

# A Church that equips you to be “Faithful & Fruitful.”



The old proverb is that, “Patience is a virtue.”

We know that Gal.5:22 lists it as one of the “out-ward” dimensions of fruitful living as a believer.

Patience has been defined in various ways -- the power to see things through -- being steadfast under provocation -- being long-tempered -- courageously enduring without quitting -- and an ability to hold your clutch when you feel like stripping your gears.

Most of us in North Texas are finding it hard to practice patience! Especially when it comes to the weather! We are impatient for the temperature to drop back below 100° and for some rain to fall! Those two things can’t happen soon enough!

It’s also an exercise in patience driving as traffic and risky driving behavior seems to be ever increasing!

On a lighter note, do you ever ponder any of these questions regarding patience?

- Wonder why the box of cereal that you don’t really like lasts so long in the pantry?
- Wonder how the store employee can’t figure out how much change to give you after a purchase?
- Wonder why you have to be early for your surgery or doctor’s appointment when you wait on them for an hour to come get you?
- Wonder just how long it took the snail to get into the ark.?

David often reminded his hearers to find purpose in waiting on the Lord.

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord. (Ps.27:14)*

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. (Ps.62:5)*

*Wait for the Lord and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land... (Ps.37:34)*

Some of us today may be in a “waiting mode” about a job, a financial situation, a grandbaby’s arrival, results of a medical test, or (perish the thought!) school to begin!

Some of our FBCA family may be impatient about our future or about filling our staff position needs.

Times of waiting that test our patience can be so beneficial to us!

James 1:2-3 -- *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (NKJV)*

The secret of patience is what we do in the meanwhile -- in drawing on God’s strength through prayer -- in giving place to the Holy Spirit -- in seeking God’s wisdom in His Word -- in trusting in God’s sovereignty and love, even when nothing seems to be happening.

Paul prayed for the Colossian believers, *May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. (Col.1:11)*

I’d echo his prayer as my prayer for you, my brothers & sisters in Christ Jesus.

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## JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS!

### MEET AT CHURCH 6:30

GROUP 1—AEN 6:45-6:55	GROUP 2—AES 6:45-6:55
GROUP 1—AJHS 7:00-7:10	GROUP 2—AIS 7:00-7:10
GROUP 1 & 2 —AHS 7:15-7:25	

Please join us the evening before school starts (Aug 17th) as we pray at 5 of the AISD Schools. We will split into 2 groups (in the vans) leaving from the church at 6:30 PM.

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- Aug 13 Equip Conference  
Seminary 8:30-3:00
- Aug 14 Baptism
- Aug 18 AISD Back to School
- Aug 21 Promotion Sunday
- Sept 4 New Adult SS Class
- Sept 7 New Wed. Night Study
- Sept 10 Men's Fish Fry

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: (8/8/2022)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$96,027.77
Designated Funds Bal.	\$13,101.71
Total Available Funds	\$82,926.06
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2022 YTD Total Giving Received	\$228,959.86
2022 YTD Total Giving Needed	\$217,803.84

### OUTREACH

On August 4th we had the privilege of attending the **AISD Back to School Bash** that was hosted by the Alvarado Junior high. Several members of our church greeted some familiar faces and lots of new families in our community. As Alvarado Students return on August 18 we would like you to join us in praying for our children, the educator's and the staff at all the campuses'.



#### Sample Prayer:

*Lord, we thank you for our district's teachers and staff! We pray you would strengthen them with your power this school year. Give them guidance on instruction, strength to complete all the tasks, and energy to joyfully interact with their students. God give them efficiency as they work. May they find times of rest and if they do not know you, make yourself known to them this school year. Lord, give our children a thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year, at home, school, and church. Give our children ears to accept instruction. Give them the desire to learn from the wise and to accept correction. Soften their hearts so they can gain knowledge from their teachers (and parents) and respect the teacher throughout the day.*

Amen

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**BACK TO CHURCH**  
**BACK TO LIFE!**



# Promotion Sunday 2022

**AUGUST 21 | 9:15**

ALL CHILDREN AND STUDENTS WILL BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT AGE/GRADE LEVEL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR SEE SCOTT

AGE/GRADE	TEACHER
Infant-3yrs	Kelly Baxter Edwina Cherry
4yrs, 5yrs & K	Tara Monrose
1st & 2nd	Carrie Perkins
3rd, 4th & 5th	Melissa Cross Brandi Price
6th & Up	Student Ministry

Please continue to **PRAY** for our search committee as they consider applicants for the **Associate Pastor of Students:**

—Committee Members—  
*Jeff Dixon, Kelly Richardson, Lacy Barnett, and Oliver Monrose.*

## FLOURISH

A MENTORING JOURNEY

A ONE-YEAR MENTORING RESOURCE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO LIVE A LIFE ROOTED IN THE WORD OF GOD AND THE LOVE OF JESUS.

### Flourish Year 2 Women's Study (1 year study)

Tuesday's beginning Aug 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30 @ Laura Taylor's

Thursday's beginning Sept 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:30-8:30 @ Melissa Cross's

For more information about this study contact  
Laura @ 817-648-2433 or Melissa@ 817-915-6039

Starting 9/12/22 10:00 AM

8 SESSION STUDY

*Amos*  
An Invitation to the Good Life

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

Books \$22

### Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study

Join us if you want to:

- Uncover the connection between the God life and the good life
- Learn how God's care for us prompts us to care for others
- Break hope-stealing habits to reverse self-defeating choices
- Unearth the gems hidden within one of the most overlooked books in the Bible