

THE BEACON

News and information letter from FBC Alvarado, TX

Mark Your Calendar

- 9.3 Deacons Breakfast
- 9.4 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 9.11 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 9.16 Beth Moore Simulcast: Lakeside Baptist Church
- 9.18 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 9.25 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am

- 10.1 Deacons Breakfast
- 10.2 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 10.9 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 10.14 Women's Titus 2 Retreat
- 10.16 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 10.23 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 10.28 Peggy Smith 90th B-day Celebration 1-3pm
- 10.30 Ladies Prayer/Bible Study 9:00 am
- 10.31 Fall Festival

Pastor's Ponderings

Fall is almost here – my most favorite time of the year! Allow me to depart from my usual column to “scatter-shoot” on a few matters.

STAFF MATTERS

Join as a church family to give a warm welcome to our new Associate Pastor of Students, Ethan Yates. Ethan comes as an unanimous selection from the search committee and with the unanimous vote of our church family. We have sensed God's hand at work and are excited to see the path of our student ministry under his direction. Take some time to get to know him and pray for our students, especially Jr. High students new to our group.

These months mark many of our staff anniversaries – Laura Taylor, Scott Arthur, Tammy Kirkpatrick, and Jacob Wheat. Be sure you share your appreciation for who they are and what they do.

READING THE WORD

Our youth through adult age classes begin next Sunday a tremendous study together called *Read The Bible For Life*. This video based study will also feature some great group discussions with your class. Don't miss these next couple of months as we learn how to let God's Word impact our lives on a daily basis.

HARVEY HELP

Many have asked how to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Many well-meaning individuals collect a lot of stuff, only to have it sit on a truck or in a warehouse and not get used. So how can you help? Several ways:

- Pray for the victims, first responders, and volunteers who are planning a long-term response
- Give – some avenues even better than the Red Cross and Goodwill include the Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. As a first responder, I can testify that the work of these 2 groups is top notch and on the front lines and you can't go wrong supporting their work! You can text an amount and the word “HARVEY” to 817-442-2792 or go to www.sbtexas.com/harvey to make a donation or just mark an envelope “Harvey” and put your donation in our church's offering plate on Sunday and we'll get it to them!
- Get Trained – opportunities come soon to receive training to be ready to go and use your talents/ interests in serving in Disaster Relief. See me for details or check <http://sbtexas.com/evangelism/disaster-relief/> for a training schedule.
- Adopt-a-church – be listening and praying over the next month or so as we seek to identify a damaged church that we can help recover.

It's a joy to serve this church family. Pray for each other and encourage each other as we seek to receive God's Word together and honor Him.

Your Pastor
Wade

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* • Ethan Yates/*Associate Pastor of Students*

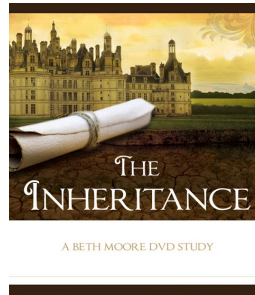
Sunday Morning Bible Study

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

- 9/3 **Pancake Breakfast** - Read the Bible for Life Intro God Created the World (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 9/10 **Reading the Bible for Life** God's Plan for People (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 9/17 **Reading the Bible in Context** Noah (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 9/24 **Reading the Stories of the OT** Abram and Lot (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 10/1 **Reading the Law and the Prophets** King Saul (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 10/8 **Reading the Psalms** God's Plan for David (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 10/15 **Reading the Stories of the NT** David and Goliath (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 10/22 **Reading the Teachings of Jesus** David and Jonathan (Youth/Adults) (Children)
- 10/29 **Reading the NT Letters and Revelation** King David (Youth/Adults) (Children)

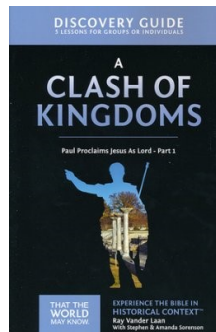
Wednesday Night Studies

Ladies Bible Study: The Inheritance, by Beth Moore



"The concept of inheritance isn't just a subject in Scripture. It is a theme stretching all the way from Genesis to Revelation." Beth's teaching is based on Psalm 16:5-6 (ESV). "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance."

