



FSBC *Messenger*

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The Deacon's Corner

Are you looking forward to Summer? If I asked random church family members that question, I am sure that the responses would vary. Some would say, "I love summer. Schools out! Hooray!" Others might say, "I hate summer. Kids are home for the summer. Bummer." But whatever your response, you would probably all agree that summer often brings vacations, sports, family gatherings, and a change in routine. While these activities can be refreshing and meaningful, they can also make it easy to drift away from regular involvement in church. However, summer is not a season to take a break from our faith. Instead, it can be an opportunity to grow spiritually and remain connected to the body of Christ.

The Bible reminds believers in Hebrews 10:24-25 to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not

forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Fellowship with other Christians encourages us, strengthens our faith, and helps us remain focused on God even during busy seasons. Staying involved in church during the summer allows us to continue worshiping, serving, and supporting one another.

Faithfulness to church involvement demonstrates that our relationship with God is a priority year-round, not only during certain seasons. When we stay committed during the summer, we continue growing spiritually and help strengthen the church family.

Blessings To All,
Rod Luehrs
Chairman of the Deacons

Featured Events

**God's Hand in America 10am
each day at Gordy Park**

**Brought to you by a
partnership of several local
churches**

May 30—The Hunger for Religious Freedom (Pilgrims/Mayflower)

June 13—Stoking the Fires of Freedom (The Great Awakening)

June 27—Faith in Action (Founders' Faith / Clergy Role)

**July 12, after
potluck—All-Church
Family Meeting**

**Come receive updates
on the ministries and
future of our church**

Operation Christmas Child

Have you ever thought about helping with Operation Christmas Child other than just in November? There are opportunities to help share about this ministry year-round. I serve as a year-round volunteer by coordinating the drop-off at our church and then am a community relations team member, which reaches out to different community groups and tries to get them involved in packing boxes. Here are the different roles and a short description of each:

Do you jump at the chance to inspire people?

Then become a **Leadership Team Member.**

Leadership Team Members build local teams of volunteers through:

- Recruiting, selecting, training, and leading volunteers.
- Shepherding and rallying team members.
- Vision casting and coordinating team operations.

Do you like to encourage people in churches?

Then become a **Church Relations Team Member.**

Church Relations Team Members form relationships with local Christian congregations to:

- Inspire them to catch the Great Commission vision of Operation Christmas Child to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
- Mobilize and equip them to participate or increase their participation in the project.
- Encourage them to use the project as a way to share the Gospel locally as they promote community shoebox packing involvement.

Do you have the gift of planning?

Then become a **Logistics Team Member.**

Logistics Coordinators and Drop-off Locations work together to:

- Support and expand shoebox gift collection in their communities.
- Ensure an inviting and efficient

collection of shoebox gifts that serves as a Gospel witness to the community.

- Assist in goal development and growth planning for area shoebox collection efforts.

Do you love to intercede in prayer?

Then become a **Prayer Team Member.**

Prayer Team Members encourage local individuals, churches, and groups to provide intercessory prayer through:

- Recruiting local prayer team members and enlisting local church support.
- Distributing ministry prayer requests among the team and other area prayer partners.
- Sharing prayer needs and promoting participation at community events, shoebox drop-off locations, churches, and other local gatherings.

Do you like to help get teams organized?

Then become an **Administrative Support Team Member.**

Administrative Support Team Members use their organizational skills to:

- Manage data and resources for an Area Team.
- Field local inquiries, connecting people to the appropriate team members and project resources.
- Organize and update Area Team information, including meeting minutes, team rosters, and local volunteer contacts.

Do you enjoy meeting new people?

Then become a **Community Relations Team Member.**

Community Relations Team Members are ambassadors for Operation Christmas Child in their communities to:

- Engage and equip businesses and civic organizations to become actively involved in the project.
- Speak to community groups about

the project.

- Host or participate in events to spread the word about Operation Christmas Child.

Do you like to spread the word about shoebox gifts?

Then become a **Media Support Team Member.**

Media Support Team Members promote the message of Operation Christmas Child in their communities by:

- Publicizing the ministry through local print and radio outlets.
- Sharing stories of local involvement and coordinating area media coverage of them.
- Providing promotional resources to encourage community participation in the project.

Do you have a heart for outreach to students?

Then become a **Student Relations Team Member.**

Student Relations Team Members engage young people to participate in the project through:

- Speaking to local schools, universities, and student organizations about how to be involved in Operation Christmas Child.
- Coordinating local student-focused project events such as ministry fairs, multimedia presentations, and packing parties.
- Encouraging local campuses, organizations, and businesses to partner with students in shoebox packing efforts.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you to give to this ministry by donating items, donating money for items to be purchased, packing your own shoebox (online or by hand), or becoming a year-round volunteer. Thank you for your generous support of OCC (Operation Christmas Child).

Karen Leibbrandt
Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

✠ *God's Hand in America* ✠

An Examination of Faith in the Foundation of our Country



May 30: The Hunger for Religious Freedom (Pilgrims/Mayflower)

June 13: Stoking the Fires of Freedom (The Great Awakening)

June 27: Faith in Action (Founders' Faith/Clergy Role)

Each event will have a history lesson, period music, and a sermon reenactment.

