

First Southern
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Messenger

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The Deacon's Corner

Greetings Church Family,

Like many of you, I am writing this article while hoping for an early Spring. I have been heard to say that I like snow. However, I must clarify that statement. I like snow, and then I like it to melt. I do not like snow followed by cold temperatures, and I really don't like snow that quickly piles up on top of snow that has not melted from the previous storm. Our inclement weather has already caused one of our regular services to be cancelled, which is also a bummer. I enjoy our time with church family and the time spent with my Sunday School class.

If you regularly read my Deacon's Corner articles in the newsletter, you know that I vigorously promote Sunday School. Now that the holidays are over, I would encourage you to get involved with a

Sunday School class. We have a class for everyone, and it is such a good way to get connected to your church family. The church deacon body could use your help. With the success of the church Forward series that we completed this fall, we heard numerous positive comments. We are currently looking at some topical studies that we could do in and through our Sunday School classes. You might think of these types of classes as "Christianity 101". Though the exact topics have not yet been chosen, we are envisioning a set of classes that you could rotate through on topics that are relevant for a new believer or for believers as seasoned as Ms. Gloria. Please stay tuned.

Blessings To All
Rod Luehrs,
Chairman of the Deacons

Youth News

Winter Jam is coming up on March 13th. It is ALWAYS amazing!!!! God speaks through music in different languages to reach us all and I love how Winter Jam mixes a lot of varieties of praising our Lord and Savior.

The schools will be out for Spring Break the week of March 16th so the youth will not meet on the 19th.

Camp will be here before you know it!!! Youth need to turn in \$50 by May 1st. If they need help paying this, we will have opportunities to make this money! We want the youth to take ownership for their way to camp so please let me know if you want to help with fundraising!

Youth also need to participate in three mission outreaches, get registered online and have a parent complete the challenge course permission online. Right before camp, we will also need a medical form turned in signed by the parent.

Lisa Crook
Youth Leader



The Pastor's Pen



Greetings, Church! I love you, Church!

Well, now that New Year's Day (along with its resolutions) and Forget-It-Friday (when resolutions are officially abandoned) are both behind us, perhaps this new year's opportunities still need a little positive attention. Positive change is good. Positive change is hard. Positive change takes strong determination. Positive change has a small window of success. Positive change is to be celebrated. Let's take a look at some of the opportunities for change before us:

- First, I celebrate the arrival of our new part-time worship leader, Jonathan Brickley. I have wanted to work with this talented worshiper of God in this way for at least five years! He will be leading us 2-3 times per month. Sometimes he will involve his large and growing family, too! It is truly an exciting time for us as a church in this new year! I encourage you to get to know Jonathan, his wife Lizzie, and their 300 (or so) children so that they can know that they are loved, welcomed, and at home with us. I also encourage anyone with musical talent, young or old or in between, to let Jonathan know if you are interested in being part of the worship ministry we are developing.
- A new year is a good time to look at developing some new habits. We are going to be offering some great opportunities this year for developing new habits and skills.
 - ⇒ Of course, our Tuesday night Celebrate Recovery ministry is the perfect place to get over a hurt, habit, or hang up with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the 12 steps.
 - ⇒ Susan Fyffe has begun another 12-step program for those who want to specifically tackle a struggle with food and weight problems. They meet on Monday nights at 6:30 pm.
 - ⇒ Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study is offering an intense look at some things the Church in America (and ours as well) need to wrestle with and make changes to bring the powerful message of God's Word to our culture.
 - ⇒ Would you like to know the absolute best place to really let God make a change in your life? It is in faithful community with other believers, like in small groups. So if none of the above opportunities are what you are looking for, then try our Sunday School groups. We will be offering a different series of classes beginning in March that are designed to challenge you to develop newer or stronger spiritual skills that can greatly improve how you connect with God's Spirit and how you live your life following His direction. These will work well alongside my Christian Living 101 preaching series. We will be examining basic truths and spiritual habits that will help all believers, new and seasoned, come back to the basics of what we need to believe and do to walk with God.

Perhaps you should take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to spiritually grow this year. I truly believe that God is going to do some amazing things in our church this year. We will grow. Will you join us?

Pastor David

FSBC 101: a class for new members

When: Each Sunday in February at 9:30 am

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.

Men's Conference
20 CHURCH ✨ FORWARD 25

MARCH 7 & 8 2025

REGISTER AT KNCSB.ORG/MEN

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 200 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 refer to 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 and 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

February OCC Shopping List

Sunglasses
Elastic hair bands
Necklaces
Bracelets
Ball caps
Head bands
hair bows, clips
Bandanas

Food Pantry Grocery List:

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

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

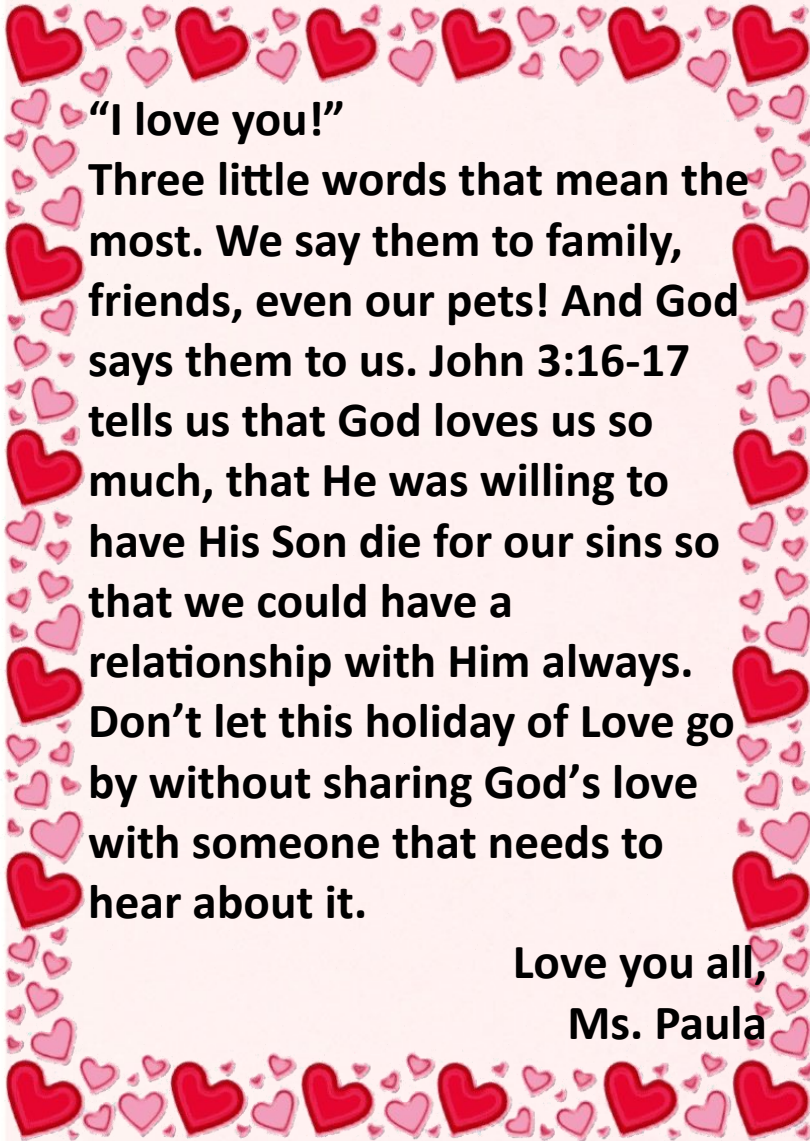
Our Current Schedule

- **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**
- **Wednesdays 6:30 pm— Bible Study for all ages. Adults & Children**
- **Thursdays 6:00 pm— Griefshare**

FSBC Kid's Ministry
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Upcoming

- *Feb. 15 Valentine Banquet**
6pm
- *Mar 9 Pop Tarts & PJs**
- *Mar 17-21 Spring Break**
- *Mar 19 No Kids' Club**



"I love you!"

Three little words that mean the most. We say them to family, friends, even our pets! And God says them to us. John 3:16-17 tells us that God loves us so much, that He was willing to have His Son die for our sins so that we could have a relationship with Him always. Don't let this holiday of Love go by without sharing God's love with someone that needs to hear about it.

**Love you all,
Ms. Paula**



"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14
By creating we learn to appreciate God's creations.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:16-17

FEBRUARY 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon |
| 2 Matthew Wint | 3 Cory Gill <div style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Laura Out of Office</div> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Tyler Luehrs |
| 9 Tyson Nielsen No Potluck, A-Team(BYOL) | 10 | 11 | 12 by 9:00 am Newsletter Items Due | 13 | 14 Valentines' Day | 15 Dan Sherman, Trenton Davis Bread of Life Food Ministry (10-11:30) 6 pm Valentine's Banquet |
| 16 | 17 President's Day-Office Closed-No School | 18 | 19 | 20 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting | 21 Joanie Baker | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Aidan Davis 9-3 NAMB Sending conf. Provide snacks | 26 | 27 | 28 | |

February Volunteers

| Date | Prayer | Bus Driver | Children's Church | Nursery (During Church) | | Head Counter | Counter 2 | Counter 3 | Wed Date | Meal Helpers |
|-------------|---------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|
| 2/2 | Joe R. | Sheila | Brickley | Kat H. | Karen L. | Deb S. | Janna D. | John T. | 2/5 | Rod, Laura & Deb |
| 2/9 | Rod L. | John T. | Brickley | Keith A. | Cara S. | Deb S. | Laura L. | Marsha | 2/12 | Susan, Marsha, Paula |
| 2/16 | Johnie | Janna | Brickley | Johnie | Cara S. | Deb S. | Ulala P. | Rod | 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 |

MARCH 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Sunday School Breakfast 8:30 am Leon |
| 2 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Children's Expo in Tulsa | 7 Children's Expo in Tulsa Man Up Conference | 8 Man Up Conference |
| 9 Daylight Savings Time begins Kid's Pop-tarts, PJs and Praise Party NO Potluck, "A-Team" | 10 | 11 | 12 by 9:00 am— Newsletter Items Due | 13 Joey Simpson Winter Jam | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Spring Break (Local Schools) | 17 | 18 John Brickley | 19 No Programs | 20 Lexi Simpson 5:30 Facilities Team Meeting | 21 6pm—Church Movie Night | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Marsha Stewart | 28 | 29 Little Buddies Fishing Derby |
| 30 Youth Sunday | 31 | | | | | |

March Volunteers

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| 3/2 | John B. | Janna | Reinert | Kat H. | Karen L. | Rod L. | Janna | John T. | 3/5 | Robert & Carol |
| 3/9 | David C. | Sheila | Reinert | Keith A. | Cara S. | Rod L. | Laura L. | Marsha | 3/12 | Susan, Marsha, Paula |
| 3/16 | Joe L. | John T. | Reinert | Johnie | Cara S. | Rod L. | Ulala P. | Deb | 3/19 | Mary G. Carolyn J. |
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