

# FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

## The LINK

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Church activity, unity, ministry, worship, and fellowship has been harder than usual for roughly 350 days. When churches were interrupted and gatherings limited everyone had an opinion. One statement that really sounded good was, "you don't have to go to church, be the church." Wonderful thoughts that contain truth. We are the body of Christ and we carry that everywhere we go. While this sentiment has truth we must be careful. Understand that you cannot be the church and be separated from the church. If you remove a part of the body it does not function, thrive, or survive. This is true of the body of Christ. "If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body." (1 Corinthians 12:19-20). The church needs each and every person for its nature and beauty to exist. As a Christian you and I cannot carry out the numerous "one another" passages contained in the New Testament directed towards the church alone. We need each other's presence. We need each other's mind, heart, voice, and encouragement. We need your unified song. We need the unified Word. We want babies that fuss, talk, and giggle. We want to live the one another texts of scripture. So let's start with John 13:34-35.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." There is a good chance you have heard this one before. We are commanded to love one another, as Christ loved us, and show the world who his followers are. It is a wonderful command and example. We are loved extravagantly by a holy God. We can love and know love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19). The church is a family and there are no perfect families. Love does not make exceptions based upon our preferences. The gratitude we owe a perfect God who doesn't derail his love based upon our day to day. Please understand that Jesus never asks us to do something he did not do himself.

We see the importance of the Gospel writer in showing us what Jesus' love looks like that we get to emulate. This command is wedged in between two events that showcase the kind of incredible love Jesus displays. Immediately before this command Jesus is referencing going to the cross. At the start of chapter thirteen Jesus is humbly washing the feet of all the disciples. One of whom, Judas, was about to betray him and is noted leaving right before his new command. Following Jesus' command, Peter boldly proclaims how he will follow Jesus. Jesus proceeds to tell Peter that he will deny him three times in the coming night. These instances wedged between the new commandment are not an accident.

Loving one another is not an accident either. In order to love one another you must share common space. You must get to know one another. Once you get to know one another, you are likely to find things you do not like, and then you get to love one another. You will find commonalities from your regular life schedules. The church cannot be a place where we all like the same things, teams, styles, radio stations, and preferences. Yes, you heard that correctly, we should not agree on every little detail and hold to the same preferences or opinions as everyone else. The Apostles certainly didn't exhibit this and neither should we. Don't get me wrong, it can be nice sometimes, but homogenous church bodies are not the goal. The gospel displayed as the love of God is the unifier of the church. It is the source for our love for one another. This love creates a diverse body of believers from all walks of life. When we join together under the allegiance of the cross and relinquish our selfish ways, love in the church flourishes. This also means that when we commit to truly love, we will face moments of betrayal and denial. The love of Jesus is not built upon our reciprocity, and neither should the love of the church. This is how people will know who disciples are.

Gratefully,

Tim Singleton

## **"Let the little children come to me."**

**Children's Ministry ~ Roz Crane**

Kids' Camp? YES, PLEASE☺! Camp is fun and friendships, but also the potential to make a lasting spiritual impact on the development of kids.

BUT WAIT...what did you say? **KIDS' CAMP DOESN'T "JUST "HAPPEN"?** NO! And I, personally, had no idea what went into the preparation of our camp week until one day I was complaining to Keith Bryant about a few camp things. Then before I knew it, in his quiet, gentle way, he had me on the team!! (Seriously, don't complain unless you're willing to be part of the solution! HaHa!)

Planning camp was especially challenging in 2019 because of flooding. Then last year, well you know what happened: 2020, COVID. Camp was cancelled. However, this year has possibly been the most challenging because the camp team is working on **3 plans** (yikes!) in order to be ready for whatever restrictions need to be in place based on Saline Co. COVID mandates and CDC Guidelines.

So, who is this team of **VOLUNTEERS!** who "make it happen"? Watching and being a part of their energetic passion and prayer, I just felt led to let you know who they are so you will have a little more insight when you pray for Kids' Camp.

**\*\*Michael Gray: Team Leader** (Pastor CrossPoint, Sterling)

**\*Shannon Slattery**, FSBC, Larned

**\*Randy, Sabrina, & Cheyenne Adkins**, CrossPoint, Hays

(Sabrina is a gifted and passionate writer who writes all of the Bible Study and Quiet time material for camp!)

**\*Tim Singleton** – (Pastor FSBC, GB (This year Michael and Tim have worked on developing an online registration document!)

**\*Cecil Dale and Christine Trickey** – From CBA

**\*Kristin Franklin** – CrossPoint, Salina (unofficial member who plans the recreation☺)

I shouldn't be surprised to discover that I haven't given near as much as I've received from being part of this dedicated team, whose work is a total act of love to God. I have been blessed beyond words!

I started to write special ways everyone contributes, but there are literally so many specific tasks and details, it would take several pages! Soooo...just know, God is working through this team for your kids, and we can't wait to see what he does this year!!!

