

# The Beacon

NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX  
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2019



## Pastor's Ponderings

Having done some indoor painting over the last few months, we kept intact and unpainted that trim board on the bedroom door that shows marks of physical growth of our children over the years – how tall they were at different ages in their growing lives. It's important to have growth markers.

Over 2019, Lord willing, we are going to return again and again to 3 areas of study and emphasis that have a biblical basis and serve as spiritual growth markers – priorities, a process, and a principle that flow together very well:

### \*Spiritual Disciplines

In order to effectively grow in our walk with Jesus through 2019 we must return to some basic spiritual disciplines and build them into our lives.

The priorities of spiritual growth include bible reading & study, meditation on Scripture, Scripture memorization, prayer, fasting, worship, service, and stewardship.

### \*Spiritual Maturity

This process is illustrated as spiritual "papa" Paul writes to mentee Timothy, telling him, *...train yourself in godliness...be an example to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity...give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you... Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.* (1Tim.4:7,12,13,14,15)

Will you still be at the same Christian maturity level at the end of 2019 as you were at the beginning or will you be able to chart some growth?

### \*Discipleship

This principle is put before us in Mt.28:19-20 – *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.*

This principle is "nutshelled" for us in 2Tim.2:2 – *And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

If making and growing disciples at FBCA depended solely on you, how much of it would happen? Guess what? It does depend on you!

Accept this challenge: Intentionally find someone over the next few weeks to disciple you...and intentionally find someone over the next few weeks who you can disciple.

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Wade

## Church Events

- Jan 9 Women in the Word Kick-Off
- Jan 16 Women in the Word (James 1)
- Jan 20 Youth Bible Study 6-7PM
- Jan 23 Women in the Word (James 2)
- Jan 27 Youth Bible Study 6-7PM
- Jan 28 New Ladies Bible Study (Psalm 23)  
10:00 am in room 310
- Jan 30 Women in the Word (James 3)
- Feb 1&2 Women's She Stands Conference  
See Melissa Cross for Info
- Feb 3 Deacon's Breakfast 8:00 am  
Ladies Early Bird Breakfast 8:15 am  
Youth Super Bowl Party 6PM
- Feb 6 Youth Camp Deposit #1 Due  
Women in the Word (James 4)
- Feb 10 Youth Fundraiser -  
Valentine Steak Dinner \$15 per plate
- Feb 13 Women in the Word (James 5)
- Feb 16 Children's Missions Day
- Feb 17 Committee Meetings  
Youth Bible Study 6-7PM
- Feb 20 Women in the Word Wrap Up
- Feb 24 Business Meeting  
Youth Bible Study 6-7PM

# Discipleship

In 2019 we have introduced a new Sunday Morning Bible Study curriculum called the Gospel Project. It is a three year chronological study of the Bible. Below you will find an overview of the Gospel Project to allow you to see what we will be studying and a "how to use" for the Daily Discipleship Guides that will be used over the course of our study. Remember that one of the most important factors in the spiritual development of a Disciple is to read and study God's Word daily. Please continue to make life space and heart space in the year ahead.

## Winter 2018-19: Out of Egypt God Redeems His People

(Genesis; Exodus) God Provides for His People (Exodus) God Receives Worship from His People (Ex.; Lev.)

## Spring 2019: Into the Promised Land God Guides His People

(Num.; Deut.) God Gives His People a Home (Joshua) God Delivers His People (Judges; Ruth)

## Summer 2019: A Kingdom Provided God Provides a King

(1 Samuel) God Provides a Godly King (1-2 Sam.; Psalms) God Provides a Wise King (1 Kings; Eccl.)

## Fall 2019: A Nation Divided God Speaks to His People

(1-2 Kings) God Judges the Sin of His People (2 Kings; Prophets) God Shows Mercy to His People (2 Chron.; Prophets)

## Winter 2020-21: The Mission Begins The Holy Spirit Comes

(Acts; Epistles) Fundamentals of the Faith (Acts; Epistles) New Life in Christ (Acts; Epistles)

## Spring 2021: The Church United Living Like Jesus

(Acts; Hebrews) The Sent Church (Acts; Epistles) Don't Forget (Acts; Epistles)

## Summer 2021: All Things New Paul in Prison

(Acts; Epistles) Facing Adversity (Acts; Epistles) Jesus Will Come Again (Revelation)

## How to Use The Gospel Project Daily Discipleship Guide

1. Gather with your group for Bible study and fellowship. Use the Group Time in your Daily Discipleship Guide to follow along and participate in the session. Mark up the Scripture passages, answer the questions, fill in the blanks, do the activities, write out questions and thoughts—Make this guide yours!

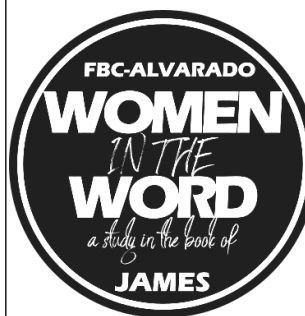
2. At the conclusion of the session, use My Mission to respond to the truths from God's Word. Choose at least one of the questions on the page to drive your response in faith, in community, and in mission for Jesus Christ, the center of God's Word and our purpose in life.

3. During the week following the session, use the five Daily Study devotions to build on the foundation laid during the "Group Time." These devotions will help you get into God's Word for yourself and take initiative in your own discipleship. Read the Scriptures, respond to the questions, and grow in the faith.

4. Finally, Encourage One Another provides a brief guide for small groups of 2-4 people to meet sometime during the week to reflect on the session and to share how God is working and they are responding. Meet up with a group once a week for fellowship, encouragement in the faith, and mutual accountability.

