

First Southern
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Messenger

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The Deacon's Corner

Have you written a New Year's Resolution? If you are like me, you may have thought of one, but not committed to it, or maybe you chose not to even consider writing one. Failed attempts at writing resolutions may keep us from taking them very seriously, but it is not too late to consider a resolution for the new year. From a Biblical perspective, resolutions can play a valuable role in the life of a believer. This could be a way of realigning one's heart with the heart of God. Scripture reminds believers that true transformation begins not with human effort alone, but with surrender to the Lord.

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." A Biblical New Year's resolution, therefore, centers on spiritual renewal. It calls believers to examine their lives honestly, confess sin, and seek God's guidance for the days ahead. Rather than resolving simply to do better, Christians are

invited to deepen their relationship with God.

The Bible also teaches the importance of setting purposeful intentions. A resolution can help one get back to a more disciplined prayer life or back into a more careful reading of God's word. Proverbs 16:3 encourages believers to "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." I would welcome anyone who would like to partner with me in prayer to ask for God's strength and encouragement in carrying out this resolution. I am personally resolving to have a deeper Bible study and prayer time for this new year.

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and if there is anything that I can pray with you over, whether that be a resolution or other concern, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Blessings To All
Rod Luehrs,
Chairman of the Deacons

Youth News

Youth are looking at camp this summer and getting a week reserved. We are hopeful a new youth pastor will be pumped to go!!!

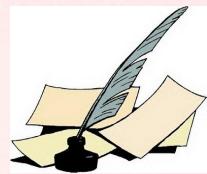
Please be praying as the youth search committee opens the position. The youth are excited but a little anxious as well. Pray for them too!

Want to help with the youth group? Talk to me!!!

Lisa Crook
785-207-7189
Lisa Crook
Youth Leader



The Pastor's Pen



Hello Church! I Love You, Church!

Every first-time parent gets obsessed about all the “firsts” their child experiences as they develop. First breath, first cry, first laugh. First roll over, first crawl, first step. First “Mama”, first “Dada”, first “Nana”, first “Papa.” First Christmas, first evening apart, first birthday. First day of Kindergarten, first date, first dance. The scrapbook recorded each of these and many more firsts, at least until the second child came along. (Their scrapbook had to be desperately put together the night before the graduation party.) Sorry #2’s.

The record grew with each significant event of development. Baptism, team photos, trophies, report

cards and honors. All of these significant memories are kept as treasures that we can revisit as often as we sit down with them for a spell. We find our hearts and love growing as we replay the records as if they were fresh today.

Such is the benefit of frequently visiting the record of the many “firsts” and key moments from the life of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. As we ponder again each scene, our heart toward Jesus grows more fond of Him and devoted to Him. When we marvel at the miracles He performed, listen to His words, see His heart laid bare, marvel at His character, His nature, His impact, and His worthiness. Our response is praise, surrender, and

grateful devotion.

This effect is what I hope to lead us toward each Sunday until Easter. My series is called “The Manger to the Cross.” We will be looking each week at a key moment in Jesus’ life from one of the four Gospels. His first miracle, His first sermon, His first prediction of His death. We will also look at His baptism, calling His disciples, and transfiguration. Perhaps these stories are new to you, perhaps you have revisited them many times while you await His return. Either way, I hope that you will experience in your heart the affections and devotions that you long to deepen.

Pastor David

Youth Pastor Search Team Report

The YPST has renewed our efforts that went a bit dormant during the holiday season and expect events to begin to transpire at a much quicker pace. Here is some information you may want to know:

- ⇒ By the time you get this article, we might have already posted the job opening on the SBC jobs website. If not, it is very close. Once that job is posted, the team has agreed that we can begin talking to the multiple prospects we want to invite into discussions about their interests. Please pray for us at this important part of our process that God would direct the attention of His choice to the posting.
- ⇒ Once the resumes begin arriving, we will sort through them and select a short list of people we want to talk with further. Our aim is to find our first choice to bring before the church for consideration.
- ⇒ We have decided not to survey the church at this point as we first mentioned. You had the opportunity to express your preferences during the early approval of the position and you will have it again when we bring in a candidate for you to meet, interview, and perhaps vote on. We greatly value your input and support as we proceed, but did not feel the survey would benefit us much right now.

FSBC 101: a class for new members

When: Saturday, Feb 7

9:30 am—Noon

What: an introduction to who we are as Southern Baptists, what we believe, how we are organized, and how you can be involved.

Where: The Church Library

Who: for anyone who may one day want to become a member of our church or is curious about who we are or what makes us, well, us.

Sign up on the response cards at church or call the church office.

Operation Christmas Child

February is a month when people celebrate love due to Valentine's Day. Through OCC, we can show God's love in a tangible way by packing shoeboxes. Our goal this year is to pack 250 boxes (aka gospel opportunities). To do this, we need to start collecting items now and praying for God to help us provide. This month we are collecting accessories. Please see the shopping list to the side for more ideas. Also, don't forget to pick up any hats, gloves, or scarves that you may see on sale. You can always bring these items from January (hats, gloves, and scarves) anytime of the year.

Soon after shoeboxes get distributed, the kids are invited to participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey (TGJ). The Greatest Journey is a course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and

communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

Upon completion of the course, they receive a graduation certificate and a New Testament in their own language. This Bible includes the New Testament and selected Old Testament stories along with a dictionary of Biblical terms and a map of Bible lands. Complete with illustrations, it is often the first copy of God's Word the child, or their family, will own. Family and friends who attend the ceremony hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After seeing the transformation in the students, their loved ones' hearts are open to hearing the Good News for themselves. Praise God, many of them come to faith in Christ. Since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993, we praise God that over 50 million boys and girls have been discipled through the Samaritan's Purse program.

