



BEACON

NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX

AUGUST 2021



We will go all out in order to get something we really want. Some will spend hours in the gym so they can make the team. Some will count calories to get into that new dress. Some will camp out all night to get that newly released phone or much sought-after tickets. As long as we personally benefit from our effort, we'll do whatever it takes to make it happen. What about if someone else stands to benefit from our effort -- will we put out the same amount of effort?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell us about a paralyzed man who was healed by Jesus, probably at Peter's house. There was a real crowd there that day, but this man who could not walk had some real friends -- Lk.5:18 calls them *some men* and Mrk.2:3 just says *they*. What is important is not who they were but what they did! Lk.5:18 says that *they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus*. Being blocked by the door committee and the window committee they moved on to the roof committee and dug through the mortar / tar / ash / grass mixture in order to lower the man's mat (with him on it!) down into the house. These friends have a persistent, urgent faith, risking disruption, misunderstanding, and probably ridicule just to get their friend to Jesus!

What are we willing to put out in order for folks to encounter Jesus? Some of the folks that you know may never encounter Him unless you lift a corner of their stretcher and bring them to Jesus. You may be the one who plants or waters or cultivates the seed of faith in their life -- or even the one who gets to harvest it! How much effort are you willing to put forth?

Wade

P.S. In the next few weeks pray and consider how you can be involved in the 4 prongs of outreach our Outreach Leadership Team have challenged us with: Prayer-walking... new neighborhood saturation... greeter expansion... technology upgrades.



Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups

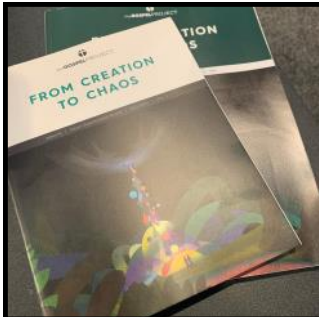
9:15 AM

- Older Adult (Mixed Group) - Room 306
- Younger Adult (Mixed Group) - Fellowship Hall
- Men's Bible Study - Room 308/309
- Women's Bible Study - Room 310
- Young Singles - Library
- Student Ministry - (6th Grade and Up) Room 203
- Children PreK-K- Room 405
- Children 1st-5th- Room 409
- Nursery - for children under the age of 4
- Spanish Ministry - Estudio de la biblia Española Ubicado en las habitaciones 201-202

Wednesday Night Service Schedule

6:30 PM

- Adult (Mixed Group) - 20/21/Prayer (Choir Room)
- Men's Bible Study - Faith Lessons (Library)
- Women's Bible Study - The Book of James (310)
- Student Ministry* - 6th Grade & Up (Starts at 6:00)
- Kids Jam - children's ministry for Pre-K to 5th Grade
- Nursery - for children under the age of 4
- Spanish Ministry - Estudio de la biblia Española



Join FBCA
 Sunday, September 5th
 as we begin
 The Gospel Project for
 Adults/Students/Children
FROM CREATION TO CHAOS!

FBCA
 STUDENT MINISTRY
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM

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

160TH CHURCH
 ANNIVERSARY IS
 OCTOBER 6TH

CELEBRATION INTEREST MEETING
 AUGUST 22ND AFTER SERVICE.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENTS SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please PRAY for our search committee: *Lacy Barnett, Tommy Dennis, Jeff Dixon, Oliver Monroe and Kelly Richardson.*
Brief meeting Sunday 8/8/21 after service.

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

LOOKING AHEAD...

- ⇒ NEW SUNDAY MORNING CURRICULUM STARTING IN SEPTEMBER
- ⇒ WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS
 - WALK 4 LIFE (SEPT 18)
 - PAINTING PARTY (SEPT. 25)
 - SHE STANDS (OCT. 8-9)
 - CCCC (DEC. 4)
- ⇒ CHRISTMAS MUSIC / CHOIR
 - PRACTICE BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER
- ⇒ SWMBA - PRAYER GATHERING (SEPT. 11)
- ⇒ PIONEERS SETTLERS REUNION (SEPT. 11)
 - BOOTH WORKERS NEEDED
- ⇒ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN YOUTH, CHILDREN'S & NURSERY, ASK HOW YOU CAN SERVE!

Pre-K - 5th



Come join us on Wed. at 6:30 PM

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 8/4/2021)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$68,115.48
Designated Funds Bal.	\$14,131.95
Designated Repair Fund	\$16,461.32
Total Available Funds	\$37,522.21
2021 YTD Giving Received	\$190,980.57
2021 YTD Giving Needed	\$236,900.45
Building Loan Balance	\$45,708.16