



# BEACON

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Risk Management? In the business world it basically means to figure out what could go wrong and see what you can do to keep it from going so wrong. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic businesses have been addressing risk management for months now. It's past time that we do a bit of "spiritual risk management."

## 1. Be sure of your salvation.

Physical life is always fragile and uncertain -- for all of us, virus victims or not. When your heart stops beating, your lungs stop breathing, and your brain activity ceases, do you know for certain where you will spend eternity? If Jesus is our Savior & Lord, we know that we have a home there that He is getting ready for us and is readying us for that new home!

Until then hold on to God's Word & plan, like Paul urges Timothy in 2Tim.1:12 -- *But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.*

## 2. Live each day to its fullest.

Paul reminded the Greeks in Acts 17:28 that in God we *live and move and have our being.*

Jesus tells us in Jn.10:10 that He has come *that they may have life and have abundantly.*

Paul urges us in Eph.5:16 and Col.4:5 to make the *best use of...time* because our time on earth is short and the opportunities are in front of us!

Don't spend all your days sequestered and "me-focused." Instead find ways to invest in the lives of others and share God's love and truth with them.

## 3. Don't live in fear / live in faith.

Four tools of handling business risk are to avoid, reduce, transfer, or accept.

We avoid risk by discontinuing an action -- like we were asked (even forced) to do months ago with the shutdowns of businesses and schools.

We reduce risk when we take steps to lower probability and try to limit human error.

We transfer risk to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party using an agreement. We do this when we buy insurance or by outsourcing a task to someone else, so it becomes their concern or problem.

We accept risk by understanding its potential but choosing to act / invest anyway.

What risks are you willing to accept to serve as God's *ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us?* (2Cor.5:20)

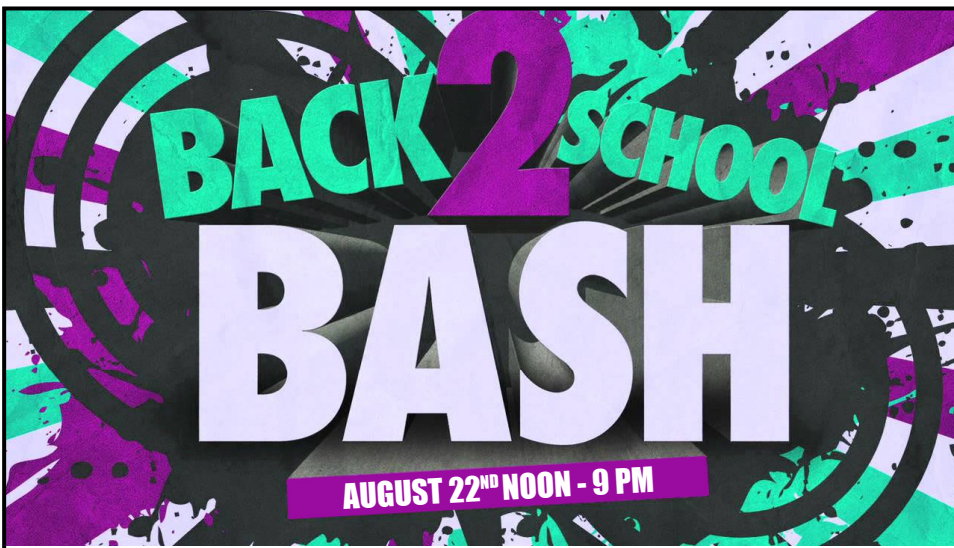
2 out of 3 people will be involved in a drunk-driving accident in their lifetime -- the risk of dying in an auto accident are 1 in 846, but we don't stop driving or riding in a car.

Your possibility of winning \$1million in McDonald's Monopoly game is 1 in 51,822,158 and yet we play it anyway!

No fear of COVID-19 or any other threat is to imprison our mind & heart and keep us from living in faith, obediently following God and His will for our lives.

As 2Tim.1:7 reminds us that *God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

How is that for "spiritual risk management?!"



**YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAITH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP. LOOK FOR DETAILS ON OUR FBCA STUDENT FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE! OR CALL THE CHURCH FOR MORE INFO!**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
OF STUDENTS  
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

This group has been formed from Personnel Committee volunteers, students and leaders that our students selected.

Please PRAY for these as they begin their work:

*Lacy Barnett, Tommy Dennis, Jeff Dixon, Oliver Monroe and Kelly Richardson.*

*Ladies 2020 Summer Event*

**THEME: "FEET OF THE WORD"**

*Come Join us*

**WHEN: AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**WHERE: LAURA TAYLOR'S  
3409 CR 410 · ALVARADO**

**TIME: 10:30AM – 12:30 PM**

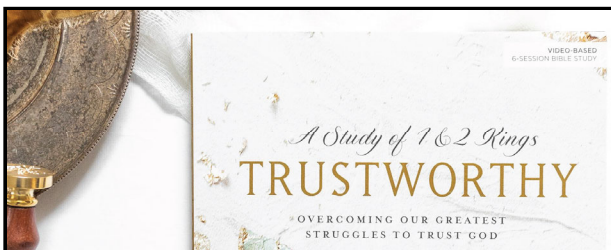


**BRING A LAWN CHAIR, SWIMSUIT & TOWEL (IF YOU WANT TO SWIM), AND WEAR YOUR FLIP FLOPS OR SANDALS! REFRESHMENTS & GOODY BAGS TOO!**

**SUNDAY EVENING**  
*Young Women's*  
**Bible Study**

**BEGINNING AUG 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM**

For young women 7th grade and up, come hear real-life stories from young women just like you, and learn how Nancy and Dannah have overcome lies they've believed. Best of all, they'll show you how to be set free by the Truth.  
*See Nicole Wheat or Laura Taylor for more info.*



**Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

**TRUSTWORTHY**

*by Lisa Terkheurst*

**Sept. 14 - Oct. 19**

*10:00 am at FBC Alvarado*

Books are available in the church office for \$17 each

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

<b>8/9</b>	<b>Jesus Casts Out a Demon</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
	<i>U24 S1</i> Jesus Calmed a Storm	(Children)
<b>8/16</b>	<b>Jesus Feeds a Multitude</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
	<i>U24 S2</i> Jesus Feeds a Crowd	(Children)
<b>8/23</b>	<b>Jesus Walks on Water</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
	<i>U24 S3</i> Jesus Walked on Water	(Children)
<b>8/30</b>	<b>Jesus Is Transfigured</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
	<i>U24 S4</i> Jesus Showed His Glory	(Children)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** (as of 8/5/2020)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$80,401.25
Designated Funds Bal.	\$15,459.58
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$64,941.67</b>

Current YTD Giving	\$206,624.00
YTD Giving Needed	\$237,689.54

Building Loan Balance	\$103,672.47
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## 4 WAYS TO GIVE

**GIVING ENVELOPE**

Drop by church office or in the mail.

**ONLINE GIVING**

**TEXT GIVING**

TEXT YOUR AMOUNT TO 817-813-8782

**MOBILE GIVING**

DOWNLOAD THE APP ON ITUNES OR GOOGLE PLAY