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NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX

MARCH 2021



Have you heard about the “Great Reset?” Many world leaders are calling on us to buy into a reform movement that replaces democracies with socialism and capitalism with a global financial system. Climate change is a large selling point and their official slogan is (ironically) also being used by our current administration -- “Build Back Better.” But I want to propose another course of direction for the church -- a “Great Rebuild.”

In the OT, God’s people had been in exile for 70 years and were being allowed to move back to Jerusalem and rebuild, especially the Temple and the city walls. Emerging from spiritual exile their cry was, “*Let us arise and build.*” (Neh.2:18)

Emerging from Covid-19’s dark days, God’s leaders (like me) are praying for God’s wisdom in moving forward in face-to-face relationships and ministry. There is no instruction manual for the months of challenge behind us / before us -- or is there?! Maybe we’ve been looking to science, politics, or public opinion as our guides for too long! Maybe our better guide is God’s Word -- that Word that seems to shout at us, “Arise and rebuild!” Our spiritual house is in disrepair -- we need a fresh work of God!

The church of Jesus today faces similar challenges as Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah faced in their day. Forget 20/20 vision -- what kind of vision do we have for 2025 or 2030? Will we remain comfortable and complacent - - at home in our PJ’s or walking through our days in mere survival mode? Or will we get together with our brothers and sisters in Jesus and cry out, “Arise and rebuild!” Will you ask God to increase your burden for the lost and hurting in our community and beyond? Will you ask God to give you His vision for your life, ministry, and service once again? Church, let’s say it together -- and mean it from our hearts -- “LET US ARISE & RE-BUILD!”

Wade

P.S. -- Not only is our spiritual house in disrepair -- so is our physical house -- our church facilities. Our fire-suppression system froze and ruptured, causing water damage. You can help with that cleanup and repair process -- on your own schedule. Contact our church office or see Scott to find out how you can help.

NEW DATE

MARCH 28, 2021
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!

FBCA
STUDENT MINISTRY

Steak NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY MARCH 28, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

\$15 PER MEAL

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
TICKETS AVAILABLE THRU MARCH 21ST!

WORSHIP NEWS:

I was recently struck by the incredible prayer of Paul in Colossians 1 for the believers in Colossae. It captures a picture of how we ought to pray for our church as we walk with God together.

"... We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;" (Col. 1:9b-10)

This has been my prayer for all of you and it is the aim of our gathered worship each week: that we may know God and His will, apply this knowledge with wisdom and love, and thus please Him by walking worthy in our faith. Our worship shapes who we are, and my goal is that gospel-centered worship would form us to reflect more and more of Jesus Christ.

Let me know if you would like to take part in our Easter service that quickly approaches! I would love to involve as many people as possible so that we may rejoice in our risen Lord together. If you would like to present special music to the church, contact me and we can find a good time! I look forward to the day when we shall resume our meetings.

For the Kingdom, Caleb

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

3/7	The Church Is Sent to All People	(Youth/Adults)
<i>U31 S1</i>	Peter and Cornelius	(Children)
3/14	The Church Is Sent to Encourage New Believers	(Youth/Adults)
<i>U31 S2</i>	Barnabas in Antioch	(Children)
3/21	The Church Is Sent to Proclaim Jesus	(Youth/Adults)
<i>U31 S3</i>	New Life in Jesus	(Children)
3/28	The Church Is Sent to Demonstrate Faith	(Youth/Adults)
<i>U31 S4</i>	The Hall of Faith	(Children)

Wednesday Night Service Schedule 6:30 PM

- **Adult (Mixed Group)** - 20/21 (Pastor Wade)
20 min of Devotion, 21 min of Prayer - with 9 min to make calls or write notes of encouragement.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Fearless Leadership
Insights into the life of Joshua (Jacob Wheat)
- **Women's Bible Study** - Women in the Word
Study on the book of Galatians (Laura Taylor)
- **Student Ministry** - 6th Grade and Up
- **Kids Jam** - children's ministry for Pre-K to 5th
- **Nursery** - for children under the age of 4
- **Spanish Ministry** - Estudio de la biblia Española

Women's Bible Study Opportunities

Mondays - 10 am at FBCA
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Wednesdays - 6:30 pm at FBCA
Thursdays - 7:00 pm at Melissa Cross
Call/Text Linda McCurdy for more info 682-432-4324



ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENTS SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please PRAY for our search committee: Lacy Barnett, Tommy Dennis, Jeff Dixon, Oliver Monroe and Kelly Richardson.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 3/04/2021)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$63,811.24
<u>Designated Funds Bal.</u>	<u>\$14,482.80</u>
Total Available Funds	\$49,328.44
2021 YTD Giving Received	\$49,775.39
2021 YTD Giving Needed	\$68,777.55
Building Loan Balance	\$70,116.23

4 WAYS TO GIVE

GIVING ENVELOPE	ONLINE GIVING	TEXT GIVING	MOBILE GIVING
Drop in plate during service, by church office or in the mail.		TEXT YOUR AMOUNT TO 817-813-8782	DOWNLOAD THE APP ON ITUNES OR GOOGLE PLAY