

THE BEACON

News and information letter from FBC Alvarado, TX

Mark Your Calendar

- 5.6 Children's Garden Work Day
- 5.7 Deacons Breakfast
- 5.16 NHS Program
- 5.21 Baccalaureate
- 5.29 Memorial Day Office Closed
- 5.30 AHS Graduation
- 6.4 Deacons Breakfast
- 6.12-16 VBS
- 6.26-30 Youth Camp Kids Music Camp

Pastor's Ponderings

2Kings 2:14 contains the question, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" Over May and June we will try to answer that question as we walk in the footsteps of Elisha, who moved from being a "mentee" to a miracle worker, the greatest one in Scripture, except for Jesus.

As we dive into summertime, you can find *times of refreshing...from the presence of the Lord* (Acts 3:20) and a renewed *washing of water with the Word* (Eph.5:26) in our worship services and Bible study groups.

Warning!! You will be challenged this summer and asked some penetrating questions about your own involvement in God's kingdom plan. Are you walking in that plan now?!

Reading recently about the lives and ministries of evangelists George Whitfield and Jonathan Edwards, I came across a phrase about God's kingdom plan – His desire to create in us "a glorious alteration." As Edwards put it, "He that is spiritually enlightened...does not merely rationally believe that God is glorious, but he has a sense of the gloriousness of God in his heart...a sense of God's holiness...and that holiness is a good thing."

God's great desire for His children is that we walk in His holiness, allowing the Holy Spirit to make "glorious alterations" in us, so that the life of Jesus is fleshed out in us / through us and is reproduced in the life of another believer – a "mentee." Are you one? Got one?

PROVIDING STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE CHRIST LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Church Staff: Wade Taylor / Senior Pastor • Scott Arthur / Associate Pastor ; Admin, Edu, & Children
Glen Turner / Associate Pastor ; Worship • Jacob Rowe / Associate Pastor ; Students

Sunday Morning Bible Study

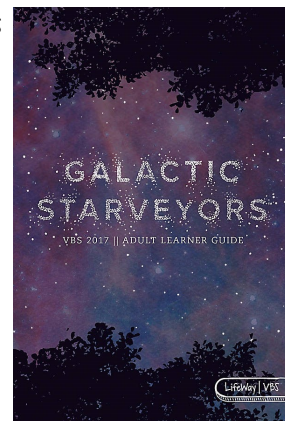
BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

- 5/7 **Life at Home (Adults)**
The Church Began (Children)
- 5/14 **Life at Work (Adults)**
Peter and John Preached (Children)
- 5/21 **Life in the Community (Adults)**
The Church Chose Helpers (Children)
- 5/28 **Life on Mission (Adults)**
Stephen Preached (Children)
- 6/4 **Amazing Love (Adults)**
Philip and the Ethiopian (Children)
- 6/11 **Forge True Friendship (Adults)**
Saul Told About Jesus (Children)
- 6/18 **Respectful Submission (Adults)**
Peter and Cornelius (Children)
- 6/25 **Deadly Acts (Adults)**
The Antioch Church Helped (Children)

Wednesday Night Studies

Did you know... VBS is for Adults too?

Join us every Wednesday night for the 5 weeks leading up to VBS May 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & June 7th. We will explore the different lessons in advance. Teachers come get trained, parents learn how you can participate in the discipleship of your children and workers come see what VBS is all about!



**When Every WORKER-PREPARES,
Every PARENT-PARTICIPATES and
Every MEMBER-PRAYS VBS is a success!**



Missions Education for Children
every Wednesday Night - 6:30

**Please join us
Sunday, May 21st as we
recognize our
High School Seniors during
the morning service, and
for the Baccalaureate
service that evening.
at 6:00 p.m.**



**KIDS GET READY!
WAY OUT
WEDNESDAYS
ARE COMING
SOON!**

2017 RA & GA Summer Camps

July 18–22, 2017

Monthly payments can be made through-out the year. Look for Camp Payment envelopes in the Children's Area, Foyer, or Church Office.

Cost is
\$230.00



Come check out the hard work our children have put in on the Children's Ministry Garden. The Garden is located behind the church.

Our goal is to grow food that we can share with others!

FBC Daycare

This school year will be over in less than a month...it's gone by CRAZY fast! We have had a very productive year. Ms. Amanda & Ms. Kayla received their CDA in December and Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Crystal finished the training for theirs and are awaiting their observations.

We received two grants from the Food Program which enabled us to buy a new dishwasher and portable sink, among other items. We also received a grant for a Scholastic Book Reading Oasis. FBC has generously allowed us to set this up in the Library. We should have it in place by the middle of May.

I obtained my non expiring Director's License in February. This requires completing 150 hours of child development training and 150 hours of management training. Ms. Monica and Ms. Deborah were promoted in February, when Ms. LaNell left. They are both doing an amazing job in their new positions.

Our Pre-K Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 pm, reception immediately following. We have 14 graduates this year and we want to invite everyone to join us.

Now we are gearing up for the fun filled, exciting summer that's fast approaching. Please lift up our families and staff in prayer, for a safe and fun summer.

Blessed to serve,

Christie Pippin

Director

First Baptist Daycare



SAVE THE DATE!



June 12 - 16 VBS

GIVING REPORT

Although our giving has improved since the beginning of the year, we still remain \$6,596.06 below our current needs. Please make this a matter of prayer!

CURRENT BUILDING

LOAN BALANCE

\$255,816.39

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Bible Study
Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Worship
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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Student Ministry

Disciple Now 2017 was a hit this year once again! Between feeding the homeless, painting the youth room, pulling weeds, having Bible Study, having competitions and playing capture the flag in the dark, it's amazing any of us are still awake! God really moved and showed us the importance of missions and missionaries this weekend! Thank you for your prayers and support! It is a true blessing to have such wonderful people on our side when it comes to the importance of our youth! Next big event will be church camp for this Summer! Thank you all and keep praying for our teachers and young people!



SEEK WEEK YOUTH CAMP JUNE 25 - 30, 2017

COST: \$250

HEART OF TEXAS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT in BROWNWOOD, TEXAS
SIGN UP BY PAYING YOUR \$25.00 DEPOSIT