

FSBC Messenger

First Southern
Baptist Church

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Youth News

The youth had an awesome time at Winter Jam 2026! It has made an impact on at least one of the youth. It has convicted him about the music he was listening to. Would you be convicted? Is the music you listen to encouraging your walk with Christ?

We have chosen our dates for camp this summer. We hope the new youth pastor will go with the students as well as any other adult volunteers. Cory has moved to Missouri and I am unable to use my time off for camp due to personal reasons. If you want to go, please let me know! We are signed up for July 13-17.

Please continue praying for God to lead us to the right man to lead our youth!

Lisa Crook
Youth Leader

The Deacon's Corner

Have you ever stopped to wonder how God has uniquely wired you to serve? The Bible is clear that every believer has been given spiritual gifts, and those gifts are meant to be used to strengthen the church and share Christ with others. Sometimes, though, we're not sure what our gifts are—or how to use them. That's where my Sunday Class on **Spiritual Gifts** comes in.

My Sunday School class is laid-back and an encouraging time to look at what Scripture says about spiritual gifts and why they matter in everyday church life. We'll walk through key Bible passages, talk openly about real-life examples, and explore how the Holy Spirit equips each of us to serve in different ways. We have thoughtful discussions and it is a great time to draw encouragement from one another.

Whether you've been in church your whole life or you're still finding your place, this class is for you. Discovering your spiritual gifts isn't about checking a box or fitting into a role—it's about understanding how God can use you right where you are. When each person uses their gifts, the church grows healthier and stronger.

I'd love for you to join us this next Sunday. Come as you are, bring your Bible, and be ready to learn more about how God has already prepared you to serve Him and others. Also, Sunday School is a fantastic place to build relationships with your church family. I love the time spent each week with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Come see what you are missing.

Blessings To All
Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons



The Pastor's Pen



Greetings Church! I love you, Church!

There is a precious story in the life of Jesus about a woman who offers an incredible gift of love to her Lord.

From Matthew 26: ⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman approached him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as He was reclining at the table. ⁸ When the disciples saw it, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. ⁹ "This might have been sold for a great deal and given to the poor." ¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a noble thing for me. ¹¹ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. ¹² By pouring this perfume on my body, she has prepared me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Just how big was this gift? First, the act itself was courageous. The woman, whom John in his account identifies as Mary, entered a gathering and stole the show from whatever Jesus' disciples were trying to accomplish. Not only was the woman a woman, but she was well known to be a prostitute, a reputation that would surely subject her to shame and scorn if she dared approach Jesus.

Second, the perfume was very expensive. Mark tells us in his

account that the value was 300 denarii. A denarius was what was paid for one day of work by an unskilled worker in a Roman workday. This perfume was worth nearly a year's wages!

Thirdly, the gift had even greater value because Mary participated in the mission of Jesus on this earth. Jesus held her gift as precious because she was anointing Him for burial. Living the human experience was the first part of His mission as He perfected it. Then He would redeem humanity through His death on a cross as the second part of His mission. The third part was to be buried for three days in a tomb. The fourth part of His mission was to rise again three days later. Her anointing was an act of worship and participation in the mission of Christ's redemptive work of humanity!

Finally, her gift is so significant that it is promised to be memorialized wherever the Gospel is proclaimed. Two thousand years later, we who have the Gospel still marvel at the size of her gift, but not only to Jesus on that day, but also toward us as a model for worshiping and participating in Christ's mission.

The fifth part of Christ's mission is what we are called to live out today: proclaiming the Gospel until He returns. Mary's act of service and participation in Christ's mission inspires us to take our place in His mission as well. Whether that participation looks like rocking nursery babies, cooking a funeral

meal, teaching a class, playing an instrument of praise, praying for the needs of people and our church, serving on a committee, cleaning a bathroom, repairing a damaged wall, or a thousand other nameless activities, JESUS NOTICES and TREASURES YOUR GIFT!!

For all you do to serve our Lord and our church, THANK YOU!!!

Pastor David Crook

Youth Pastor Search Report

The position is now posted on the sbc.net job listings and we are taking resumes. We are also beginning talks with people that we know and who we hope are interested. The team has decided not to do another survey of what the church wants in a youth pastor because you gave that input at the opening of the position and will also have opportunity when we are bringing in a candidate to meet us.

FSBC Kid's Ministry

March 2026

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Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that winter is almost over, but here we are just days away from Spring. This is an exciting time to be involved in Children's Ministry. We are coming up on one of my favorite lessons to teach. No, it is not about the bunny, it is about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and His gift of Salvation to each of us. This is the Good News that we are entrusted to share with everyone. Have you shared this Good News lately?

