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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER | FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH | EL DORADO, KANSAS

## **The Deacon's Corner**

Greetings Church Family,

For weeks now, Pastor David has been preaching from the pulpit that God is at work at FSBC. He is exactly right. If you look around, the signs are there, and I believe we are only at the beginning of seeing a miraculous manifestation of God at work in our church body. It is exciting to see the baptismal waters being stirred on a regular basis. The best part is that God invites us to be part of his Kingdom work. So how can you and I take part? First, we need to pray. We can't pray enough. As I write this article, I am praying for a wonderful Easter. I am praying for men, women, boys, and girls who may not attend church regularly, who will attend on this special Sunday. I am praying that it will not be just any Sunday for these individuals, but a life-changing experience.

By the time you read this, Easter will have passed, but God will continue to move. In addition to praying, we can ask individuals to join us on this walk with Jesus. People will come if we ask. We can share our testimony. If you have

claimed Jesus as Lord and Savior, you have a testimony, and it is powerful. We can pray for boldness to share our story with our friends, coworkers, and relatives who may not know Jesus. Recently, my Sunday School class studied about the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit emboldens us to tell others. In one of the lessons, we read Luke 24:49 where Jesus told his disciples, "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." That same power that the disciples experienced for the first time on the Day of Pentecost is available to us as well. God wants to tap into this well-spring of power to lead others to the throne of Christ. If we are obedient to the Holy Spirit's promptings, not only will we continue to see God at work in our church body, but I believe we will see a movement of Christ like none that we have ever seen before.

Blessings To All,

Rod Luehrs

Chairman of the Deacons

## **Outreach**

I want to thank everyone that donated to Bread of Life and made sure that the Blessing Box was stocked up over the winter. Now that spring is here and summer is on its way, we can start putting liquid items back in the Blessing Box

Thank you again on behalf of the Outreach team: Janna, David, Paula, Karen L, Joe L, Karen D, and Susan

### **Blessing Box Suggestions**

- Non-Perishable, ready to eat foods (crackers, jerky, trail mix, granola)
- Canned goods with pull tabs
- Socks
- Snacks
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Lotion
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer

# The Pastor's Pen



Greetings Church! I love you, Church! Well, this month we will mark the one-year anniversary of a little fire with a big impact on our ministry. It burned all of 20 minutes on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Friday kicking off Memorial Day Weekend, but the spreading soot caused damages that lasted for more than four months.

I don't know about you all, but I don't look very fondly toward this particular anniversary. The challenges it brought are not high on my celebration list. But shouldn't they be? James 1 tells me to "2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing."

While I don't look fondly upon the immediate wave of that fire, there is no doubt that we have much reason to rejoice in what God has done! We have come back from that season to a season of greater blessing and working of God than before all this happened. Souls are being saved! Baptisms are being celebrated! God is bringing new people to our church every Sunday!

Part of the reason God can do these things in us is because so many of us were faithful to pray, encourage, serve, and still love each other in the stressful chaos. We demonstrated unity in the body and we kept our message on our Jesus. We made more of Him than our plight. (Boy, that Philippians journey was spot-on!) We have been tested and have demonstrated our spiritual health in such a way that God is trusting us with many baby believers, painful pasts, and broken people. We are given the opportunity to be part of an amazing work of God!

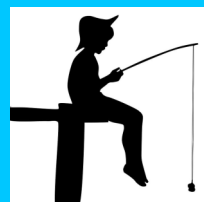
Please keep being who God has made us to be, Church. Keep praying. Keep loving broken people, making them feel welcome. Keep serving. Keep inviting people to come be part of a stirring of Heaven.

There are some things I think we need to get intentional about doing. We need to get to know all the new people. We need to find someone to disciple in a 1-on-1 relationship. We need to start some new Bible studies to move people forward with our Jesus. We need to learn how to share the gospel message with others so that we don't miss the next one God wants to trust us to care for. We need to pray about adding a youth pastor to our team. We need to start being ready to park a little farther away so that our guests and the physically infirm can park closer. We need to start praying about what we may have to do with our worship times if God keeps growing us. By the way, if we can face the challenges of our fire as we did, I am confident that we can face all these other challenges just as graciously and with unity!