Karen Leibbrandt,
OCC Leader

February OCC shopping List

Sunglasses

Elastic hair bands

Necklaces

Bracelets

Ball caps

Headbands

hair bows, clips

Bandanas

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First Southern Baptist Church Youth

Prayer Requests: 316-285-2589

Bus Phone: 316-452-3595

Blessing Box items

Crackers

Nuts

Jerky

Ready-to-eat pop top canned food

Instant coffee

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Brushes/combs

Deodorant (men's and women's)

Soap

Shampoo

Baby wipes

Feminine products

Socks

Stocking caps

Gloves

Hot hands

FSBC Kid's Ministry

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200 Oil Hill Rd, El Dorado, KS

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Bus 316-452-3594

Paula Mattice 316-258-6596

Wednesday KIDZ CLUB 6:30pm

We will be covering the love of Jesus this semester.

Sunday School 9:30am

We are learning about each of Jesus' 12 Apostles.



Spread the Love,

Jesus was a master at seeing things most people couldn't see. People who were hurting, lonely, and sad were the kinds of people Jesus loved to be around. He knew if He could show them kindness and compassion, He could show them God's love. The Bible says, "God's love drives away all fear." The love that comes from God isn't some kind of mushy romantic love. It's a love that gives you peace and puts a smile on your face.

There are kids in your school and in your neighborhood who don't have much to smile about. No one is asking them over to play. No one is hanging out with them at recess. No one is saying anything nice to them. They are lonely and in need of a friend. What would Jesus do on Valentine's Day? Jesus would be a friend to the boy or girl who seems to have no friends. Jesus gave away love by doing something to put a smile on someone's face and making them feel special. There's no better role model than Jesus. Do what Jesus would do this Valentine's Day! Show His love to someone who really needs it.

Love you all,
Ms. Paula



Memory Verse: Matthew 10:2-4

Hide and Find Valentines

Cut out a set of ten hearts for each family member. Make each set a different color and assign a color to each family member. Distribute the hearts evenly, but don't give anyone their own assigned color. Write a message on each heart for each family member. Hide the hearts all over the house. Then start looking for the hearts with your assigned color. Don't reveal to anyone else where the other hearts might be hiding. (Hiding ideas: tape to gallon of milk in refrigerator, place in your dad's briefcase, tape to steering wheel of your mom's vehicle, slip in brother's shoe, put in your sister's backpack, etc.)



Hey kids! Write out our memory verse (listed above) and bring it to Ms. Paula for a prize before the end of the month!



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Matthew W	3 Cory G	4	5	6	7 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon 9:30 am New Member's Class
Laura Out of Office Jan 27-Feb 3						
8 Tyler L No Potluck, A-Team (BYOL)	9 Tyson N	10	11	12	13	14 Valentines' Day 7 am Men's Breakfast
15 Dan S, Trenton D	16 President's Day-Office Closed-No School	17	18 by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due	19 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	20	21 Joanie B 6 pm Valentine's Banquet
22	23	24	25 Aidan D	26 Branches Banquet	27	28

Volunteers Rotation

Date	Sound Room	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery During Church		Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3	Date	Wednesday Meal Prep
2/1	John, Lisa	Joe L.	John	Brickley	April S.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Rod L.	Janna D.	1/28	Mary G.
2/8	Jeff, Laura	John B.	Deb	Brickley	Julie H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Laura L.	Marsha P	2/4	Paula
2/15	John, Lisa	David C.	Janna	Brickley	Angelina	Cara S.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Karen D.	2/11	Susan F. & Marsha P.
2/22	Jeff, Laura	John M.	Sheila	Guest	Karen L.	Susan & Pat M	Deb S.	Susan F.	Janna D.	2/18	Karen & Phil
3/1	John, Lisa	Joe R.	John	Reinert	April S.	Cara S.	Rod L	Deb S.	Laura L	2/25	Mary G.
3/8	Jeff, Laura	Rod L.	Deb	Reinert	Julie H.	Betty	Rod L	Laura L.	Marsha P	3/4	Paula
3/15	John, Lisa	Johnie G.	Janna	Reinert	Keith A.	Cara S.	Rod L	Ulala P.	Karen D.	3/11	Susan F. & Marsha P.
3/22	Jeff, Laura	Joe L.	Sheila	Reinert	Jennifer L	Cara S.	Rod L	Susan F.	Janna D.	3/18	Karen & Phil
3/29	John, Lisa	John B.	John	Guest	Susan & Pat M	Karen L.	Rod L	Deb S.	Laura L	3/25	Mary G.

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer 1-8	2	3	4	5 Children's Expo in Tulsa	6 Children's Expo in Tulsa	7 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon
8 Daylight Savings Time begins Kid's Pop-tarts, PJs and Praise Party NO Potluck, "A-Team" (BYOL)	9	10	11 by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due	12	13 Joey S	14 7 am Men's Breakfast 9 am CPR First Aid class
15	16	17	18 John B No Programs	19 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	20 Lexi S 6pm Church Movie Night	21
Spring Break (Local Schools) 16-20						
22	23	24	25	26	27 Marsha S	28 Clean-Up Day
29 Youth Sunday Palm Sunday, Kid's program VBS Recruiting Day	30	31 John T	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Current Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 9:30 am • Sunday Worship 10:45 am • Sunday 5 pm—Women's Bible study • Mondays 6:15 pm—Prayer meeting • Mondays 6:30 pm—"Satisfied" Group • Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery • Last Tuesdays 11am—Women's Bible study • Wednesdays 6:30 pm—Bible Study for all ages. Adults & Children 			