All events will take place at 10 am at the gazebo in Gordy Park

Bring a lawn chair. Period costumes are welcome!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY JUNE 26TH
200 OIL HILL RD 6PM

LOCK IN

NACHO BAR
MEXICAN CHEESE DIP
COOKIES
POP
PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE
FOR BREAKFAST

DEVOTION
SCAVENGER HUNT
WATER RELAY
GLOW IN THE DARK HIDE
AND SEEK
MOVIE AND POPCORN

BRING A SLEEPING BAG OR BLANKET AND A PILLOW, A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
PICK UP WILL BE AT 7AM THE NEXT MORNING

Blessing Box Shopping 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

Middle School Youth News

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

Youth News

Super Summer is July 13-17th. Please be in prayer for all the students and leaders. Pray for a revival to begin with them!!!

The youth will have some outings this summer and youth will be informed as they come up. Yes, there will be a lock-in. I owe it to one of our seniors to have one this summer!

If you are interested in helping with the youth, please let me know!

In Christ,
Lisa Crook

FSBC Kid's Ministry

Summer 2026

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We ended this year's Kidz Club with a game of Slip and Slide Baseball. Yes, there was some slipping and sliding fun! Thank you to Ms. Marsha, Ms. Karen, Ms. Susan, Ms. Deb, Ms. Janna, Matt, and Ms. Julie for all their help.

Please be in prayer for our ministry to children and their families to grow in the faith and knowledge of their Savior, Jesus Christ. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Ms. Paula or the church office.

Hello and Happy Summer!

It's hard to believe our Kidz Club has wrapped up and Vacation Bible School is in full swing. This year our Wednesday Kidz Club did things a bit different. We gathered together weekly as a whole group and went through Bible stories verse by verse, delving into God's word in a personal way. The students really seemed to respond well with in depth conversations about God being a part of their lives. I hope you saw the growth that we saw in class. I'm so proud of the kiddos for their commitment to Kidz Club and Kidz Choir, and their faithfulness to memorize scripture. I implore you to encourage your children to keep up the habit of reading God's word. THEY CAN DO IT! Help them fill their hearts and minds with the word of God and they will be a beacon of light in this world. Enjoy your summer and look for a few Bible Study Summer Activities coming your way. As always, thank you for the privilege of being a part of your child's journey to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

**In His Service,
Ms. Paula**

A special shout out to all that help make the children's department a success here at FSBC.

Bus drivers: John T., Pastor David, Joe L., Janna, Deb R. and Monitors Matt and April.

Food Prep: Marsha P., Susan F., Phil and Karen, Mary G., Rod and Laura, and Deb S.

Teachers: Karen L., Deb R., Janna, Linda, and Lisa

Kidz Choir: Marsha P. and Susan F.

Children's Church: John and Christine B., Joe and Deb R., and the Leibbrandt family

All around helpers Janna, Marsha S., and Laura

Without these servants of Christ, our program would not be able to happen.

Thank you for your service.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



Laura From Leftfield

It's nearly Summer, and the activities are coming fast and furious. There are all kinds of end-of-school year activities both in the school system and in our church. Teachers are retiring (and having receptions), and students are graduating (and having parties). Summer wedding season is upon us, and with that comes more parties in addition to the weddings themselves.

We just finished celebrating Mother's Day, and Father's Day is just around the corner. Pastor David is at the beginning of his sermon series, "The Sustainable Home". While the "sustainable" has nothing to do with subsistence farming or solar panels, as an internet search might lead you to believe, people are busy planting and weeding (blech) their gardens and flower beds.

I myself am planning a bridal shower for the daughter of one of my best friends. This is funny in itself, as those of you who know me well know I am not a party planner, or a decorator, and I am throwing myself into both. Pastor and Deb are both horrified because the theme is "love is brewing", and the party revolves around coffee!

Vacation Bible School preparations have taken over the lives of many of our dedicated workers, none more than Paula herself. By the time most people read this article (if they actually read something I publish), VBS will have started or is about to.

One of the unfortunate side effects of summer time, is that the warm weather and change in daily routine tends to cause people to neglect meeting together with church family. Meeting together is a commandment of God, and if you hadn't already figured this out, He never commands us to do something that isn't good for us.

Meeting together with your church family is how we support and uplift one another. Viewing online doesn't fill this need. You can indeed worship God from the lake while fishing, but it still neglects the "one another" part of church. Sunday School, Small Groups and Worship services help us to draw close to the family of God that He has put us together with. Our fellowship together helps us support one another and hold each other accountable. I know that I need these things!

My Bible Study group came together and messaged each other each day to confirm that they had done their homework. My YouVersion Bible app ladies group communicate every day over our current devotion. This is how I know when my some of my "girls" are up for the day, though there is a night-owl amongst us that does her Bible reading at night after I am hopefully sawing logs.

