



**First Southern**  
Baptist Church

# Messenger

January 2025

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## The Deacon's Corner

Greetings Church Family,

In a recent Sunday School class we explored the relationship between spiritual leadership and team ministries. During our discussion, we brainstormed a list of the various team ministries that operate in our church body. This list included children's ministry, finance team, the facilities team, outreach, worship, and several others that are not necessarily formal titles, but are vital to our church's function.

I am happy that we had this time to reflect on our teams. Just as a team on a football field or basketball court has to practice together, the same mindset goes into our ministry teams as well. We have to work together to be a healthy, functioning church. When an athletic team has a player go down injured, the team can manage but not always with the same degree of success. The same is true in our church body and ministries. When one member is hurting, the body doesn't always perform as God designed. God brings us together to function as a unit with our own unique passions and gifts. When each member submits to the Lordship of Christ, using

our gifts and talents, the Body of Christ flourishes for the Glory of God.

When we concluded our Sunday School discussion, I reflected on how our teams worked together to make December 8th's worship service, fellowship dinner, and business meeting a success. We were blessed to have talented singers and musicians leading us during our song and worship time. Our hospitality team put together a fantastic meal with plenty of food that everyone enjoyed. Our Outreach team made connections with individuals days or even weeks before this event, inviting individuals to a church home. The Facilities Team, often operating behind the scenes, makes sure that we are comfortable with a warm sanctuary. The Finance team worked for hours assembling a budget that was voted upon and approved. I Praise the Lord that I am a part of a church family that loves one another and works together towards a common goal. Thank you all for your commitment to bring Glory to God through your service to the Body of Christ.

Blessings To All,

Rod Luehrs,  
Chairman of the Deacons

### January Events

1st & 2nd—Office Closed  
4th, 9:30 am—Potluck  
Breakfast and undecorating  
party  
6th-10th—Pastor Out of Town  
8th—Wednesday night  
programs resume  
12th—Sanctity of Human Life  
Sunday  
12th—Soup, Salad & Dessert  
Potluck, A-Team  
15th—by 9:00 am Newsletter  
Items due  
16th—6 pm Griefshare  
Resumes  
18th—5:30 Facilities Team  
Meeting  
20th—MLK Day, Office Closed  
27th—SCASB Executive Board  
28th-Feb 4 Laura Out of Office

### February Events

3rd-4th—Laura Out of Office  
9th—"A-Team" (BYOL), no  
potluck  
12th—by 9:00 am Newsletter  
Items Due  
14th—Valentines' Day,  
15th—Bread of Life Food  
Ministry (10-11:30)  
15th, 6pm—Valentine Banquet  
17th—President's Day Office  
Closed  
20th—5:30 Facilities Team  
Meeting

# Satisfied

## A Spiritual Guide to Recovery and Food Addiction

I am so excited to announce that we will be starting a Christian 12-step recovery program for Food Addiction and Compulsive Overeating on Mondays at 6:30 pm beginning January 5, 2025. We will be starting with the Satisfied workbook by Dr. Rhona Epstein, PSY.D. Please let me know by December 30, 2024, if you are wanting to take the class, so that I can get the books ordered for everyone. Please fill out the response card in the back of the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

Blessings to you as you embark on this new endeavor towards a healthy lifestyle that is pleasing to God. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Susan Fyffe

Being confident  
of this, that He  
who began a  
good work in  
you will carry it  
on to completion  
until the day of  
Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 1:6



# The Pastor's Pen



Happy New Year Church! I love you Church!

What a wild year last year was for us! While the challenges we faced were many and taxing, they have left me excited about the coming year! God has been positioning us to be a church He will use to get the Gospel of salvation in His son, Jesus Christ, to this city that many might come to know Him. Our trials in 2024 have shown us that we are a healthy church that can work together and love each other well. That gives me great confidence to face an unknown future with optimism and confidence in our church body and our God in us.