## Men's Mid-Week Study:

Embark with us on a journey of Faith with Ray Vander Laan; in which he explores different Biblical topics from on-site locations in Israel.



## Women in the Word

begins here at the church Jan 9<sup>th</sup> with an intro to James.

Sign up today to be involved in this great time of study and building of relationships in small groups for the next six weeks. Sign up sheets are located on the foyer table, or call for more details.



Join us FOR A 7-SESSION STUDY OF PSALM 23.

Monday Morning Bible Study, starting January 28th at 10:00 after Ladies Prayer Meeting at 9:00.

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

<b>1/6</b>	<b>God Frees His People</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U4 S5	The Plagues and the Passover	(Children)
<b>1/13</b>	<b>God Delivers His People</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U4 S6	The Red Sea Crossing	(Children)
<b>1/20</b>	<b>A Test in the Wilderness</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U5 S1	Bread from Heaven	(Children)
<b>1/27</b>	<b>A Leader's Wisdom</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U5 S2	Jethro Helped Moses	(Children)
<b>2/3</b>	<b>A Law for God's People</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U5 S3	The Ten Commandments	(Children)
<b>2/10</b>	<b>An Image of Idolatry</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U6 S1	The Golden Calf	(Children)
<b>2/17</b>	<b>A Place for God's Presence</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U6 S2	The Tabernacle Was Built	(Children)
<b>2/24</b>	<b>A Picture of Atonement</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U6 S3	Rules for Sacrifice	(Children)

# Daycare News

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Choosing a childcare center is one of the most important decisions families make. At First Baptist Daycare, we offer a fun, safe place where your little ones can grow and learn. The purpose of our program is to provide quality care and education which is dedicated to the physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual development of each child. The daily program is planned, but flexible. Children learn from a variety of developmentally appropriate activities in all areas, with a special emphasis on our integrated Christian curriculum.

- Nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack
- Inclusive preschool program
- Before & After School Program with transportation provided
- Serving all Alvarado Elementary and Intermediate Schools
- Ages 6 weeks - 12 years
- Christian based curriculum
- Comprehensive Pre-K program
- Low teacher/child ratios
- School-age summer program, field trips
- Multi-child discount given
- Child care assistance accepted (CCMS)
- Three Star Provider - certified by TX Workforce Commission
- Over 75% of staff are CDA Credentialed
- Open door policy, you are welcome to visit your children at any time
- Secure center - all outside doors are locked
- All staff have FBI background checks, fingerprinted and CPR/First Aid certified

We do have a few openings at this time. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about our program, please give me a call at 817-783-5182.

As always, so very Blessed to Serve,

Christie Pippin  
Director



## Children's Missions Day

Mark your calendar and join thousands across America!

**JOIN US >>**

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH DETAILS COMING SOON!



If you are interested in this paid position please see Diana Roseberry or Scott Arthur for more information.

## Worship Ministry

Please continue to be in prayer for our Associate Pastor of Worship Search Committee as they seek to fill this position.

Committee members: Jimmy Murdock, Danny Stout, Marissa Wheat, Kay Lynne Biggs, Carrie Perkins, and Alternate Braxton Tatum.



## Steak NIGHT

SUNDAY FEB 10  
6-8:30 PM

**\$15 PER MEAL**  
SERVED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF SIDES AND DESSERT

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

# 4 WAYS TO GIVE



**GIVING ENVELOPE**

During Sunday Morning Bible Study, Worship or drop by church office or in the mail.



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**TEXT GIVING**

TEXT YOUR AMOUNT TO  
817-813-8782



**MOBILE GIVING**

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**Bible Study**

**Sundays at 9:15 a.m.**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

**Worship**

**Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

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**PROVIDING STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE CHRIST LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY**

**Church Staff:** *Wade Taylor/Senior Pastor • Scott Arthur/Associate Pastor ; Admin, Edu, & Children*  
*• Ethan Yates/Associate Pastor of Students*

**FBCA**  
STUDENT MINISTRY

Howdy! Despite the fact that I have to give up my OCD (Obsessive Christmas Disorder) for a few more months, I genuinely hope that each of you had a blessed Christmas season with your family and friends. It's always a tremendous joy to be able to spend time with the people you care about the most and unfortunately don't get to see as often as you would like to. Even then, that joy doesn't even compare to the joy that we have knowing Christ as Savior, and knowing that God sent Him to this earth to die for us! This is our foundation for ministry, and I'm so thankful that God has

called me to work with students! Each day brings something new, and I am always looking forward to our events that we have on our calendar!

Do you love your spouse or significant other? Do you love steak? I hope you can answer yes to both of those, because on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 6-8:30PM, you will have an opportunity to love both at the same time (preferably your spouse more than your steak)! Our students will be serving a steak dinner at the church as a youth camp fundraiser! Plates are \$15 each and tickets will be sold in advance by our students! We do suggest wearing something formal! Don't miss out!

Don't let youth camp take you by surprise when it gets here! Camp dates are June 10-15. Get ahead of the game and start giving towards you or your child's camp fee! There is an option to pay a monthly deposit starting on **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** in the amount of \$50. The cost of camp is \$250 per student. If you are interested in financially helping a student make their way to camp, please contact me!

DNOW season is upon us! Our dates for DNOW this year are March 29-31, so be praying in advance for our students and adults! The cost is \$50 per student! We are looking forward to an awesome, Christ-centered weekend!

I am also excited to announce that our students will begin a Bible study on **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** during our regular Wednesday night service times! We will start on a Wednesday night to kick off this Bible study, and will then meet every Sunday night following that Wednesday. We will meet at the church from 6PM to 7PM. This study is for students in grades 7-12.

Thank you, as always, for all that you do in keeping this ministry alive!!

In Christ,  
Ethan Yates - Associate Pastor of Students