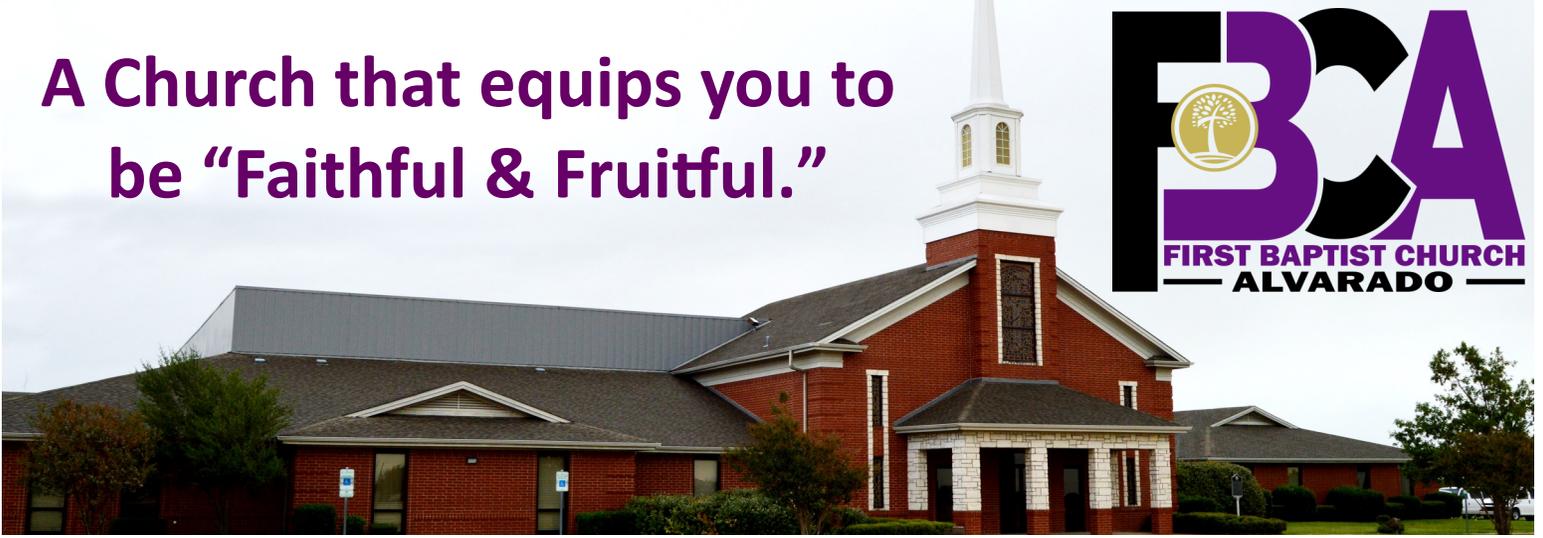


# A Church that equips you to be “Faithful & Fruitful.”



September, here we go...as the heat continues! So does our FEOTDK series of sermons!

Scripture is full of “Fresh Encounters Of The Divine Kind” and we draw this focus to a close this month as we look at John’s (Rev.1), Lazarus’ (Jn.11), and our own (Ezek.36) encounters with God. He steps into our path and totally changes life as we knew it. Are you willing to let Him change yours? Join us each Sunday this month and encounter the Lord in a fresh way.

Our church leadership has identified a need for growth in the “young adult” area of our church. One step towards this need is the beginning of a new Young Adult Bible Study Class. This one will start Sun, Sept.3, will meet just off the foyer in Rms.#303-304, and will be led by Laura Taylor. If you know of young adults (young married, with or without young children) please give their names & info to Laura!

The last phases of our re-construction are beginning now. Please excuse our mess as we near the end of these projects.

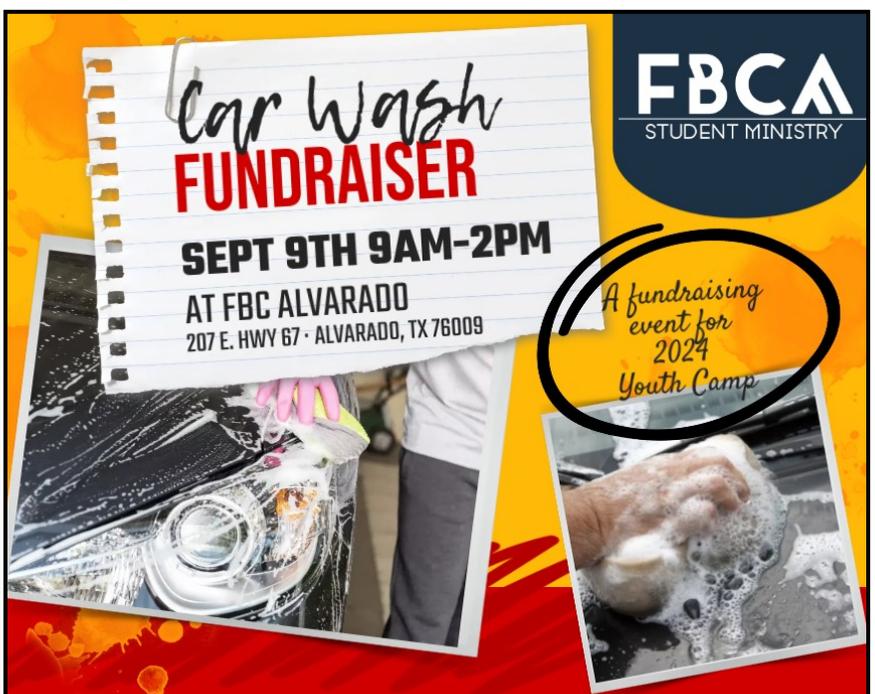
Pray for our Associate Pastor of Worship & Administration Search Committee as they continue to deal with a candidate for that position of service in our church. God’s timing is always perfect!

