

The Beacon

NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX
MAY - JUNE 2019



Pastor's Ponderings

SUMMER TIME PROJECTS

Do you have some of those summer-time projects in your future over the next couple of months? That woodworking...landscaping...clean-out...paint...refinish project that you've been waiting on better weather in order to accomplish?

These days your staff is doing some self-evaluation – questioning our personal and church goals – where we are with un-finished projects – laying out some goals / projects for the Summer & Fall. Pray for us, for God's leadership, and for our efforts in the coming months.

SUMMER-TIME THIRST

When you've been out in the hot sun, the thirst builds. Or when you've been working steadily all day long and haven't stopped for lunch, the hunger builds.

Lord willing, in the next couple of months we'll look at the spiritual discipline of fasting.

Fasting is the abstinence of something with a spiritual goal in mind (biblical reference is usually food). It is desperately seeking the face, presence, and hand of God in such a way that we set aside any distraction, stating to Him that our relationship with Him is what matters most.

It is a thirst and hunger for God, expressed for our benefit by David Ps.63:1 – *God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water.*

That deep longing / desire is also expressed in Ps.42:1-2 – *As a deer longs for streams of water, so I long for You, God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and appear before God?* Of course the short answer to that question is ANYTIME!

As we thirst and hunger for God's presence, we find in Jesus such a great promise – Jn.6:35 – *"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to Me will be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again."*

Please join your pastor & staff over these months as we pray and fast over several issues:

*Our Assoc. Pastor of Worship Search Committee and for who God has to lead us in worship

*Our deacons and prospective deacons as that process continues

*A paid nursery worker to serve and teach in our pre-school area

God has a plan. He also desires His people to be patient and to earnestly seek Him.

Pastor Wade

Church Events

- May 5 Deacon's Breakfast 8:00 AM
Ladies Early Bird Breakfast 8:15 AM
VBS Meeting after service
- May 12 Mother's Day
RA/GA Desserts For Mom - Auction
- May 19 Committee Meetings (Various Times)
AHS Baccalaureate Service 6:00 PM
- May 22 Youth Sponsor Camp Meeting
- May 24 AHS Graduation
- May 26 Banks Baby Shower after service
- May 29 Youth Camp Meeting (Parent/Student)
VBS Rally & Pre-Registration 6:30PM
- June 2 Deacon's Breakfast 8:00 AM
Ladies Early Bird Breakfast 8:15 AM
Business Meeting
VBS - Prep/Decoration
- June 3-7 VBS - 9:00 am - Noon (Mon-Fri)
- June 10-15 Youth Camp - Alto Frio
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 23 Home Bible Study 6:00 PM
- June 30 Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast
Fellowship Hall 8:30 - 9:15
Home Bible Study 6:00 PM

Discipleship

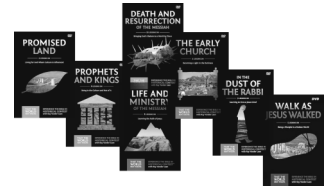
Every member of this Church must be involved with Vacation Bible School if its going to be successful. You may be thinking, do they need that many volunteers? Well not here, "boots on the ground", every day, but we do need every member of our church to do something very important. That one thing that of is so important to the success of Vacation Bible School is making sure that everything we do that week is bathed in prayer. We need you to pray for every volunteer as they prepare to lead our VBS. We need you to pray for every child that will attend VBS. We need you to pray that relationships will be built between our volunteers and the children and their parents. We need you to pray that the Gospel message will be clearly presented and warmly received.

Now that you can see clearly the need. I am asking you to specifically pray for volunteers and children by picking up PRAY FOR ME card. In the coming days you will find names of volunteers and children in the foyer of the church, we simply ask you to take a few cards and pray for them daily, or more often, from the day you pick up the card until VBS has ended. Many peoples lives are changed forever as result of attending VBS and you can be a part of that by serving on the largest prayer team ever assembled for VBS in our history. Let me close by saying thank you in advance for serving on this team. I know this church family has always come together when there is a need. Truly the need for prayer is great at this time.

Scott

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.



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: J. Murdock, D. Stout, M. Wheat, K. Biggs, C. Perkins, and Alternate B. Tatum.

Current YTD (as of 5/2/2019)
Giving \$132,579.03
YTD Giving Needed \$126,820.00
Current Building Loan Balance
\$162,997.92



**JOIN US FOR SHORT STACKS
 MADE BY THE STAFF
 SUNDAY JUNE 30TH
 8:30 AM
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Dessert Auction
 ALL PROCEEDS HELP OFFSET THE COST OF RA & GA CAMP

MOTHER'S DAY • MAY 12TH

Make plans now to attend 2019

RA & GA Summer Camps

July 23-27, 2019



Monthly payments can be made through-out the year at the church or through e-giving using the GIVE+ app. Please indicate RA/GA Camp and child's name on offering envelope or type students name when making payment online.