**THANK-YOU FOR PRAYING FOR CAMP!!**

## Prayer Ministry

**“He surrounds you twenty-four hours a day.**

**He is in you, with you, about you, and before you.”**

**John Bisagno**

**Remember—Life is a steep grade, and we should welcome every opportunity to give our friends a lift when they need it. And —A laugh is just like sunshine. It freshens all the day.**

**Pray for: our church:** Pastor Tim Singleton and family.

*“Honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work.*

*They work hard among you to give you spiritual guidance.*

**our leaders, and teachers.**

*Show them great respect and whole-hearted love because of their work.” 1 Thess. 5:12*

**and all who attend.**

for God to open the hearts and minds of all listeners to receive His message.

*“Be joyful always, Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstance,*

*For this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:16-18.*

**March 7-13—Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering supports North  
American Mission**

Pray that each of us would be bold and fearless in declaring the gospel to others.

Pray for open doors to share God’s Word.

Pray the Gospel would spread rapidly in our community by your faithfulness.

Pray for an opportunity to share your testimony with others.



### **Prayer Requests received in February, 2021**

Let us all be praying for our community and those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

**Cecil Dale’s father**, fell on the ice and in emergency room, the doctors discovered cancer in the lung. At home, he collapsed, was found unconscious and rushed to hospital. Please uplift Cecil’s dad in prayer. Cecil’s half-brother has just been diagnosed with lung cancer as well. Your prayers are appreciated.

Pray for **Glenn Wynn** (brother of co-worker of Rathbuns). He is doing better and is at home recovering from Covid. His wife, **Muriel**, is off the ventilator and breathing on her own. Pray for their complete recovery.

**Mark Slattery**, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Larned. Underwent another surgery. Pray for him and his family. There will be no more chemo or radiation.

**Beth and Alan Locke**—They plan to travel to Ghana 21 days after their second Covid Vaccines. Continue to pray for their health and safe travel.

**Brenda Brown** is scheduled for breast cancer surgery in early March. Please pray for her and her husband, Jim, as they go through surgery and recovery.

**Mike**, Renetta Furrow’s brother is doing well after kidney transplant. He will be monitored for several weeks. Continue to remember Mike and the donor, Amy.

**John Peters**—is running high blood pressure. Pray for a successful treatment.

**Darlene Bergren**—Praise, the biopsy showed no cancer cell!

Pray for a **young mother** who is looking for a licensed babysitter so she can go to work.

**Alan Baxter**—Continue to pray for his complete healing.

**Haley McCormick**—had major back surgery. Pray for healing.

**Sally Tournear**—remains on oxygen after COVID. Thank you for praying for Sally and her husband, Gary.

**Dear Lord, We believe in the healing power of faith and prayer and we ask you to begin Your mighty work in the lives of these, our friends.**



### **PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES**

**Alan and Beth Locke**, missionaries to Ghana. They anticipate returning to Ghana later in March. Pray for good health and a safe journey. Pray for God’s guidance in training a new missionary couple at their location.

**The Cousins Family** with Wycliffe Bible Translators will be now in their new mission field.

**The Gilliam family, Clint and Kelsey,**

Pray for the Baptist Global Response program giving aid in this crisis globally. Pray for their health and that they can enlist potential new church partnerships while stateside. Pray for all to be bold in their ministry.

**Michael, Lindsay**, serving in Central Asia. Pray for boldness as they share the Gospel, plus wisdom to listen and lead in furthering God’s Kingdom.

**Rachel**, serving in Southeast Asia has asked for prayer as she works

## Prayer Ministry, continued

with various people that they would understand the Word, the Father, and salvation. She is homesick and is facing COVID difficulties during her ministry. Life her up in prayer.

**Kyle, Kathy, and their 4 children Ruthie, Corinth, Noah and Annabeth.** Kyle grew up in Wichita and will be home until January when they will return to South Asia. Pray for faithfulness and a clear path forward for them, and that some churches will partner with them in their mission field outreach.

**Spanish Mission Church,** Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) Pray for Pastor Reyes as he transitions to Great Bend.

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* 1 Peter 3:1

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING

Alta Fry, River Bend, Great Bend;  
Margaret Suppes, Cherry Village, Great Bend;  
Grady Bolding, Ellinwood Hospital, Long Term Care Unit

*"Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust and not be afraid."* Isaiah 12:2

### HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES

Pray for **Gary Barr** and family as they mourn the passing of his wife, **Carolyn**.

Pray for the family of **Paul Schneeweis** as they mourn the loss of his wife, **Renee**.

Pray for the family of **Trent Rains**, Maggie Myers' son-in-law, whose father died as the result of a fall. Pray for the family as they grieve.

