise Sing in Douglas, KS, at the First Baptist Church on Friday, Aug.16th. Attending were Agnes, Emma and Ida Leibbrandt, Eli Gill, Ana Stewart, and director, Marsha Piha. What a great way to praise Jesus!

Tired of stepping on little Legos? Kidz Club is collecting Legos! Yes, we can learn about the Bible with old Legos. Bring them to church on Sundays or get with Ms. Paula to donate your old legos.



The FSBC building is coming along!
Some bright and colorful changes are happening.



In His Service,
Ms. Paula