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### PROVIDING STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE CHRIST LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

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Are you looking for a great Christmas Gift for your student(s)? How about camp?

**ALTO FRIO CAMP 2018! Cost for camp is \$250**

You can pay all or make a deposit and payments throughout the coming months.  
See Ethan for more details!

Greetings!

As busy as my life has been recently with school, work, and family, the love and provision of our Lord has far outweighed any stress or worries I have had! For the short time I have been serving here, it has been a joy and privilege to be a part of the FBC Alvarado team and leading the youth to find the truths found in Scripture! So far, I have been blessed with an amazing group of teenagers who seem hungry for spiritual growth in their own lives! While we are enjoying our time together on regularly held Sunday and Wednesday services, we are looking forward to our time together during some upcoming events.

Be looking for our youth at our Fun Fest on October 31, who will have a booth set up, selling Frito Pies, Nachos, and drinks. For the youth who do participate, they will be given the opportunity to attend our Fallapalooza on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event held here at FBC Alvarado. We will be serving pizza along with other foods and drinks, and youth will be participating in various games and activities throughout the night. The event starts at 7PM and will end at 11PM.

For the month of December, we are looking to have our youth Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. It is hard to believe that 2017 is this close to coming to an end, but it will be here before we realize it! Our Christmas party will start at 6:30 and we will have food, games, and contests for the students to participate in!

There are many events to be looking forward to as the year ends, so please put these on your calendar! I would also encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram as well! Our events and activities will be listed on those as well as more information about them.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry and of this church! They mean more than you will ever know!

In Christ,  
Ethan Yates - Associate Pastor of Students  
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# The Beacon

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NOV-DEC 2017



## Pastor's Ponderings

The "Read The Bible For Life" study that we have been doing this Fall, looking at how to more productively & purposefully read God's Word, has been a blessing! Life-changing days are ahead for us as we begin to read God's matchless word together daily. We'll conclude this fabulous study together with another Skype session with its author, Dr. George Guthrie, on Nov.12 – don't miss it!

Church giving remains at a fairly regular rate – however, we started the year down about \$14,000! So, unless God moves upon hearts we will finish this year down about \$14,000. A few of you could write a check for this amount without blinking. Most of us could help to some degree, be it a large or small amount. Accept a challenge: In this month of Thanksgiving, practice your "thanks-giving" by praying and giving an extra offering to help get us "out of the hole" and "back in the black!"

November and December are great months to be involved with your church family. Opportunities abound in helping with "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes, Santa's Helpers, Christmas preparation, and being grounded in missions at our annual "Missions & Ministry Brunch," just to name a few.

As we finish 2017 and begin 2018, you will be challenged to allow God's Word to flood your life, change your behavior, and direct your steps. Don't miss what God wants to do in your life in the coming months. Church family, how about giving a call to somebody you haven't seen in a while and remind them that the FBCA family is missing a valuable family member!



If you are having a Department or Class Christmas Party, please let the church office know as soon as possible. The calendar fills up quickly!

## Church Events

- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Youth "FALLAPALOOZA"
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings  
Deacon's Breakfast  
Committee Meetings
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Shoe Box Deadline  
Business Meeting 6:00pm
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Santa's Helpers Auction
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Day  
Church Office Closed
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Church Christmas  
Decorating Party
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Deacon's Luncheon
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Women's IV  
Christmas Party
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> CCCC Women's Event
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Mission Brunch/Auction
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Dress Rehearsal 9:30am
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Musical
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve AM & PM  
Candlelight Service
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
Church Office Closed



# Discipleship Ministry

Reading the Bible on a daily basis is the signal greatest factor in the development of a disciple of Christ. Therefore we want to encourage you to take what you have learned from the "Read The Bible for Life" campaign and continue the practice of reading God's Word everyday 2018. We want to encourage you to join us as we read the entire Bible next year and with the use of one of the following tools you will find a method that works best for you.

1. Use a printed Bible reading plan that will be provided for next year.
2. Purchase and use the "Readers Guide To The Bible" by George Guthrie. This is a companion for reading through the Bible in one year. As you read Scripture in suggested chronological, daily segments, this guide will offer brief comments that will help you understand what you read; identify the significance of bible Characters, places and events; and recognize how each passage fits in the grand story of Scripture.

3. Purchase and use HCSB Reading God's Story: A Chronological Daily Bible. Reading God's Story is organized into 52 weeks of readings.

It provides an introduction for each reading so you can grasp its importance in the grand story.

4. Install You Version Bible App or go to their Website and use George Guthrie's Reading God's Story: One-Year Chronological Plan.

5. If you don't have time to read we will make available a audio Bible reading plan that was created for George Guthrie's Plan. The audio plan is a free app for I phone users and can be accessed by other devices via the web. We plan to make it available on our Facebook page and website as well.

The Goal is to give you as many access points as possible to make the process of reading God's Word a part of everyday of your life. Hopefully through the use of one or more of the tools and with encouragement and accountability our entire church will finish 2018 having read God's great story.



**Wednesday Evening Meals for Nov/Dec.**

11/1 Mexican Stack-Ups	11/29 Taco Soup
11/8 Spaghetti w/meat sauce	12/6 Italian Chicken
11/15 Chicken & Dumpling Bake	12/13 Biscuit Sausage Bake
11/22 No Meal	12/20 Meatball Subs

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.

