

# The Beacon

NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX  
JULY - AUGUST 2019



**First  
Baptist Church  
Alvarado**

## Pastor's Ponderings

We've always seemed to have a fascination for things that are connected with famous people. Leonardo da Vinci's 72 page journal named the *Codex Hammer* was sold to billionaire Bill Gates in 1994 for a cool \$30.8 million. Some of Elvis Presley's hair went for \$15k at auction in 2009, much reduced from the \$115k price tag some sold for only 7 years earlier. His Bible was also sold – it brought \$94k. An original drawing of Winnie-the-Pooh's *The Hundred Acre Wood* map, and 4 other sketches created by E.H. Shepard in 1926 was auctioned last year for \$600k. These things are valuable because they once belonged to someone significant.

While I write this I'm studying 1Peter 2 in preparation for a sermon on the passage. One phrase stands out to me in particular – 1Pt.2:9 says, *...you are a... people for His own possession...* Yes, I know that some translations render it, *a peculiar people*, but the word refers to a private possession.

As He entered into covenant with the Israelites at Sinai, God told them that *you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples...* (Ex.19:5) Several times throughout the OT God reminds His people that they are valuable because they belong to Him.

Our standing, in 2019, is that if we know Jesus in salvation, we have great value because we now belong to Him. We have not replaced Israel in God's plan, but have been "grafted in" and allowed to share in that plan. We are valuable because we belong to Someone significant. Of course, that Someone is the Lord Jesus!

Don't spend your summer trying to figure out your worth / value! You have great value because you belong to the Priceless / Precious Son of God! That makes you priceless also!

But what is a "valuable" or "priceless" one to do? Peter also tells us that – *...proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you...into His marvelous light.* If you owned one of the above items, you'd enjoy letting everyone around you know that it was now in your possession. Spend your summer telling everyone you come into contact with that you are now in His possession!

Keep praying for our Assoc. Pastor of Worship Search Committee as they interview candidates and stay sensitive for God's leading. Also pray for Ethan Yates as he serves as our official interim and as Jimmy Murdock rehearses with our Adult Choir. God has a "priceless" one for us out there who will be privileged to serve with our "priceless" people at FBCA!

Join us this month as we plunge our way through 1Peter. Also don't miss a very special Deacon Ordination Service on Sunday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>!

*Pastor Wade*

## Church Events

- July 1-31 Back Pack Drive for AISD
- July 3 No Activities
- July 4 Church Office / Daycare Closed  
Youth Party @ Farmers 6 PM - 10 PM
- July 5 Church Office Closed
- July 7 Deacon's Breakfast 8:00 AM
- July 12-13 GA Lock-In 6:00 PM - 10:00 AM
- July 20 Youth Service Project
- July 23-27 RA/GA Camp
- Aug 1 AISD Back 2 School Bash
- Aug 4 Deacons Breakfast  
Deacon Ordination Service
- Aug 11 Committee Meetings
- Aug 25 Ice Cream Social  
Business Meeting
- Aug 31 Youth Back to School Party

HERE'S WHATS  
**GOING ON**  
SAVE THE DATES

# Discipleship

Six months ago the year 2019 began and basically very little changed. The beginning of a new year used to be cause for celebration, parades and good football games...and several months writing the wrong year on checks. Today, we hardly write checks, the Bowl games that matter are not played on New Year's Day and a few people still make resolutions that they have no intention of keeping. However, a new year is coming and its presence will be felt by almost everyone. Even now there are people working behind the scenes planning, preparing, and training for the new year that is to come. This new year will usher in change so swiftly that the lives of both old and young will be changed. The impact of this new year will be so widespread that it will reach to every part of our lives, even to the way we drive. If you haven't guessed by now this will be the real New Year... The 2019—2020 School Year! New schools, new teachers, new administrators, new friends, new experiences, new drivers, and new routines. When that new year begins, everything changes.

This new year has a familiarity to it, but yet is chalked full of new. And in that moment, you realize that the new was thrust upon us, we could not control it, and it is absolutely necessary.

What if we refused the new, the change in our schools? What if every child had to stay in the same grade year after year? What if teachers refused training about new educational principles? What if athletes never got stronger or faster? What if the band never learned a new song?

I often think of the disciples at the ascension of Jesus. Can you imagine what these men were experiencing as they watched the Lord Jesus ascend? This God/Man had led them, taught them, and lived with them. He died and was resurrected and suddenly was gone from their presence again. They were left with His final words to wait for the Holy Spirit and go make disciples. As they stood there staring into the sky I can only wonder what they must have been feeling. I am sure there was doubt and fears among the disciples as they faced the new. But they acted in obedience out of love for God.

The new had been thrust upon them. They could not control it. It was absolutely necessary.

The new is coming! Will you join our brothers who came before us in an act of obedience? Embrace the change of the new work He needs to do in you!