I am looking forward to a year that should include a new worship leader, a new vision of our future, a growing crowd, a new adult Sunday School class (perhaps with a new name and approach), and who knows what else God might bring our way.

I am proud of you Church, and am blessed to be your pastor. I look forward to seeing what God does in us in 2025!

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I have often used the changing of the calendar to inspire a growth in our personal spiritual disciplines for the next year. I have encouraged doing a daily devotional plan through an app such as YouVersion, choosing a new reading plan to read through the Bible in a year or study it deeper, and growing our prayer life. This year, I want to add another element that could really jump start and launch your daily time with God into a new orbit.

I take this idea from what I am already observing in several of our ladies. This year, let's add a buddy to our plan. There are several ladies that have chosen to do YouVersion reading plans together. They read their devotions each morning and then message each other thoughts about what they read. They have even taken it so far as to reach out to anyone who did not comment that morning to see if they are sick or dying!

Adding a buddy (or 12) can add so very much to your spiritual life. First, it adds accountability. You will have someone pulling for you to keep going even when you are feeling untouched by the previous day's devotion. By also making time to discuss or comment with another, we face an expectation to provide a thoughtful response, which requires a more thoughtful engagement with the Word thus making our spiritual intake more fruitful. Secondly, a buddy adds community to our journey. You have heard me often say that none of us grow in isolation. Life-changing growth happens as we engage the Word of God in relationship with other people. Finally, having a partner increases your ministry effectiveness. We have a saying in Celebrate Recovery: We increase our ability, stability, and responsibility when we increase our accountability to God.

I hope this is a very fruitful year in your life and in our church this year!

Pastor David

# Youth News

Faith. The word for the youth in 2025 is Faith. We will finish the Thread on Wednesday nights and then begin focusing on their personal faith. The Thread has been an awesome study of seeing Jesus throughout the Bible. Going through the Old Testament and tying it to Jesus shows He is the thread throughout the whole Bible!

The winter/spring will bring

preparation for camp this summer, Winter Jam, and finding ways to grow our faith through the Word, Sunday mornings and through service to others.

Please keep our youth in your prayers. They battle a lot every day and need our support and encouragement!

Lisa Crook

## Outreach

We had a great night at the parade! All the smiling faces and the Merry Christmases made my heart happy. The joy that was on all the faces we passed was a joy that the season brings. Our community came together to celebrate the season. It was a blessing to be a part of it. Thank you, Outreach team, for all of your

hard work preparing for the parade. Thank you to everyone that walked and handed out ornaments and candy canes. Thank you to all that dressed up for the walking Nativity. I can't wait to see what God has planned for us next year!

Janna Davis

## Operation Christmas Child

Another new year has come, and I thank God for it. I am excited to see God work this year not only through OCC but in our lives. Thank you each again for your generous support with this ministry that reaches children all over the world. Because of you, these boxes will help our brothers and sisters around the world reach children and be able to share the love of God with them using these simple gifts. Be in prayer for the outreach events that will take place and the little hearts who will receive these boxes and hear the gospel.

Karen Leibbrandt

### January OCC Shopping List

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Any good after Christmas deals

### Blessings Box List

Winter is upon us. It's time to fill our blessing box with all things warm. Please try to avoid anything that might freeze.

- Gloves
- Stocking caps
- Socks
- Hot hands
- Dry goods
- Snack foods

### Food Pantry Grocery List:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Meat
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Ramen noodles

### Outreach Dates in 2025:

#### Bread of Life:

2/15  
4/19  
6/21  
8/16  
10/18  
12/20

#### Christmas Parade

12/6

# FSBC Kid's Ministry

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Bus 316-452-3594

Paula Mattice 316-258-6596

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What a wonderful opportunity it is to recount the blessings that God bestowed upon us this past year AND then to look forward to what God has in store for us this coming year!

As this new year begins, let's try and find ways to fulfill our promise in kidz club to be missionaries for God every day. Daily family discussions are great opportunities to help children look for small moments in their day when they could share Jesus with others; lending a helping hand, saying a kind word, meeting a need of another, asking someone to be your guest at church, and telling of the love Jesus has for them.