Men's Bible Study: Faith Lessons, A Clash of Kingdoms



Come, discover how Paul communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshipped false gods. Can you live the message as Paul did while he encouraged the church in Philippi to consider itself a colony of heaven, not Rome? Consider your citizenship and the message you convey to the world as Ray Vander Laan takes you deeper into the culture of ancient Philippi.



RA's, GA's & Mission Friends are back in full swing.

Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 for Fun, Hands on Activities & Bible Lessons all with a Focus on Missions.



RA's & GA's are open to all students 1st grade - 6th grade and Mission Friends for 4 yrs - Kinder.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALVARADO



\$25.00

WOMEN'S RETREAT

4237 CR 312B
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OCTOBER 14

8:30-2:30

FOR ALL LADIES 13 AND UP
LUNCH PROVIDED
CHILDCARE
\$10 PER CHILD AT THE CHURCH,
TRANSPORTATION FROM CHURCH
IS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED

Ladies Bible Study

HOSEA

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

JOIN US! Monday Mornings
9:00 Prayer / 10:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Meals for Sept/Oct.

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| 9/6 | Chicken Tacos | 10/4 | Zupa-Italian Soup |
| 9/13 | Pulled Pork Sliders | 10/11 | Hamburgers/Hot Dogs |
| 9/20 | Inside-Out Ravioli | 10/18 | Cattle Drive Casserole |
| 9/27 | Chicken Enchiladas | 10/25 | Breakfast |

Meals are served from 5:50 until 6:20 P.M.

\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids, Maximum of \$15.00 per family.

Breakout Sessions:

- MARKS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE
- SPIRITUALLY MOTHERING
- A DISCIPLINED DISCIPLE
- BOARD/BRUSH CRAFT-TIVITY



Want to be healthy and strong?

JOIN OUR CHOIR!

Research shows that singing in a choir has amazing health benefits, both physical and mental. Some health professionals are even prescribing choral singing as a treatment for medical conditions!

For a regulated heart rate!

Researchers discovered that choir members see their heart rates beat in unison in relation to the speed of their breathing. Their heart rates were directly affected by the melody of the music. Reducing the variability of your heart rate has a positive impact on your overall health.

To reduce stress levels and depression!

Several studies have proven many mental health benefits to singing. One study found that people who had actually been diagnosed with depression no longer met that diagnosis after their participation in a choir! Other studies have shown the impact that group singing has on boosting oxytocin levels, which help to control stress and anxiety.

Improve Parkinson's and lung disease symptoms!

A music professor established a choir specifically for people with Parkinson's Disease. Some participants shared how their voices had been strengthened, despite having the disease for more than five years! Researchers at Cardiff University found in 2012 that lung cancer patients who sang in a choir had greater expiratory capacity than those who did not.

Increased feelings of social wellbeing!

Stewart's study discovered that choral singers expressed a higher rate of social wellbeing than those who only sang solos. The social wellbeing rates for choral singers was very similar to those who participate in team sports.

Increased life expectancy!!

I know this is a big claim, but a joint study by Harvard and Yale Universities in 2008 actually documented the result that a certain group of people who sang in a choir in Connecticut had longer life expectancies!

Best of all, eternal spiritual benefits!!

And for us, members of God's family, we know that there is no greater benefit than singing the praises of our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ! Benefits for now and for eternity in that heavenly choir!

So, surely after reading all that, you will not hesitate to come and join our choir!

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the choir room! Hope to see YOU there, in better health!

