



BEACON

NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX

APRIL 2021



Over the last month or two we've looked at some of the challenges that Zerubbabel and Ezra faced as they emerged from exile, began the arduous task of rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem, and called the people to repent, seek the Lord, and walk obediently with Him.

This month we continue that journey as Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem and rebuilds its city walls. Jesus' church (and FBCA) today faces some of the same challenges that he and the people faced. Each Sunday over the next few months we will be looking at this book in context, extracting some biblical principles, and applying those principles to our lives and situations. Don't miss any of these important days ahead! God is going to do some great things as we open ourselves up to His work and His leading!

Nehemiah left the comfort of the king's court for the dirt and debris of the ruined city -- does that sound like Anyone else? Maybe a Someone else named Jesus, who left heaven's glory to come down and die for each of us. And, of course, Resurrection Day this month reminds us that He didn't stay in the grave but rose to bring us new life. Join us on April 4th for a joyous celebration of that reality!

Please pray for your staff as we expand our Bible Study opportunities each Sunday, begin water damage repairs, plan for VBS and camps, and seek additional leadership for our student ministry. Nothing, including Covid-19, stands a chance of stopping what God wants to do in lives and through His body, the church.

John knew all about difficulties when he penned 1John 4:4-6a, reminding us that *...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world, therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God.*

So, church, since we are from God and no longer from the world let's join Nehemiah and his crew and say it and mean it -- "Let us rise up and (Re)build!" (cp. Neh.2:18)

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Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- 4/4 **Easter: From Despair to Joy** (Youth/Adults)
Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection (Children)
- 4/11 **The Church Is Sent to Trust God** (Youth/Adults)
U32 S1 Peter Escaped from Prison (Children)
- 4/18 **The Church Is Sent to the World** (Youth/Adults)
U32 S2 Paul's First Journey (Children)
- 4/25 **The Church Is United in the Gospel** (Youth/Adults)
U32 S3 The Church Divided (Children)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 3/31/2021)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$150,429.46
Designated Funds Bal.	\$16,191.47
Designate Repair Fund	\$90,375.30
Total Available Funds	\$43,862.69
2021 YTD Giving Received	\$74,484.43
2021 YTD Giving Needed	\$99,345.35
Building Loan Balance	\$65,915.17

Women's Bible Study Opportunities

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

women in the word

20 *minutes*
Devotion

21 *minutes*
Prayer

JOIN US FOR 20/21 Wednesday Nights
6:30 - 7:30
20 MIN. OF DEVOTION
21 MIN. OF PRAYER
AND 9 MIN. TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS BY PHONE/LETTER

BATTLE AXES
6030 US-67 SUITE 210
ALVARADO, TX 76009

SAT. APRIL 10TH NOON 2:30

Men's Event: For more info & waiver go to www.dfwbattleaxes.com
If you would like to help with funding this event contact Brian Cross.
(817)939-6035 melibricross@yahoo.com

FBCA
STUDENT MINISTRY
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

MUSIC **BIBLE STUDY** **GAMES**

Pre-K - 5th

WORKERS NEEDED!!!

FBC KIDS JAM
JESUS AND ME

Come join us on Wed. at 6:30 PM

33 THE SERIES
A JOURNEY TO AUTHENTIC MANHOOD AS MODELED BY JESUS IN HIS 33 YEARS ON EARTH

A MAN AND HIS DESIGN
DISCOVER GOD'S DESIGN FOR MEN WITH A CLEAR DEFINITION AND INSPIRING VISION FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD.

AUTHENTIC MANHOOD **WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM**

The series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth.

Ladies Night of Worship

Praise · Prayer · Testimonies · Songs

Saturday May 1st 7:00-8:00 PM
Guest Praise Leader: Somer Redman

NURSERY
WORKERS NEEDED

If you are interested in working in the nursery please see Pastor Scott for more information. This is a paid position on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday evenings.