



FSBC *Messenger*

May 2026 | First Southern Baptist Church | 200 Oil Hill Road
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The Deacon's Corner

Greetings Church Family. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and this year's theme is *Illumination Station, Shine a Light On Jesus*. VBS is one of the high points of the year on our church calendar. Our church gets to impact the lives of many children during the week of VBS, but it is not just the children who benefit. Imagine being able to help **illuminate** the families of these children with the light of Jesus. There is room for everyone wanting to take part in this event, but it starts with marking your calendar for the week of June 1-5. During this week, all kinds of fun activities, songs, crafts, and stories will take place here at FSBC.

In a world that can often feel dark or uncertain, VBS reminds us that God's truth lights the way for every child and every family. For many of the children who attend our event, it may be the first exposure to Jesus or even to coming to church. If this is true, it is likely that the parents do not regularly attend church or know Jesus either. What an opportunity our church has to show God's light.

We hope that this year's event is life changing for the children and the families whom they represent, but this could also be a momentous experience for members of our church family. Have you considered volunteering? Our Children's Ministry Leader, Paula Mattice, is already excited about the number of volunteers who have committed to helping. There is still room for workers willing to escort children from station to station. If you like to bake, cookies are always appreciated for snack time. There are other slots available that Ms. Paula can place you in if you are willing to help illuminate Jesus.

Most of all, we ask everyone to pray. Pray that children will come. Pray that they will encounter Jesus, and pray that their excitement will spill over onto their families. This year, through *illuminations*, we have the chance to reflect God's light in powerful ways—and to watch it shine in the lives of those around us.

Blessings To All
Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons

Blessing Box Grocery List

- 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



The Pastor's Pen



Greetings, Church! I love you, Church!

Lately it seems like the future of our church keeps getting brighter and brighter. Let me illuminate!

We are so very pleased to have the huge addition to our church family and ministry staff in Worship Leader Josue Eliakim (Kim) Portillo and his family!!! He led us in worship both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and we felt the powerful presence of our Risen Lord through his ministry! (In spite of our pastor being dumb as a rock!) (Had to be there—early!) Kim and his wife, Gretel Santiago, have four children: Adai, Roman (not pictured), Aulani, and Getzemani. They are all precious people of God and we are grateful for how the Lord brought them into our lives! (BTW, some of them have already volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School! Have you?)

Kim will unofficially begin April 22, but we want to celebrate an official start date of **May 3** with a large welcome **potluck** party after church that day! We will be providing the barbecue pork, you bring salad/side and/or dessert for all to enjoy as we welcome and begin getting to know Kim and his family.

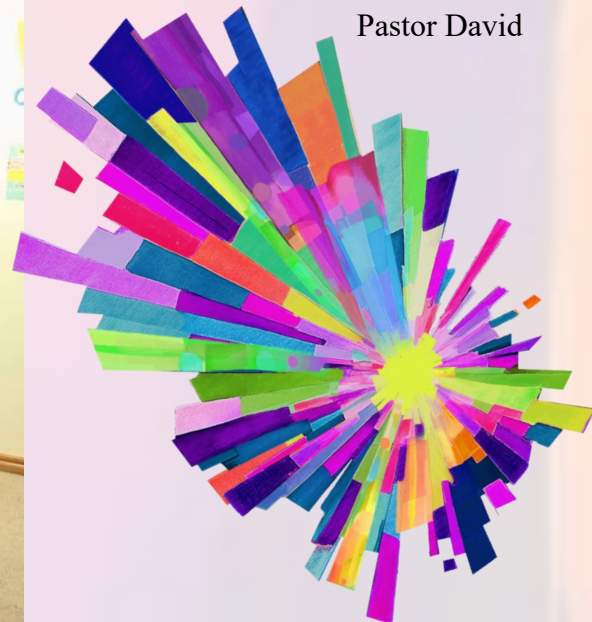
Please pray for Kim and his family as they begin to transition to our church! They are currently living in Valley Center. They are looking to come closer and eventually have some rural land to have a few animals. Also pray for a growing impact of his ministry on our city for the glory of Jesus! Pray also for our continued church unity and enthusiasm for the Lord as we navigate the transitions of how we match our current culture with Kim's giftedness in our worship services. We will be learning much and so will he as we try different things. But our love for each other and Kim will inspire much grace and permission from us all.

The youth pastor search is going slowly. Our online listing has produced no resumes. We have received one resume so far by other means. Please pray for us!

The Facilities Expansion Study Team has had some exciting discussions recently and is narrowing their focus on an idea/vision that they may be presenting to the church soon. Please pray for them as they continue to work!

This month brings to a close my eighth year as your pastor, Church! But I have never been more excited about our future than I am right now! With the Father's leading, the Spirit's power, Christ's Gospel, and our faithful labor, may First Southern Baptist Church reach farther into our city in the days to come than we ever have before! And all God's People said....