Please take time to get to know TJ and Kaitlyn and volunteer to serve with our students and children. Their job is to equip, organize, and provide an opportunity. Our job is to learn, volunteer, and serve.

Alvarado Walk For Life is Sat, Sept.23<sup>rd</sup> at the Town Square. Get some pledges and come walk together on this effort benefiting the Cleburne Pregnancy Center!

Candy collection begins NOW for the Fall Festival on Oct.31. Watch for the collection tub to appear in the church foyer and drop yours in!

*Pastor Wade*

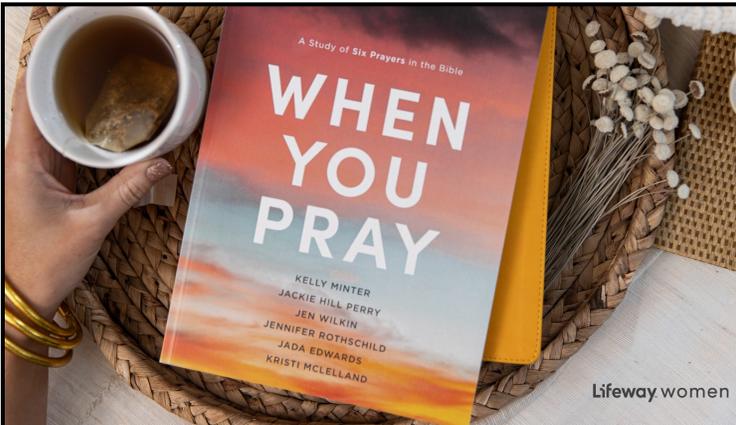


## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sept 3 Youth Game Night 4-9pm
- Sept 6 Youth Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- Sept 9 Youth Car Wash 9am-2pm
- Sept 11 Ladies Bible Study 10am
- Sept 13 Daycare Board Meeting 7:30pm

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: (9/1/2023)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$117,428.47
-Designated Funds Bal.	\$14,618.91
-Designated Repair Funds Bal.	\$25,129.45
<b>=Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$77,680.11</b>
2023 Total Giving Received	\$210,352.47
2023 Total Giving Needed	\$232,942.85



### ANNOUNCING OUR NEW

### MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY!

Facilitated by KayLynn Biggs.

**KICK OFF is Monday, September, 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

At First Baptist Church, Alvarado

"WHEN YOU PRAY" - A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible

Authors: Kelly Minter, Jen Wilkin, Jackie Hill Perry, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, and Kristi McClelland  
7 Session Study with engaging homework in between.

Study Guides available for purchase for \$25.

Price includes a link code for your personal video access.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU!**

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Sunday Mornings during the worship hour and Wednesday evening during Bible Study.  
Volunteer once a month or as often as you feel led.



SEE KAITLYN  
FOR MORE  
DETAILS



Congratulations  
FBC Alvarado  
Children's Ministry!!!  
They won first in  
their category at  
The Old Settlers  
Reunion Parade!

# FBCA

## STUDENT MINISTRY

1 Corinthians 4

Paul writes a letter to the Corinthian church and is calling them out for their sins and for the failings. Here is one of the most interesting chapters in the whole book. Paul gives three major points to this chapter;

1. Just because he is a leader doesn't make him better.
2. Don't be full of pride in your accomplishments.
3. Love someone enough to correct them/ call them out.

We have to ask ourselves; why does he do this? I think the answer is simple. He knows that people are listening to him simply because he is Paul and the founder of their church and really responsible for the spread of the Gospel. However, he does not want people to think of him as a high and mighty person, he wants people to know that he is just as worthless and just as sinful as everyone else. He uses two very interesting terms in verse 1, he calls himself a "servant." This is the lowest of the low (a slave if you will) but then he calls himself a "Steward". This means he is responsible for the spread and upkeep of the Gospel.

He then goes and talks about not being too proud to act as a servant of Christ. Nothing we have comes from ourselves it comes from God and his blessings. When we start to think that our success and riches come from us, we are mistaken. (This does not mean you will be rich and successful in this life when you follow Christ). What Paul is saying is that it is hard for people who hold status in the world to give up their status to follow Jesus (i.e., the rich young ruler).

Finally, Paul makes the statement at the end of this chapter that is like a mic drop. "Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?" He is saying that because he loves the people of Corinth that it is his duty to call them out when they are faltering, in love though. We shouldn't be hateful or hurtful when it comes to correction. When we do it out of love that is the best way. People may get upset but that's ok. (This does not mean we have free reign to talk to people however we like, this is a process. This is just to show us that we must keep each other accountable, even leadership).

TJ Arango, Associate Pastor of Students

# FBCA

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Parent meeting

9/6/23 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
207 E. Hwy 67 · Alvarado, TX

See you there!

### AGENDA

- Calendar of events
- Discuss fundraisers
- Volunteer opportunities
- Question/Answer time

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of worship  
**SUNDAY OCT. 15**  
**6-7:30PM**

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