Pastor David

## OCC Shopping list for May Quality toys:

- Balls (foam, bouncy, tennis, soccer-include a manual pump)
- Finger puppets
- Etch-a-Sketch
- Dolls (baby, Barbie, etc.)
- Small Music instruments (harmonica, woodwind recorder)
- Marbles
- Small cars, trucks, boats (like hot wheels or plastic)
- Yoyo
- Hacky sack
- Baseball & mitt
- Tools (pliers, screwdriver with multiple heads, **no knives**)
- Playing cards
- Any other toy that you see that a boy or girl (ages 2-14) would like that would fit in a shoebox



**Little Buddies'  
Fishing Derby Men's  
Outreach Event**





## Youth

It's time to register for CAMP!!!! If your student wants to go to camp, please check with Lisa for requirements and cost.

The school year is ending FAST! Our last regular meeting is May 21st. We will have some events during the summer but will not meet weekly.

We will have a camp fundraiser coming up but no date set yet. Prayers can start, though, for God to start moving among the youth!!!

Lisa Crook,  
Youth Leader

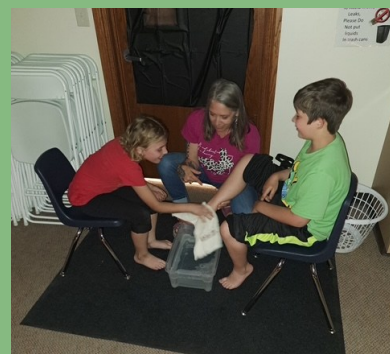
## Pre-Teen

The B.A.S.I.C. pre teen group that has been meeting on Wednesday evenings has been such a blessing to me. I average 5 to 6 girls, plus I have gained Linda Rodriguez as a helper. We were planning on moving into the game room in April, but things came up and we haven't been able to move. We hope that this summer we can get our room cleaned out and do some painting to get it ready for next year. We are planning a lock-in for sometime this summer. A couple of my girls are going to camp this summer with our youth. Please pray for them, as this will be their first opportunity to attend youth camp. Three of my girls have accepted Christ recently, so there may be some baptisms soon. I praise the Lord knowing that His will is being done.

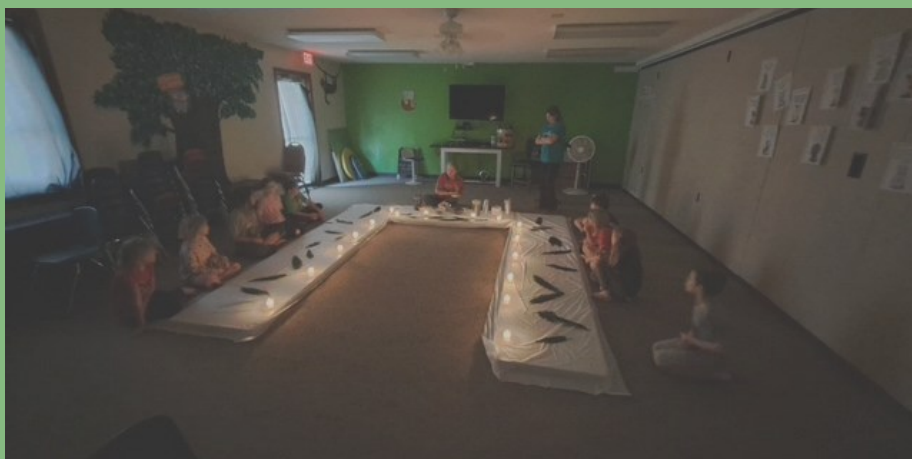
At the end of March, I started the pre-teen Sunday school class. It has only been a few weeks, but it is going very well. God has been so good, and I have never felt more blessed than I do when I teach God's word. God is doing great things in our church and I feel so blessed to be a part of it.

Thank you for letting me teach your children.

Love in Christ,  
Janna Davis



The Children's Department Observed The Last Supper the Wednesday night before Easter. Let us always remember the reason we celebrate Easter.