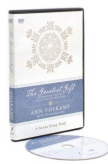
**Make plans now to attend 2018 RA & GA Summer Camps**  
July 24-28, 2018  
Monthly payments can be made through-out the year, **Makes a great Christmas present!**  
Please indicate RA/GA Camp and child's name on offering envelope when making payment.  
**Cost is \$230.00**

# Mid-Week Studies

## FOUNDATION OF APOLOGETICS

Designed to introduce a comprehensive range of apologetic arguments and strategies, *Foundations of Apologetics* features lectures by RZIM's team of apologists including **Ravi Zacharias**. As we watch these videos, you will become adept at recognizing the many worldviews influencing our culture and equipped to challenge the assumptions of these worldviews. It is our prayer you will find the studies foster not only knowledge but also cultivate the skills to communicate that knowledge in a way that is appealing and effective.

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



In *The Greatest Gift*, Ann Voskamp celebrates the majesty of God's greatest gift to us - His son, Jesus Christ - through the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree.

Now, in this stunning video curriculum, Ann draws viewers even deeper into Scripture as she explores and illuminates the magnificence of God's Word through the unfurling of the greatest love story ever told - God's ardent and relentless pursuit of us.



**RA's )**  
**Nov. 10-12, 2017**  
Latham Springs Baptist Encampment  
See RA Leaders for more info.

# Sunday Morning Bible Studies

11/5	Reading the Bible Today God Cared for Elijah	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
11/12	Group Experience / Skype God Protected Elijah	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
11/19	Thanks-Giving Elisha and the Widow	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
11/26	TBD A Couple Helps Elisha	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
12/3	TBD Prophets Told About Jesus	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
12/10	Missions Brunch	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
12/17	TBD Mary Visited Elizabeth	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
12/24	Worship Only	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
12/31	Worship Only	(Youth/Adults) (Children)



# Christmas Musical

Emmanuel, the Light of the World, and our hope of salvation was sent to us by a loving Heavenly Father over two thousand years ago. NOW is a perfect time to come join our Worship Choir as we prepare to share our Hope in our Christmas musical:



**Giving as of 10/31/2017**

Received	\$312,662.98
Needed	\$329,979.32
<b>Current Building Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$231,717.08</b>

## NOW OFFERING 4 WAYS TO GIVE

**GIVING ENVELOPE**  
PLACE IN YOUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY FOLDER, THE OFFERING PLATES DURING SUNDAY SERVICE OR MAIL TO:  
FBC ALVARADO  
PO BOX 362  
ALVARADO, TX 76009

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TO GET STARTED

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# Daycare News

*Just saying "no" doesn't always work. How to get your child to live and learn -- and not lose your cool in the process.*

I came across this excellent article concerning toddlers and some of their challenging behavior. I hope it is helpful to those that find themselves trying to navigate this minefield!

### 1. Be Consistent

Order and routine give young children a safe haven from what they view as an overwhelming and unpredictable world, Lerner says. "When there's some predictability and routine, it makes children feel much more safe and secure, and they tend to be much more behaved and calm because they know what to expect."

### 2. Avoid Stressful Situations

By the time your child has reached the toddler stage, you've spent enough time with him or her to know what triggers reactions. The most common ones are hunger, sleepiness, and quick changes of venue. Avoid these potential meltdown scenarios with a little advance planning.

### 3. Think Like a Toddler

Toddlers aren't mini-adults. They have trouble understanding many of the things we take for granted, like how to follow directions and behave appropriately. Seeing the scenario from a toddler's perspective can help prevent a tantrum.

### 4. Practice the Art of Distraction

Make your toddler's short attention span work for you. When your child throws the ball against the dining room wall for the 10th time after you've said to stop, it's pretty easy to redirect your child to a more productive activity, like trading the ball for a favorite book or moving the game outside.

### 5. Give Your Child a Break

Time-outs are one of the foundations of child discipline, but they may not be the best approach for the toddler stage. The negative implication of being sent away can teach kids that they're bad rather than promote good behavior. A alternative is creating a "cozy corner," a safe place free from distractions and stimulation where your child can just chill out for a few minutes until he or she can get back in control. That time away can help you regroup as well.

### 6. Stay Calm

It's easy for your blood pressure to reach the boiling point when you're in the middle of watching your child throw a tantrum. But losing control will quickly escalate an already stressful situation. Give yourself some time to cool off, Forehand says. "Otherwise, you're venting your own anger. In the end that's going to make you, as a parent, feel worse and guilty. And it's not going to do your child any good."

### 7. Know When to Give In

Certain things in a toddler's life are nonnegotiable. She has to eat, brush her teeth, and ride in a car seat. She also has to take baths once in a while. Hitting and biting are never OK. But many other issues aren't worth the headache of an argument. Pick your battles.

Finally, know that it's OK to feel stressed out by your toddler sometimes. "Realize that none of us as parents is perfect -- we do the best we can. There are going to be days that we're better at this than other days," Forehand says. "But if we parent consistently and have consistent rules, then we're going to see more good days than bad days."