*"God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son."* 1 John 5:11

### PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE US ARMED FORCES

**\*\*\*\*\*Any updates on the personnel listed would be appreciated. \*\*\*\*\***



**Tucker Alexander, Navy,** son of Gary and Gail Alexander

**Kayla Callahan, Marines**

**Chris Collicott, Air Force,** grandson of Nancy Rogers

**Gregg Dodds, Air Force,** Shaw AF Base, SC, Wife Morgan, son Greyson. Granddaughter of Darlene Bergren.

**Monique Durant,** friend of Darlene Miorandi.

**Forrest Drescher,** son of Kevin and Kelly Drescher.

**Michael Frayser, Air Force,** son of Bob and Donna Frayser

**Anthony Hollin, Army,** son of SuLin

**Casey Lynch, Air Force,** g-daughter, Darlene Bergren. Husband Chris, Children: Braedon, Madyson, Gracyn

**Daniel McCray, Ft. Bragg, Texas,** Darlene Miorandi's cousins' son

**Morgan Whorton, National Guard,** a relative of Marla Brocher

**Cordell Merten, Air Force,** son of Mike and Pam Merten; grandson of Jack and Wilda Merten

**John Miner, Air Force,** wife, Maranda, son-in-law of Steve & Judi Swagerty

**Brett McPherson, Navy**

**Steven McPherson, Army**

**Tyler Penn,** son of Mike Penn

**Justin Powers, Army,** wife Angela and daughter Jocelyn.

**Devin Ramsey, Army National Guard,** son of Aaron Noblitt and Kathy Phelps.

**Jasper Rankin, US Marine Corp,** son of Denise Rankin and grandson of Freddie Rankin

**Dan Reed, Air Force,** wife Megan, son-in-law of Steve & Judi Swagerty

**Gabe Wolff, Naval ROTC,** grandson of Bud and Marla Brocher

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped."* Psalm 28:7



### PRAY FOR OUR NATION

*"First, of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people;*

*for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct."*

1 Timothy 2:1, 2

### PRAY FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL

*Christians stand with Israel because they recognize that Israel is important to God.*

*"I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who curse you. And through you, I will bless all the nations."*

Genesis 12:3

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you."* Psalm 122:6

Submitted by Nancy Rogers



# Happy Birthday

## March Birthdays

- 1 Brenda Friess
- 3 Gary Barr
- 3 Denise Penn
- 4 Kerby Depenbusch
- 5 Rusty Wrinkle
- 6 Reggie Wilks
- 6 Butch Ramsey
- 9 Dale Dickens
- 14 Dodger Beckham
- 17 Doug Burt
- 18 Anita Gordee
- 19 Ginger Cates
- 20 Bud Brocher
- 20 Angela Mathias
- 23 Lennon Koelsch
- 24 Walt Pennington
- 28 Pat Rankin
- 28 Chris Traylor
- 31 Barbara Pennington
- 31 Tysten Tomlinson
- 31 Renly Phelps



## Families of the Week

### March 7

Karl and Virginia Harmony

### March 14

Marcus and Amy Herrera  
Sakston, Callan and Cohen

### March 21

Dennis and Karen Hickel

### March 28

Barbara Hoskins

## UPDATE ON PARKING LOT PROJECT

Contributions thru 1/31/21:	\$200,512.64
February Contributions:	<u>\$ 1,340.00</u>
Total Contributions:	\$201,852.64
Expenses Paid:	<u>\$207,808.46</u>
Current Fund Balance:	\$ - 5,955.82

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**First Southern Baptist Church**

<b>January</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Monthly Offering	\$ 21,154.88	\$ 19,160.70
Year to Date Offerings	\$ 21,154.88	\$ 19,160.70
Monthly Expenses	\$ 10,805.10	\$ 20,072.52
Monthly Overage	\$ 10,349.78	\$ - 911.82
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 10,805.10	\$ 20,072.52
Yearly Gain of	\$ 10,349.78	\$ - 911.82

**Spanish Mission**

Monthly Offering	\$ 1,616.25	\$ 0.00
Year to Date Offerings	\$ 1,616.25	\$ 0.00
Monthly Expenses	\$ 570.37	\$ 390.36
Monthly Overage	\$ 1,045.88	\$ -390.36
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 570.37	\$ 390.36
Yearly Gain of	\$ 1,045.88	\$ -390.36



Because you gave, the Moment of Grace Pregnancy Medical Clinic at the Dream Center will be receiving \$257.00.

Thank You!

# March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Preschool, Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:30am Adult Small Group/ Kids Sunday School 10:45am Church 4:00pm Financial Stewards	8	9	10 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Preschool, Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study	11 5:30pm Missions 6:30pm Trustees 7:30pm Deacons	12	13
14 9:30am Adult Small Group/ Kids Sunday School 10:45am Church 3:00pm Church Council 5:00pm Business Meeting	15	16	17 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Preschool, Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9:30am Adult Small Group/ Kids Sunday School 10:45am Church	22	23	24 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Preschool, Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study	25	26	27 8:00am Church Work Day
28 9:30am Adult Small Group/ Kids Sunday School 10:45am Church	29	30	31 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Preschool, Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study			