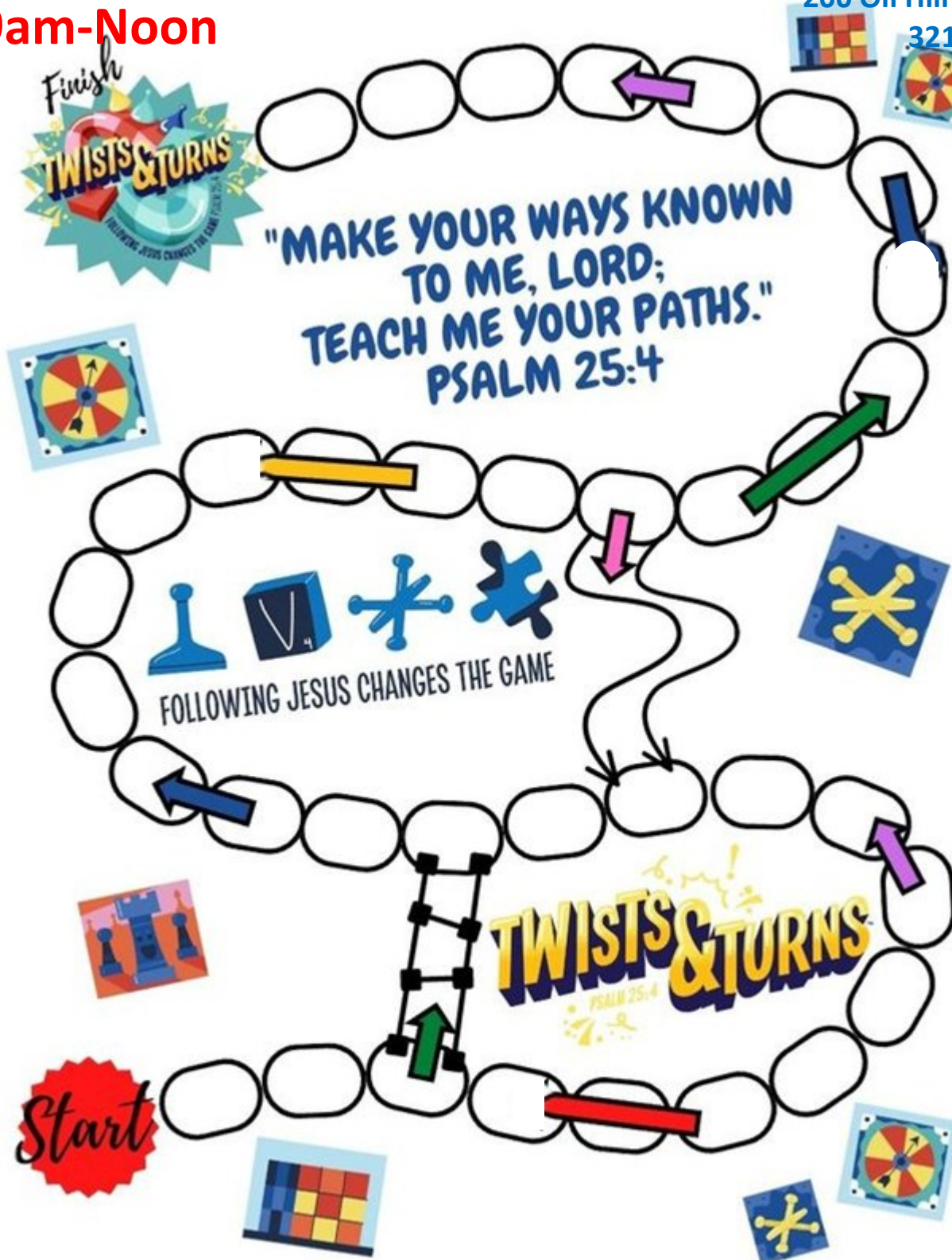
## Baby Bottle Campaign

The annual Baby Bottle campaign to support Branches Pregnancy and Family Center (Formerly Pregnancy and Family Resources Center) is about to kick off! Beginning on Mothers' Day, we will have baby bottles available to fill with coins, paper money, or checks made out to "Branches." Bring them back full by Fathers' day!



**June 2-6**  
**9am-Noon**

**First Southern Baptist Church**  
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**Use the QR code to register  
a child or volunteer!**