Cost is \$230.00


Sunday Morning Bible Studies

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| 5/5 | The Wisdom of a Deliverer | (Youth/Adults) |
| U9 S2 | Deborah and Barak | (Children) |
| 5/12 | The Weakness of a Rescuer | (Youth/Adults) |
| U9 S3 | Gideon | (Children) |
| 5/19 | The Humiliation of the Proud | (Youth/Adults) |
| U9 S4 | Samson | (Children) |
| 5/26 | The Hope of Redemption | (Youth/Adults) |
| U9 S5 | Ruth and Boaz | (Children) |
| 6/2 | God Calls a Prophet | (Youth/Adults) |
| U10 S1 | Hannah and Samuel | (Children) |
| 6/9 | God Rescues His Ark | (Youth/Adults) |
| U10 S2 | The Ark Was Captured | (Children) |
| 6/16 | God Rejects a King | (Youth/Adults) |
| U10 S3 | Israel's First King | (Children) |
| 6/23 | A Shepherd Slays a Giant | (Youth/Adults) |
| U11 S1 | David Was Anointed | (Children) |
| 6/30 | A Fugitive Spares His Rival | (Youth/Adults) |
| U11 S2 | David Showed Mercy | (Children) |

Six Things Every Parent Should Know About Play

1. **Children learn through their play.** Don't underestimate the value of play.
Children learn and develop:
cognitive skills – like math and problem solving in a pretend grocery store
physical abilities – like balancing blocks and running on the playground
new vocabulary – like the words they need to play with toy dinosaurs
social skills – like playing together in a pretend car wash
literacy skills – like creating a menu for a pretend restaurant
2. **Play reduces stress.** Play helps your children grow emotionally. It is joyful and provides an outlet for anxiety and stress.

3. **Play is more than meets the eye.** Play is simple and complex. There are many types of play: symbolic, sociodramatic, functional, and games with rules--to name just a few.
4. **Play and learning go hand-in-hand.** They are not separate activities. They are intertwined.
5. **Play outside.** Remember your own outdoor experiences of building forts, playing on the beach, or playing with other children in the neighborhood. Make sure your children create outdoor memories too.
6. **Play is a child's context for learning.** Children practice and reinforce their learning in multiple areas during play. It gives them a place and a time for learning that cannot be achieved through completing a worksheet. For example, in playing restaurant, children write and draw menus, set prices, take orders, and make out checks. Play provides rich learning opportunities and leads to children's success and self-esteem.

<p>VBS 2019 JUNE 3-7 FOR CHILDREN THAT HAVE COMPLETED KINDER - 6TH GRADE</p>		<p>BE PRAYING ABOUT WAYS YOU CAN SERVE</p> <p>PLEASE SEE SCOTT FOR MORE INFO</p>
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rightnow MEDIA 12 Week Video Session



Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study Starting May 8th

Room 310 6:30 - 7:30 PM

THE BOOK OF
1ST C O R I N T H I A N S

JENNIE ALLEN

Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. We have to choose one or the other - we can't do both. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote the letter of 1st Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus. Join the women of FBC Alvarado as we discuss the messy lives of the Corinthians and explore Paul's words to the conflicted Church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose Jesus every day of our lives.



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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!

Warmer weather is finally here, which means it's appropriate to go outside again. Don't get me wrong, I do love cold weather. But I can only handle so much of it! Warm weather means summer is getting close, and that is exciting! Even though the students will be getting out of school soon, I know that means many parents will be working "overtime" with their kids being back at the house. We hope to provide some entertainment and activities for the students this summer to get them out of the house and help them build relationships with other students and strengthen their relationship with the Lord!

Youth Camp is June 10-15. That is less than a month away!! It seems like we just returned from last year's camp! We have more than doubled the amount of students that went to camp with us last year, which is a huge praise! More students means more possible salvations, commitments, or biblical exposure, and that is what it's all about!

On Wednesday, May 29, we will have a mandatory Parent/Student Camp Meeting in the youth room during regular service hours. All camp forms and money are due at this meeting! We will go over our itinerary, camp rules, expectations of students, and will give the students a list of items to bring to camp with them. If you have a student who is going or is interested in going to camp, please attend this meeting!

With our students working so hard during our fundraisers, many of them have either completely covered their camp cost, or have significantly reduced their out-of-pocket cost. We do have students, however, that have recently expressed interest in going to camp but do not have the financial means to go. With that, I ask that you prayerfully consider financially sponsoring a student this year! Camp is only \$250! If you can't sponsor a student financially, consider sponsoring them prayerfully. We long to see our students come to know the Lord and grow in their faith! What a privilege it is for me to be able to witness such things take place! We are looking forward to all that God is going to do, and are so grateful for all that he has already done! Thank you so much for all you do for this ministry!

In Christ,
Ethan Yates - Associate Pastor of Students