

This month, we continue our look at a few of God's names and look forward to celebrating a special Palm Sunday together on March 24th. Our Bible study leaders are ready and excited to share God's Word with you each Sunday morning at 9:15am. However, don't forget TIME CHANGE on March 10 or you'll miss that study time! We "spring forward an hour" so don't be late!

We finish March with Resurrection Day! (Even better than Easter!) Why is "Resurrection Day" better than Easter? Many folks celebrate Easter as a symbol of new life and a celebration pointing to the beginning of Spring. Where do you think "new life" comes from? 1Pt.1:3 says, According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is the resurrection of Jesus that brings new life to we sinners, by God's great mercy.

Come celebrate with us! And not just that day, but the whole month! Hey, bring someone new with you! Alvarado (and you) has new neighbors -- meet some and bring them with you this month.

Welcome to Travis Sampson as he begins ministry as our Associate Pastor of Worship. Meet and get to know him, his wife Christie, and sons Collin, Chandler, and Landry.

Interested in helping FBCA with a special project? Here are a few needs:

- *New blinds for the fellowship hall will be about \$60 per window (total of 4 needed).
- *A commercial trash can for the foyer would cost us about \$200.

Prayerfully consider helping out with one of these projects above your tithe.

-Wade

PSALM 30:4 SING PRAISES TO THE LORD, O YOU HIS SAINTS, AND GIVE THANKS TO HIS HOLY NAME.



My family and I have been overwhelmed by your support and love as we begin a new journey here at FBC Alvarado. I am truly honored and humbled to be able to lead in the worship of our Lord each week. Thank you for reaching out and making us feel like we are at home! Change is always difficult but God uses it to grow us and get us out of our comfort zones. I hope you are looking forward to allowing the Lord to grow you and lead you into a closer relationship with Him. Challenge yourselves over the next few weeks to find a quiet place regularly and ask the Lord "What would you have me do...change...be?" Then open God's word and allow Him to speak. I am talking to me, especially. May the Lord push us into a new and exciting journey together!

Choir is back! If you would like to sing with us for Easter, we will be rehearsing Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 for the month of March. We will also have a final rehearsal Sat. March 30th 10-Noon and leading Easter service Mar. 31st. Join us!

-Travis Sampson

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

March 3 Sunday Morning Bible Study
 Leaders Meeting after service

• March 6 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

• March 9 Youth Six Flags

• March 10 Time Change—Spring Forward 1 hour

• March 11-16 Spring Break—No Midweek Bible Studies

• March 13 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

• March 20 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

March 24 Palm Sunday

• March 27 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

• March 29 Good Friday—Church office & Daycare Closed

March 30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am

• March 31 Resurrection Sunday

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (3/1/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal \$58,676.53

Designated Funds Bal. \$12,741.46

Total Available Funds \$45,935.07

2024 Giving Received \$40,679.43
2024 Giving Needed \$52,921.52



Camp Camp Camp!

Camp is only a few months away! Camp is July 8-12, 2024.



The goal is to get as many students to camp with as little stress as possible. We have 20 slots. There are some needs that must be met.

- Camp funds. Camp is not free as much as it would be nice. It was your support last year that allowed our students to go with no hassle. Scholarships were given and no student that wanted to go to camp was turned away. Let's make that a reality for this year too. If you would like to award scholarships for camp, please contact me through email at aaran043f@live.com
- Female sponsor. We need a woman to help. This is a high energy component but there is not much that is needed for camp sponsor. This woman needs to be Godly and have a heart to look after and mentor the girls of the student ministry. All she needs to do is spend time with the girls and get to know them. If you would like to be the female sponsor of the youth camp, please email me at aaran043f@live.com.



T. J. Arango Associate Pastor of Students





As of March 11th we will be just three months away from VBS! With that being said, planning has already begun. I am actively seeking out volunteers for this big event. But before too much planning goes on, I want to invite you to a time of prayer for VBS. Our theme verse this year is *Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."* We have a very biblically grounded and profound message in this year's VBS curriculum. It is worth speaking over every child and adult we are able to. So, my encouragement to you is that you take a moment to pray that the Lord guides our church family to reach out and encourage families in our community to bring their children to Vacation Bible School. Pray for their lives to be transformed through the work of God's Holy Spirit. Pray that there will be a conviction laid on these families hearts. Pray that they walk in willingness and obedience to come and experience the glorifying transformation God has set out for His children. Also, pray for members of our church family to discern if they are being called to serve and to act in obedience to volunteer for VBS. We understand that not everyone is able to physically volunteer, but something that all of us are able to do is PRAY, so I encourage everyone to start there!

-Kaitlyn Calhoon