**Register Early for a chance to win a prize!**

# MAY 2024

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                                      |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Sundays</b><br><b>9:30 am—</b><br>Sunday School<br><b>10:45 am—</b><br>Worship | <b>Mondays</b><br><b>6:15 pm</b> Prayer meeting | <b>Tuesdays</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br>Celebrate Recovery | <b>Wednesdays</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Adult, Youth and Children's Bible study  | <b>Thursdays</b><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br>GriefShare                         |  |   |
|   |   |   |  | <b>1</b><br>National Day of Prayer                                       | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b> Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon |
| <b>4</b><br><b>5:00 pm—</b><br>Women's Bible Study                                | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Vicki Edwards, Steve Rhodes  | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                     |
| <b>11</b><br>Jessica Gill Mothers' Day  | <b>12</b>                                       | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>by 9:00 am—Newsletter items due (For June-July Summer Edition)<br>Last Regular Wednesday night Kid's Club | <b>15</b><br>Joe Leibbrandt, Pat Leibbrandt 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>                                     |
| <b>18</b> Joe Reinert Graduation Sunday, A-Team (BYOL)                            | <b>19</b>                                       | <b>20</b> Nancy Wright Last Day of School               | <b>21</b> Lonn Adkison Last Regular Wednesday night Youth Program for Summer   | <b>22</b> Jerry Dewitt   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>                                     |
| Pastor OUT OF TOWN 22-26  |   |   |  |  |   |   |
| PAULA OUT OF TOWN 17-24   |   |   |  |  |   |   |
| <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>Memorial Day, Office Closed        | <b>27</b> David and Lisa Crook                          | <b>28</b> Sheri Dean 6:00 pm—VBS Meeting   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b> Julie Hill  | <b>31</b>                                     |
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## Volunteer Rotation—Thank You!

|      | Sound Room  | Prayer    | Driver | Children's Church | Nursery During Church |         | Head Counter | Counter 2 | Counter 3 | Date | Wednesday Meal Prep  |
|------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------------------|
| 5/4  | John, Laura | Joe L.    | Deb    | Reinert           | Keith A.              | Cara S. | Deb S.       | Laura L.  | Marsha P  | 5/7  | Robert & Carol       |
| 5/11 | Jeff, Lisa  | Joe R.    | Janna  | Reinert           | Rod                   | John B. | Johnie G.    | Ulala P.  | Rod L.    | 5/14 | Susan, Marsha, Paula |
| 5/18 | Jeff, Laura | Rod L.    | Sheila | Reinert           | Julie H.              | Cara S. | Deb S.       | Susan F.  | Laura L   | 5/21 | No Meal              |
| 5/25 | John, Lisa  | Johnie G. | John   | Guest             | Keith A.              | Cara S. | Deb S.       | Janna D.  | John T.   | 5/28 | No Meal              |



# JUNE 2024

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                      | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Sundays</b><br>9:30 am—Sunday School<br>10:45 am—Worship           | <b>Mondays</b><br>6:15 pm Prayer meeting   | <b>Tuesdays</b><br>6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery                   | <b>Wednesdays</b><br>6:30 pm Adult Bible study | <b>Thursdays</b><br>6:00 pm GriefShare               |  |  |
| <b>1</b><br>VBS Kickoff Event   | <b>2</b>  <b>3</b> <b>4</b> Madylanne Wint <b>5</b> <b>6</b><br>Vacation Bible School 9-Noon |   |  |  |   | <b>7</b> Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon                                      |
| <b>8</b><br>Potluck, “A-Team”, VBS Program<br>Possible Family Meeting | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>                                      | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b> Susan Fyffe<br>Flag Day  |
| <b>15</b><br>Fathers’ Day   | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>Nathaniel Hill, Pastor’s “Anniversary” Here (2018) | <b>18</b>                                      | <b>19</b> David Hill<br>5:30 Facilities Team Meeting | <b>20</b> Johnie Gragg  | <b>21</b><br>Bread of Life Food Ministry (10 -11:30)                               |
| <b>22</b><br>Mission Dignity Sunday                                   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br>Staff Planning Retreat                             | <b>25</b><br>Staff Planning Retreat            | <b>26</b><br>Staff Planning Retreat                  | <b>27</b> Sophia Baca   | <b>28</b> Brenda Sherman, Ellis Baker, Tyson & Penny Nielsen, Ellis & Joanie Baker |
| <b>29</b><br>Youth Sunday   | <b>30</b>  |   |  |  |   |  |

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| 6/1  | Jeff, Laura | Johnie G. | Janna  | Brickley          | Karen L.       | Cara S.  | Johnie G. | Laura L.  | Marsha P  |
| 6/8  | John, Lisa  | John M.   | Sheila | Brickley          | Rod            | Cara S.  | Johnie G. | Ulala P.  | Deb       |
| 6/15 | Jeff, Laura | John B.   | John   | Brickley          | Julie H.       | Cara S.  | Johnie G. | Susan F.  | Janna D.  |
| 6/22 | John, Lisa  | David C.  | Janna  | Guest             | Keith A.       | Cara S.  | Johnie G. | Laura L.  | John T.   |
| 6/29 | Jeff, Laura | Joe L.    | Deb    | Reinert           | Johnie G.      | Karen L. | Deb S.    | Laura L.  | Marsha P  |