FBC Daycare

Summer has been a blast! We're now beginning to settle into our school year routine. Enrollment is still good, just have a few spots to fill. We do have the largest Schooler class we've had since I've been here...40 kids! Which brings me to my next update. We have purchased an additional 15 passenger van and will take delivery of it today. Thank you to all the church member who approved this purchase. It will make our after school pickups much smoother and quicker for us and the schools.

Our Scholastic Reading Oasis is set up and ready for use. Anyone may utilize this for the purpose of reading out loud to your elementary aged children. We all know how crucial it is to read to our smaller children but it's just as important to spend quality time reading with our older children also. This will help instill a love of reading and learning that, hopefully, last a life time. Unfortunately these books can not be taken outside the library but feel free to visit our Reading Oasis as often as you like.

We have a few special events coming up during the next few months... 1. Grandparent's Day Luncheon. We invite all Grandparents to join us Friday, Sept 8th at 11:00 for a Spaghetti lunch. This invitation is also open to all family members (including our church families!) 2. In October we have our Fall Festival parties and on Wednesday, November 22nd, we have our Annual Family Feast at 12:00 Noon. We invite anyone that would like to join us in showing how thankful we are for these children and their families. If you plan to attend please contact the Daycare office by Monday, Nov. 13th.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and prayers, as we minister and love on these children and their families. This is going to be a GREAT YEAR!

Blessed to serve,
Christie Pippin

Director- First Baptist Daycare

The Personnel Committee wishes to express appreciation to the following staff members for their continued and faithful service to our church. Please take time to express your appreciation to them individually as you have opportunity.

Laura Taylor Church Hostess	20 years
Scott Arthur Associate Pastor of ACE	9 years
Jacob Wheat Custodian	7 years
Tammy Kirkpatrick Cook	2 years

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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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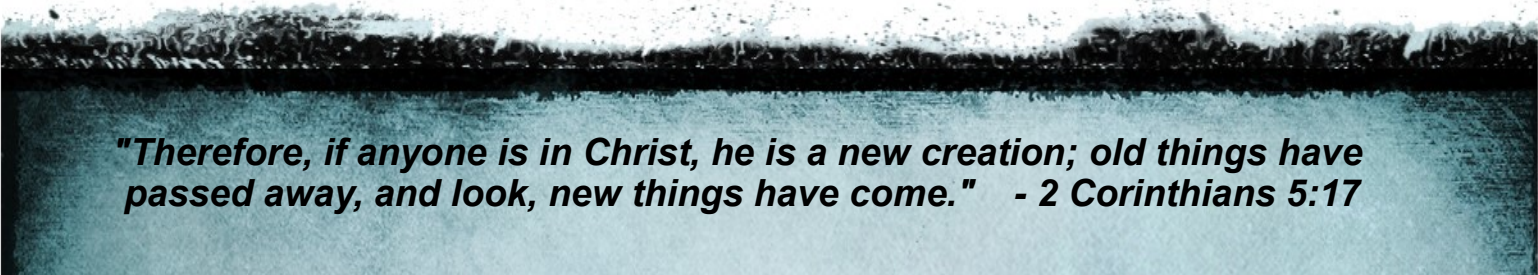
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Student Ministry

Greetings!

My name is Ethan Yates, and I have just recently been given the amazing opportunity to serve as the Associate Pastor of Students here at FBC Alvarado! To give you a little information about myself, I am from the small town of Douglass, which is in East Texas, about 15 miles west of Nacogdoches. I am currently in the process of finishing my Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies at the BMA Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas. I have served in youth ministry for 8 years, and have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences that God has allowed me to walk through! I am both excited and thankful to be a part of the FBC Alvarado ministry team! I am looking forward to serving both the youth and community here in Alvarado, Texas! I hope that we will be seeing you soon and want to invite you to come be a part of all that God is doing here!

In Christ,
Ethan Yates
Associate Pastor of Students



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." - 2 Corinthians 5:17