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NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX

MAY 2021



Journeys... May is full of journeys -- maybe to mom's house to celebrate Mother's Day...to school graduation ceremonies...to a long Memorial Day weekend...or maybe even for an early vacation break.

May is a journey month for FBCA also. We continue a great journey through Nehemiah. There could probably be no better or more appropriate section of Scripture for our study at this crucial time. Don't miss a single Sunday or a single sermon. If that happens, please revisit it at <http://www.fbcvarado.org/live> or previous weeks at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/firstbaptistchurchalvarado/videos>

We are also journeying through Bible Study structure changes. Gone are the old "closed-class" structures that largely failed to reach out to new people. Help us navigate through a new "group-based" structure that will not only be more open and welcoming, but especially active in reaching out to new folks. More leaders / equippers are needed. Pray and respond to God's leading!

Our journey leads us into the summer, with VBS, camps, and summer activities. Please pray for your staff and leaders as planning soon leads to execution -- not of anyone, but of God's great work! As I said last month, God is going to do some great things as we open ourselves up to His work and His leading!

Keep this verse in mind as we strive together for kingdom impact in our families and community: *Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord Who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.* (Neh.4:14)

Expectantly yours,

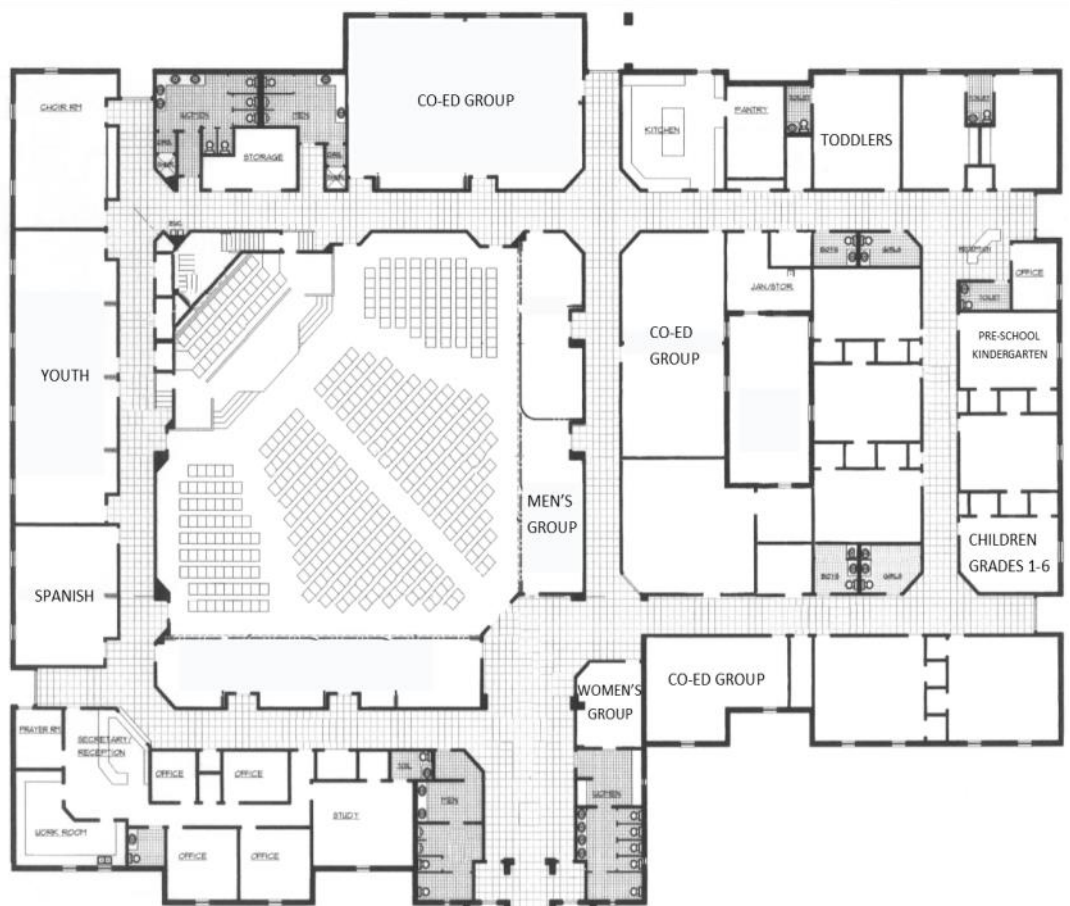
Wade

Two New Bible Study Groups

Bible Study Groups are vital to the life and direction of the church. Groups provide a place to connect people as they journey the path of discipleship. These groups are open and welcoming to new people and are to be a place to build friendships, find care, seek and give encouragement and accountability. Currently there are 3 adult co-ed groups meeting on campus along with our Spanish speaking group, youth and children. Now is the time to introduce 2 new groups: a women's group and a men's group.

Both of these groups will begin this Sunday, May 2nd.

Check out the new locations of all of these groups.



Dear Church,

It brought me unique joy to worship with you on this most recent Resurrection Day as we celebrated the resurrection of our King! Seeing you all make music in your hearts to God is always a humbling thing for me as it testifies both to your faith and to our Savior.

In recent days, God has worked in my heart to conform me into the image of Christ. In several areas of my life, I had been avoiding discipline and holiness because sin had blinded my eyes to its deadliness. Yet by God's grace, through His people and His Word, I have run to Christ so that idols and fears might be replaced by His love. Many of you have told me you have been praying for me, and because of your prayers God continues to draw me closer to Himself. Thank you so much for your intercession on my behalf and know that I seek to do the same for all of you.

Hebrews 10:36 encourages us to fight for our faith when its author writes: "You have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised." I can say from experience that God's goodness is certainly worth the struggle. My prayer for you is that you pursue a life of repentance so that your relationship with God may be full and your worship may be true.

For the Kingdom,

Caleb

Celebrating Staff

Personnel Committee would like to recognize :
Pastor Wade Taylor for 26 years of service and
Secretary Tara Monrose for 4 years of service.

Ladies Night of Worship

Praise · Prayer
Testimonies & Songs

Saturday May 1st

7:00-8:00 PM

Guest Praise Leader:
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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

FBCA

STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

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

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.

Pre-K - 5th

WORKERS NEEDED!!!

FBC KIDS JAM
JESUS AND ME

Come join us on Wed. at 6:30 PM

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 4/26/2021)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$95,987.68
Designated Funds Bal.	\$17,560.86
Designated Repair Fund	\$37,728.87
Total Available Funds	\$40,697.95
2021 YTD Giving Received	\$104,634.65
2021 YTD Giving Needed	\$129,913.15
Building Loan Balance	\$60,699.09