Pastor David



FSBC Kid's Ministry

May 2026

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VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Monday, May 18th, 6:30, FSBC Fellowship Hall

VBS

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

I'm having a **light bulb** moment! Oh wait, maybe I'm just **lighting** up with joy about our upcoming VBS!!! This is going to be an **illuminating** week for everyone involved. Have you signed up to be a part of "Shining the Light on Jesus"? It's not too late. Don't get left in the **dark** when you could be **glowing** for Jesus! Join us and **shine bright** with the Good News. (I can't seem to get enough of this fun theme.) There won't be any **dim** moments, that's for sure. I can't wait for all the **enlightening** moments to come and the **reflection** of Jesus' love that will be shared.

In His Service,

Ms. Paula

Wednesday, May 13, is the last Kidz Club for the Year. We will start back up the first Wednesday of September. Thank you for a great year!



VBS KICKOFF
Glow-In-The-Dark

BINGO!
Sunday, May 31
5pm

**FSBC
Fellowship Hall**

**Food, Fun, &
Fellowship**

Light
of Life



VBS Schedule:

May 18th, 6:30—Volunteer Meeting

May 24-30—Decorating for VBS

May 31st, 5pm—VBS Kickoff Night/Glow-In-The-Dark BINGO!

June 1-5, 9am-Noon—VBS!!!!

June 5, Noon—VBS Celebration with lunch

Donations Needed:

- Flashlights x10
- Wide tipped yellow highlighters x15
- Cupcake liners
- Glow sticks
- Plain gift bags with handles x60
- Quart size Ziploc bags x50
- Old CDs (for crafting)
- Pair of men's large white socks
- Battery operated tea lights x15
- White poster board x10
- Neon drinking straws x300
- Neon markers
- Neon craft paint
- Cheap laser pointer x3
- 2 hula hoops
- Jumbo craft sticks x500
- Mini glue gun x2
- Mini glue sticks
- Aluminum foil tape x5
- Skewers x20
- Rust Oleum Glow in the Dark Max Spray Paint x4
- Neon Food Coloring x2
- Edible Glitter-1 bottle
- Neon colored balloons x50
- 1 lb box Penne pasta x10
- Spray Adhesive x6
- Beach balls x6
- 20 ft light weight rope x2
- Toaster oven to borrow x2



FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
9 am-Noon

VBS 2026
200 OIL HILL RD
JUNE 1-5
Lifeway

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION
STATION**

JOHN 8:12

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Youth News

I am thankful for all the amazing teenagers I've been blessed with over the last six years! I can't believe they are graduating. Some of them, I've known longer than six years. Others, I've only gotten to be blessed by this past year.

I don't know if you've been able to be blessed by them or not, but I do ask you pray for each of them as they enter this cruel world. Pray they stay anchored in Christ wherever life leads them. Help us celebrate them on Graduates Sunday, May 17.

Lisa Crook
Youth Leader

Middle School Youth

Our regular Wednesday meetings will be paused for the summer. Look for special events. Friday, June 26th, at 6pm we will meet for a Lock-In. There will be a nacho bar with Mexican cheese dip, cookies and pop. We will have a devotion, scavenger hunt and a water relay. We will also play glow-in-the-dark hide and seek, watch a movie and have popcorn. Saturday morning we will have pancakes and sausage for breakfast. Bring a sleeping bag or blanket and a pillow, and a change of clothes. Pickup is at 7am Saturday. Looking forward to seeing you!

Janna Davis
Middle School Youth Leader

Celebrate our Seniors!



Top Row (left to right): Aidan Davis, Anthony Herrman, Ben Mattice.

Bottom Row (left to right): Aidan Davis, Shawn Kennison, Colton Reust, Ethan Stalnaker.

January—March Weekly Averages

Offering: \$3354, Goal: \$5881

Worship Attendance: 100

Sunday School Attendance: 45

Volunteer Rotations

Date	SS. Nursery	Sound	Prayer	Bus	Children's Church	Nursery During		Head	Counter	Counter 3
4/26	Keith, Cara	John, Lisa	Rod L.	John	Guest	Susan	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Laura L
5/3	Jennifer, Betty	Jeff, Laura	Johnie G.	Deb	Reinert	Julie H.	Karen L.	Deb S.	Laura L.	Marsha P
5/10	April, Cara	John, Lisa	Joe L.	Janna	Reinert	Susan M.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Janna D.
5/17	Julie, Cara	Jeff, Laura	John B.	Paula	Reinert	Jennifer L	Cara S.	Deb S.	Susan F.	Karen D.
5/24	Betty, Susan	John, Lisa	David C.	John	Reinert	Rod	April	Deb S.	Pat M.	Johnie G.
5/31	Keith, Cara	Jeff, Laura	John M.	Deb	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Rod L.	Laura L.
6/7	Julie, Cara	John, Lisa	Joe R.	Janna	Brickley	Susan M.	Cara S.	Rod L	Ulala P.	Janna D.
6/14	Jennifer, Cara	Jeff, Laura	Joe L.	Paula	Brickley	Keith A.	Cara S.	Rod L	Susan F.	Karen D.
6/21	Susan, Julie	John, Lisa	John B.	John	Brickley	Karen L.	April	Rod L	Pat M.	Johnie G.