As we finish out this school year, please continue to help your child memorize **Matthew 28:19-20**, "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"

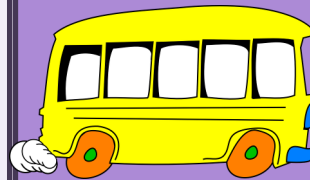
In His Service,  
Ms. Paula

## Be In The Know:

Jan. 1—Happy New Year! (No evening events)

Jan. 8—Wednesday Kidz Club and youth return

The Children's Choir did a wonderful job performing for the church service in December



FRIENDLY

REMINDER:

Transportation requests need to be responded to on time in order for the team to guarantee everyone a seat. Only the parent of the child can ask for a ride for their child.

Bus Line: 316-452-3594


# JANUARY 2025

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5 pm Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm Prayer meeting 6:30 pm "Satisfied" Step Study	6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	6:30 pm Bible studies for all	6 pm Griefshare		
			<b>1</b> David Baca	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Gunther Baca	<b>4</b> 9:30 am—Potluck Breakfast & undecorating party
			Office Closed			
<b>5</b> Sophie Simpson	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Kevin Tarrant	<b>8</b> Willie Spivey Wednesday night programs resume	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Pastor Out of Town 6th-10th						
<b>12</b> Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Soup, Sandwich, Salad & Dessert Potluck A-Team	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> by 9:00 am Newsletter Items due	<b>16</b> Nathan and Nancy Wright 6 pm Griefshare Resumes	<b>17</b> Gloria Tucker	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> MLK Day, Office Closed (No school)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Deb Reinert	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cheyenne Hollis	<b>25</b> Lisa Crook
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> John Meister	<b>1</b>
Laura Out of Office Jan 28-Feb 4						

## Volunteer Rotations

Date	Prayer	Bus Driver	Children's Church	Nursery During Church	Head Counter	Counter 2	Counter 3	Date	Wednesday Meal Prep
12/29	Johnie G.	Sheila	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Rod L.	Susan F. Laura L	1/1	Robert & Carol
1/5	John M.	John	Reinert	Kat H.	Rod L.	Johnie G.	Janna D. John T.	1/8	Susan, Marsha, Paula
1/12	John B.	Janna	Reinert	Keith A.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Laura L. Marsha P	1/15	Mary G. Carolyn J.
1/19	David C.	Deb	Reinert	Johnie G.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Ulala P. Deb	1/22	Darlene & Sandy
1/26	Joe L.	Janna	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Johnie G.	Susan F. Laura L	1/29	Deb & Laura

# FEBRUARY 2025

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5 pm Women's Bible Study	6:15 pm Prayer meeting 6:30 pm "Satisfied" Step Study	6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	6:30 pm Bible studies for all	6 pm Griefshare	<b>31</b> John Meister	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Matthew Wint	<b>3</b> Cory Gill	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Tyler Luehrs
<b>Laura Out of Office Jan 28-Feb 4</b>						
<b>9</b> Tyson Nielsen No Potluck, A-Team(BYOL)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentines' Day 	<b>15</b> Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30) 6 pm Valentine's Banquet—all welcome
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> President's Day-Office Closed-No School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting	<b>21</b> Joanie Baker	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Aidan Davis 9-3 NAMB Sending conf. Provide snacks	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

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2/2	Joe R.	Sheila	Brickley	Kat H.	Karen L.	Deb S.	Janna D. John T.	2/5	Robert & Carol
2/9	Rod L.	John	Brickley	Keith A.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Laura L. Marsha P	2/12	Susan, Marsha, Paula
2/16	Johnie G.	Janna	Brickley	Johnie G.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Ulala P. Deb	2/19	Mary G. Carolyn J.
2/23	John M.	Deb	Guest	Julie H.	Cara S.	Deb S.	Susan F. Laura L	2/26	Darlene & Sandy

