

What do you really want to know? What the weather will be in a couple of days? How many illegal immigrants have crossed the border in the last few years? Who will be playing for your favorite team next season? There are a lot of things we'd like to know, but guess what Paul most wanted to know?

Phil.3:10-11 -- That I may know Him and power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

What Paul wanted most was to really know Jesus...how He suffered, died, and was raised...how God was going to work out that spiritual life and journey in his own life.

This month, after a look at the Fruit of the Spirit, we will turn our focus to the three most common names for God: *Yahweh*, *Elohim*, and *Adonai*. Great Biblical blessings will be ours as we more deeply explore knowing more about who God is. Join us each week...and bring someone new with you! Alvarado continues to have new neighbors. Meet a few and invite them to church!

On Sunday, Feb.18, Travis Sampson comes in-view-of-a-call as our Associate Pastor of Worship.

Travis, wife Christie, and sons, Collin, Chandler, and Landry are excited about the prospect of serving with the FBCA family in worship & music ministry. Travis is a Grapevine native, a Baylor graduate, and plays guitar, piano, and cello. He taught in schools for over 25 years in K-5<sup>th</sup> music, choir, and orchestra.

His passion since 2000 is for worship ministry, last serving in the Fort Worth area. He will be leading in worship on Feb.18 and sharing his testimony during the service. Don't miss this very important day!

—Wade



#### 1 Corinthians 4

#### **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

• Feb 2-4 Student D-Now

• Feb 8 GCE Spring Semester Begins

• Feb 10 (10am-3pm) Alvarado Helping Hands for Jesus Fundraiser—Vendor/Craft Fair

• Feb 11 Deacons Banquet

• Feb 16 PNO—5-8pm

• Feb 17 Ladies Blanket Party—Pot Luck 10am-2pm

• Feb 18 Worship Pastor Recommendation

• Feb 26-27 Empower Conference—Irving Conv. Center

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** (1/31/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$60,579.77
Designated Funds Bal.	\$12,287.51
Total Available Funds	\$48,292.26
2024 Giving Received	\$18,471.39
2024 Giving Needed	\$26,460.76

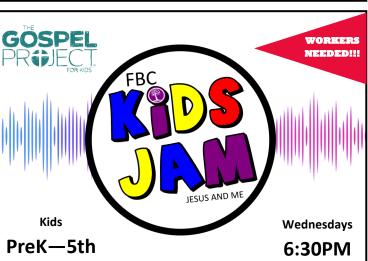
### Ladies (No-Sew) Fleece Blanket Party Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> (10am-2pm) Soup and salad potluck



Bring a friend, a dish to share & 4 yards of fleece material (2 yds each of 2 different patterns/colors) You can bring more if you want!

We will make lap blankets for the sanctuary, to donate to the nursing home, baby blankets, or just a blanket for yourself!





Background:

Paul spends the first three chapters basically talking about God's wisdom and where our wisdom comes from (Chapter 1: 20-23)

The people who claim to be "Godly" but aren't will be found out eventually. (Chapter 1:10-17)

There will be a time as believers we will be tested. (We must turn to God in all situations) [Chapter 2:3-5]

Jesus is the only person we should look up to. (Not people)
There is a time where we have to grow in our walk with Christ.
(Chapter 3:2)

Main Ideas:

Even though Paul and the others mentioned are leaders, they are no different than every other believer.

Don't be full of pride. You may be rich in the world, but we are all low class compared to God.

Paul loves enough to correct/call out.

Paul calls himself a servant of the Lord. In context he is calling himself a slave to Christ. This means that he does not call shots. On the other hand, though he calls himself a steward, someone who is supposed to take care of the not only the people but truthfully and faithfully share God's word (Jesus' salvation).

As you read this chapter think of these questions.

Why is Paul quick to point out his role?

How can we not put our leaders on a pedestal? /Why shouldn't we?

Why does Paul say "... it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court...?"

What does Paul want the people to do? Why?

Who should people imitate?

Why should we only follow God and not people?

Lastly, how have you been a steward of the gifts and talents God has given you? We are all one body, and we are called to serve God. Just because we have pastors, we ask to lead us, does not mean we do not have to serve God. Are you willingly serving? Do you have to be asked to serve? Have you shared the Gospel with people? Do you know what the Gospel is? Do you show God's love to the people in your life/church?



T. J. Arango Associate Pastor of Students

# PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY
FEB 16<sup>TH</sup>
5-8PM

#### KIDS PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE \$10 EACH OR \$30 MAX PER FAMILY

- PIZZA
- GAMES
- CRAFTS



PRE-REGISTER HERE PAY AT THE DOOR!

Students 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are encouraged to volunteer! This is a great way to earn money for camp & service hours. See TJ for info.