In His Service,

Ms. Paula

Upcoming Dates

- * 3/8 Daylight Savings
- * 3/8 Pop-Tarts, PJs & Praise
- * 3/16-20 Spring Break
- * 3/18 No Wednesday Activities
- * 3/29 Palm Sunday Kid's Program
- * 3/29 VBS Recruitment Day
- * 4/5 Resurrection Sunday
- * 4/12 Sunday Sundaes Club



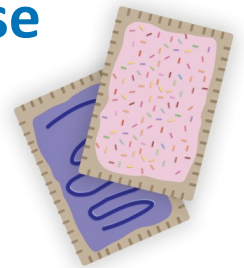
This month, turn in a list of the books of the Bible that we call the Gospel to Ms. Paula for a prize!



**PJs &
Praise**

Sunday, March 8th

9:30am



Memory Verse: "These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter), and his brother, Andrew: James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simeon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him."

Matthew 10:2-4

Volunteer Rotations

Date	Sound Room	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery During Church		Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3	Date	Wednesday Meal Prep
3/1	John, Lisa	Joe R.	John	Reinert	April	Cara S.	Rod L	Deb S.	Laura L	3/4	Paula
3/8	Jeff, Laura	Rod L.	Deb	Reinert	Julie H.	Betty	Rod L	Laura L.	Marsha P	3/11	Susan F. & Marsha P.
3/15	John, Lisa	Johnie G.	Janna	Reinert	Keith A.	Cara S.	Rod L	Ulala P.	Karen D.	3/18	Karen & Phil D.
3/22	Jeff, Laura	Joe L.	Driver needed	Reinert	Jennifer L	Cara S.	Rod L	Susan F.	Janna D.	3/25	Mary G.
3/29	John, Lisa	John B.	John	Guest	Susan	Karen L.	Rod L	Deb S.	Laura L	4/1	Paula
4/5	Jeff, Laura	David C.	Deb	Brickley	Rod	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Laura L.	Marsha P	4/8	Susan F. & Marsha P.
4/12	John, Lisa	John M.	Janna	Brickley	Keith A.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Karen D.	4/15	Karen & Phil D.
4/19	Jeff, Laura	Joe R.	Driver needed	Brickley	Karen L.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Janna D.	4/22	Mary G.
4/26	John, Lisa	Rod L.	John	Guest	John B.	Susan	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Laura L	4/29	Deb, Laura & Rod
5/3	Jeff, Laura	Johnie G.	Deb	Reinert	Julie H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Laura L.	Marsha P	5/6	Paula

OCC News

March is here and it is now time to set a goal for this year. We collected 213 boxes last year as a church. My God-sized goal for this year is 250. I am praying that we as a church body will be able to provide 250 children around the world the opportunity to not only receive a gift but to hear about the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

Thanks again for all your help and support. This month is a little different. If you like to make things, what we are collecting this month is right up your alley. If you don't like to make or craft things, then maybe you can buy some items that would allow the child who gets your box the

opportunity to make something. I have listed some ideas in the box below. If you have any questions or want to serve more with OCC, please let me know.

Blessings to you all,
Karen Leibbrandt

March OCC Shopping Ideas (Quality crafts for Boys & Girls)

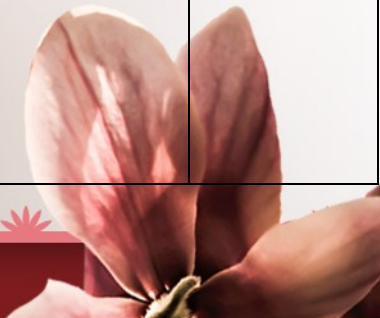
- Friendship Bracelets
- Finger Puppets
- Hair Bows
- Jump Ropes (made from old t-shirts)
- Make-it-yourself crafts / items (either purchased or put together yourself)
- Sewing Kits with fabric (1-2 yards)
- Fishing Kits



March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer	2	3	4	5 Children's Expo in Tulsa	6 Children's Expo in Tulsa	7 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am in Leon City prayer breakfast here
8 Daylight Savings Time begins Kid's Pop-tarts, PJs and Praise Party "A-Team" (BYOL)	9	10	11 by 9:00 am, Newsletter Items Due	12	13 Joey S	14 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 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 9:00 am Clean-Up Day
29 Palm Sunday, Kid's program VBS Recruiting Day	30	31 John T				

Pop-Tarts, PJs, & Praise Party Sunday, March 8th, 9:30 in the Children's Wing
All elementary aged kids are encouraged to wear their favorite pair of pajamas (or slippers, robes) as we munch on Pop-Tarts while having a fun Bible lesson.



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday, No School	4 Ulala P Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon Family Easter Event 2pm
5 Donna G, Phil & Karen D Resurrection Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 9:00 am Potluck Breakfast 10:30 Worship and Children's Celebration	6	7	8	9	10	11 7am Men's Breakfast
12 1pm "A-Team" (BYOL) Sundae Sunday	13	14	15 By 9am, Newsletter Items Due	16 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	17	18 SCASB Leadership Conference 8:30-3:30 FBC Independence
19	20 Pat & Susan Moore	21	22	24	24	25 Little Buddies Fishing Derby
26	27	28 Johnie & Donna G, Stephen & Paula M, Rick S	29	30		