The point of my ramblings is this; while coming to church benefits the whole church family, it is important for each of us individually. No matter how tired or busy you are, your mental and spiritual health reap immense benefits from getting

yourself to the church on time! There are also so many blessings from giving of your time and finances to your church, but that is probably another article altogether.

Please give some thought as to how you can contribute to the daily activities of our church. Are you good with babies, children, or youth? There is a job for you! Are you a gardener? There is a team that can put you to work in our flower bed! Do you love to deep clean? There are projects to be had. Are you good at fixing or building things? We have broken things. Are you a good listener or mentor? We have broken people as well. Life is better when we actively seek to serve God and others in the way He has gifted us to. And He has gifted ALL of His children!

As the sun warms our weather and our schedules become crazier and less predictable, let us commit to holding on to Him who is unchanging and to our church family that He has blessed us with. I hope to see you Sunday. I'll buy you a cup of free coffee from the foyer!

Your sister in Christ,

Laura



Volunteer Rotations

Date	SS. Nursery	Sound Room	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery During Church		Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3
5/31	Keith, Cara	Jeff, Laura	John M.	Deb	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Rod L.	Janna D.
6/7	Julie, Cara	John, Lisa	Joe R.	Janna	Brickley	Susan M.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Ulala P.	Karen D.
6/14	Jennifer, Cara	Jeff, Laura	Joe L.	Paula	Brickley	Keith A.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Susan F.	Johnie G.
6/21	Susan, Julie	John, Lisa	John B.	John	Brickley	Karen L.	April	Rod L.	Pat M.	Laura L.
6/28	Betty, Cara	Jeff, Laura	David C.	Deb	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Deb S.	Janna D.
7/5	Cara, Susan	John, Lisa	John M.	Janna	Reinert	Rod	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Ulala P.	Karen D.
7/12	Cara, Jennifer	Jeff, Laura	Joe R.	Paula	Reinert	Keith A.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Susan F.	Johnie G.
7/19	Keith, April	John, Lisa	John M.	John	Reinert	Karen L.	Julie H.	Johnie G.	Pat M.	Deb S.
7/26	Julie, Cara	Jeff, Laura	Rod L.	Deb	Guest	Susan M.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Rod L.	Janna D.
8/2	Betty, Susan	John, Lisa	Johnie G.	Janna	Brickley	Keith A.	Jennifer	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Karen D.
8/9	Julie, Cara	Jeff, Laura	Joe L.	Paula	Brickley	April	Cara S.	Deb S.	Susan F.	Johnie G.
8/16	Susan, April	John, Lisa	John B.	John	Brickley	Karen L.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Pat M.	Laura L.
8/23	Keith, Betty	Jeff, Laura	David C.	Deb	Brickley	Rod	Cara S.	Deb S.	Rod L.	Janna D.
8/30	Jennifer, Cara	John, Lisa	John M.	Janna	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Ulala P.	Karen D.

Operation Christmas Child Shopping list for June:

Stuffed Animals

Make sure they are *new* and will not take up too much space in a shoebox. If you have some nice, gently used stuffed animals, make sure they are *clean*.

OCC shopping List for July:

Hygiene items

- Toothbrushes
- Combs/brushes
- Wash cloths
- Clothing: please give new not old discards
- Flip flops
- Shorts
- Undergarments (boys & girls ages 2-14)
- Shirts
- Skirts



²⁴ “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.” **Matthew 7:24-27 CSB**

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 9:30 am • Sunday Worship 10:45 am • Sundays 5 pm Women's Bible study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays 6:15 pm— Prayer meeting • Mondays 6:30 pm— Healthy Choices Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 	<p>No Wednesday Programs for Summer</p>			
<p>31 6 pm VBS Kickoff Event Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Madylanne W</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon</p>
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: green;">Vacation Bible School 9-Noon, 1st-5th</p>						
<p>7 VBS Program Potluck</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>14 Susan F Flag Day A Team (BYOL)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Nathaniel H, Pastor's Anniversary Here (2018)</p>	<p>18 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting</p>	<p>19 David H</p>	<p>20 Johnie G</p>
<p>21 Father's Day</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Pre-Teen Lock-in 6pm Friday to 7am Sat.</p>	<p>27 Sophia B</p>
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: green;">Staff Planning, Office Closed 22-24</p>						
<p>28 Brenda S, Ellis B, Tyson & Penny N, Ellis & Joanie B Mission Dignity Sunday</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 11am Ladies' Bible study</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Office Closed</p>	<p>4 Larry He Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon</p>

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5 Mary M, Sheila A	6	7	8	9 Larry Hu	10	11 D.J. B 7 am Men's Breakfast
12 Family Meeting "A-Team"	13 SCASB EX Board	14	15 Kevin & Julie T Anniversary Newsletter Items Due	16 Janna D 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	17 Larry & Kat H	18 John & Christine B
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> Laura OUT OF TOWN 14-21 </div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%; text-align: center;"> YOUTH CAMP (13-17) </div>						
19	20	21	22	23	24 Cindy R	25
Laura OUT OF TOWN 14-21						
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