Operation Christmas Child

Thanking God for New Believers in Remote Madagascar

Ambodibibaka is so remote you can't even find it on most maps. The village is nestled in the forests of eastern Madagascar where its residents long held to ancestral worship and traditions—until Samaritan's Purse teams recently brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children and their families. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts opened the door and, today, classes of *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship course have started with hopes of giving a new spiritual heritage to generations of Ambodibibaka residents!

Churches nearby had previously attempted to bring the Good News to Ambodibibaka, but were threatened repeatedly.

It appeared darkness had won. But God was not finished with Ambodibibaka!

Trying Again

An Operational Christmas Child regional leadership team (RLT) in Madagascar's northeastern area of Analanjirifo felt called to bring shoebox gifts and the Gospel to hard places—places that had never heard of Jesus Christ and showed no interest in Him. In faith, the RLT, composed of dedicated volunteers, began to pray, inviting churches to join them in their vision of reaching even Ambodibibaka with the Gospel.

But they, too, met resistance.

"I don't want you to be disappointed, but nothing organized for Ambodibibaka has ever succeeded," said a deputy mayor. Another official added, "I can't authorize an event there. But if you're brave enough, go on your own."

Undeterred, the team continued to press forward.

Carrying Gospel Opportunities

Through prayer and persistence, the Operation Christmas Child volunteers reached out to the leaders of Ambodibibaka with a message of tangible love: "We want to bless your children. We want to give each child a gift."

Suddenly, the village leaders were interested!

The parents also agreed to let the RLT come and volunteered to walk six hours to help carry the cartons of shoebox gifts to Ambodibibaka. Mothers and fathers who once rejected the Good News were carrying the very boxes considered "Gospel opportunities" in their own hands!

Bringing Joy and Hope

Next came the day no one thought could happen: our team hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for more than 1,400 children. Interested parents and extended family members gathered around for the child-friendly festivities. For the first time, the village of Ambodibibaka heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly presented!

Moved by this message of hope, child after child as well as numerous onlookers raised their hands indicating that they wanted to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Roughly 1,500 residents of Ambodibibaka made that life-changing decision that day.

Boys and girls were then surprised as they received their very own Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts—brimming with fun, new items from overseas! Along with their own shoebox, each child was

given a copy of *The Greatest Gift* booklet. This resource contains 11 Scripture stories that share the Gospel in a format they could return to again and again as well as share with others.

Joy and celebration now radiate from Ambodibibaka!

Today, trained volunteers from nearby churches are leading our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship class, *The Greatest Journey*, for shoebox recipients. Through dynamic Bible stories and an interactive student workbook, the children of Ambodibibaka are learning how to know, grow in, and share Jesus with friends and family.

We praise God that a place that once said no to the Gospel has said yes to eternal salvation through Jesus Christ!

"O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you"

(2 Chronicles 20:6).

May Shopping List Quality Toys

- Balls (foam, bouncy, tennis, soccer-include a manual pump)
- Finger puppets
- Etch-a-sketch
- Dolls (baby, Barbie, etc.)
- Small Musical Instruments (harmonica, woodwind recorder)
- Marbles
- Small cars, trucks, boats (like hot wheels or plastic)
- Yo-yos
- Hacky Sacks
- Baseball & mitt
- Tools (pliers, screwdriver with multiple heads, **NO KNIVES**)
- Playing cards
- Any other toy that you see fit for a boy or girl (ages 2-14) that would fit in a shoebox

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Johnie & Donna Gragg, Stephen & Paula Mattice, Rick Stewart 11am Ladies' Bible study 6:30 pm CR	29	30	1 Zebediah H	2 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon 9am New Member Class
3 Potluck Welcoming the Portillo Family	4	5 6:30 pm CR	6 Team reports due for A-Team Meeting	7 Vicki E	8 National Day of Prayer	9 7am Men's Breakfast
10 Mothers' Day, Child Dedication	11 Jessica Gill	12 6:30 pm CR	13 Last Regular Wednesday night Kid's Club Newsletter items due by 9:00 am (For June-July Summer Edition)	14	15 Joe L, Pat L	16
17 Graduates Sunday, <u>EMAIL A-Team "meeting"</u>	18 Joe R <u>6:30 VBS MEETING</u>	19 6:30 pm CR	20 Last Regular Wednesday Youth Night 6-8 pm	21 Lon A Last Day of School 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	22 Jerry D	23 Kaitlyn O
24	25 Memorial Day, Office Closed	26 11am Ladies' Bible study 6:30 pm CR	27 David and Lisa C	28 Sheri D	29	30 Julie H
31 5 pm VBS Kickoff Event Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo	1	2	3	4 Madylanne W	5	6 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon

Vacation Bible School
9-Noon 1st-5th

June 2026

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31 5 pm VBS Kickoff Event Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo	1	2	3	4 Madylanne W	5	6 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon
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7 VBS Program VBS Celebration cookout, Potluck sides and desserts "A-Team"	8	9 6:30 pm CR	10	11	12	13 7am Men's Breakfast
14 Susan F Flag Day	15	16 6:30 pm CR	17 Nathaniel H Pastor's Anniversary Here (2018)	18 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	19 David H	20 Johnie G
21 Fathers' Day Mission Dignity Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27 Sophia B
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