

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



Someone has defined time as, “Something that keeps everything from happening at once.”

Eccles.3:1 infamously remind us that, *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*” Then the *Preacher* gives a long list of those matters, like, *a time to plant...mourn...gather stone together...and a time for peace.* (Eccles.3:1-8)

Sometimes, from our perspective, everything doesn’t respect this idea of time -- everything seems to come our way all at once, even all of a sudden!

In church life, Jan-March is typically kind of quiet -- until time for Resurrection Sunday! But not this year! Between remodeling construction, repair construction, staff search committee work, and “normal” ministry items, some days seem like things are overwhelming time itself!

It is in those days that the Holy Spirit often brings Ps.46 to mind: *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam... the nations rage, the kingdoms totter...* (Ps.46:2-6) Despite overwhelming events, the writer holds out hope to us: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Come behold the works of the Lord... Be still and know that I am God. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* (Ps.42:1,8,10)

So don’t be overwhelmed...even when everything seems to be happening at once. God is still our refuge. God is still God. He still stands ready to help us. He stands ready to display His mighty works in & thru us. Answer His call to *be still* (cease striving) and *know* that He is God. Pray...then pray some more...

—Wade

P.S. -- Since we were unable to timely sent out a Feb Beacon, please accept this Feb / March edition instead.

P.S.S -- Be in prayer for our staff search committees as they get started this next week. God has good things ahead for FBCA!

Ladies
Monday Morning Bible Study
 Location: FBCA Room 310

In this six-session Bible study, “If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve got to Get Out of the Boat”, by John Ortberg, Learn how to move beyond fear, and respond to God’s unique calling.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

women in the word

Wednesday's at 6:30 PM
 Journeying together through I Timothy

FBC KIDS JAM
 JESUS AND ME

Kids PreK—5th Wednesdays 6:30PM

FBCA STUDENT MINISTRY
 Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

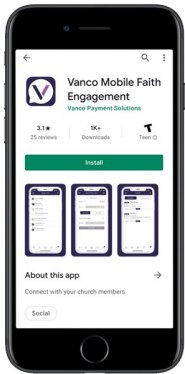
MUSIC BIBLE STUDY GAMES

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- Feb 10 Cross/Garcia Wedding 6:00 PM
- Feb 11 Youth PNO Fundraiser 5:30-8:30
- Feb 19 Deacon's Luncheon Fellowship Hall after service
- Feb 26 Youth Lead Worship
- March 13-17 Spring Break
- March 15 No Wed Night Activities

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (2/09/2023)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$114,495.30
Designated Funds Bal.	\$56,839.18
Total Available Funds	\$57,656.12
2023 Total Giving Received	\$33,688.20
2022 Total Giving Needed	\$39,933.06



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Please **PRAY** for our search committee's as they begin the process of receiving resumes for the **following 2 positions:**

Associate Pastor of Worship & Administration

Committee Members are:

Kay Lynn Biggs, Gary Gerber, Jimmy Murdock, Jill Stout & Marissa Wheat

Director of Children's Ministry & Adult Education

Committee Members are:

Clint Barnett, Kelly Baxter, Grace Murphree, Carrie Perkins & Dianna Roseberry

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STUDENT MINISTRY

We have to ask ourselves a very important question. What does Jesus want from us?

In Mathew 16:24 we see what Jesus wants from us. There are four things that we see in this verse.

1. "...if anyone wants to..."

To gain salvation there has to be a point where we want it. God loves us and sends His son to die for us on a cross and He wants us to be with Him. However, He will not force the issue. He wants us to come humbled and longing for salvation. If He were to force us then it wouldn't be true love.

2. "...deny himself..."

We need to submit to God and follow His will for our lives not our own.

3. "...pick up his cross..."

We all have failings and things that we struggle with. We need to own those things and make sure we turn it God. This is where denying oneself comes to play as well.

4. "...follow me..."

It is very simple; we have to make the active effort to follow Him. not just say we are followers for an "insurance policy." Jesus is worth following. His sacrifice and resurrection are the reason we can have hope for an eternity with God.

We have to choose Him, deny ourselves, own our faults, and actively live for Him. We cannot be like Him on our own and we cannot do enough good works to get to heaven. Jesus is the ONLY way to God. We see this in John 14:6 where Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

—TJ Arango, Associate Pastor of Students



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PARENTS NIGHT OUT

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KIDS 3RD-5TH

NERF TARGET GAMES
KIDS PK-2ND

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PARTICIPANTS SCAN
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PRE-K - 5TH GRADE
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All student volunteers will receive money towards camp for participating. If you are not attending camp please come and join in the fun and help others go. If you are an adult volunteering please make sure you have a background check on file. All volunteers need to show up at 3:00 pm for set up. See TJ with questions or for more information. We are looking forward to another amazing event!