Scott

## 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**

## Men's Mid-Week Study:

The Gospel of John Video study brings the original Jesus narrative to the screen using the gospel text as its script, word for word. Come join us as we watch and discuss during our Wednesday Evening Study time.



## Worship Ministry

The Associate Pastor of Worship search committee requests your prayers as they are working diligently to fill the position. They have had several interviews and continue to receive resumes. Also, pray for Ethan Yates as he serves in the interim position.

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

**Current YTD (as of 6/27/2019)**  
**Giving \$ 182,739.04**  
**YTD Giving Needed \$ 186,500.00**  
**Current Building Loan Balance**  
**\$155,342.27**

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- |             |  |            |
|-------------|--|------------|
| <b>7/7</b>  | <b>A Servant Receives God's Promise (Youth/Adults)</b> |            |
| U11 S3      | God's Covenant with David                              | (Children) |
| <b>7/14</b> | <b>A King Shows Kindness (Youth/Adults)</b>            |            |
| U11 S4      | David's Kindness                                       | (Children) |
| <b>7/21</b> | <b>A Sinner Receives Forgiveness (Youth/Adults)</b>    |            |
| U11 S5      | David Sinned and Was Restored                          | (Children) |
| <b>7/28</b> | <b>The Good Shepherd (Youth/Adults)</b>                |            |
| U11 S6      | David's Psalm  | (Children) |
| <b>8/4</b>  | <b>A Son Requests Wisdom (Youth/Adults)</b>            |            |
| U12 S1      | Solomon Asked for Wisdom                               | (Children) |
| <b>8/11</b> | <b>A Son Learns True Wisdom (Youth/Adults)</b>         |            |
| U12 S2      | Wisdom for God's People                                | (Children) |
| <b>8/18</b> | <b>A Son Builds the Temple (Youth/Adults)</b>          |            |
| U12 S3      | Solomon Built the Temple                               | (Children) |
| <b>8/25</b> | <b>A Son Rejects Wisdom (Youth/Adults)</b>             |            |
| U12 S4      | The Kingdom Divided                                    | (Children) |

# Daycare News

JULY - AUGUST 2019

How do I know if my child is ready for kindergarten? It's a question every parent or guardian asks him/herself as their child approaches the time when kindergarten looms. As parents and guardians, we want to do everything we can to make sure our children start off their educational career on the right foot.

## Skills a Child Ideally (But not Necessarily) Demonstrates by the Time They Enter Kindergarten

EMOTIONAL SKILLS	ACADEMIC SKILLS
Ability to separate	Interest in reading
Ability to transition from activity to activity	Familiarity with the alphabet
Ability to advocate for oneself	Understanding of numbers/quantity
Curiosity	
Gets along with others	

The first step to being ready for kindergarten revolves around emotions. Does the child engage with the world around them, ask questions, and show curiosity about other kids? These are things parents should see in their children as they reach age 4 and 4-and-a-half to indicate the child is emotionally ready for kindergarten. If children can get along with other children their age, participate in group activities, share and have empathy for others, then they are emotionally prepared for kindergarten.

The experts note that academic readiness is secondary to emotional readiness when it comes to being ready for school. "Teachers are less concerned with what children know coming in, and are more concerned if children can come in, sit down, and follow multi-step directions. The child doesn't have to be ready academically as the goal is to introduce information in kindergarten."

So while, ideally, your child will exhibit certain traits and have some skills, not all children will be in the same place. This is to be expected. Success can occur with time, modeling, and growth. By the way, remember transitions take time. Experts say those first days, weeks, and even month are about learning routines. Give the experience some time and most children will adapt just fine to kindergarten.

Christie Pippin - Director, FBC Daycare

WOW - KIDS ACTIVITIES	DATE
<b>SWIM PARTY</b> LOCATION TBD PERMISSION SLIPS REQUIRED PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN	<b>JULY 10</b>
<b>TOUR DE CHURCH</b> BRING YOUR BICYCLE, HELMET AND GEAR SEE HOW MANY LAPS YOU CAN MAKE AROUND THE CHURCH	<b>July 17</b>
<b>RA/GA CAMP IN GLENROSE, TX</b> NURSERY PROVIDED FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING CAMP	<b>July 23-27</b>
<b>WATERMELON SEEDS OF LOVE</b> COME ENJOY SOME YUMMY WATERMELON AND PLAY WATERMELON THEMED GAMES	<b>July 31</b>
<b>WACKY WATER WAR</b> LOTS OF OUTDOOR WATER FUN, COME BATTLE THE ALVARADO FIRE DEPT. IN OUR WACKY WATER WAR	<b>Aug 7</b>
<b>AMAZING MAZE</b> COME SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN GET THROUGH THE MAZE!	<b>Aug 14</b>

**DONATE NEW BACKPACKS FOR KIDS IN ALVARADO ISD.**

**BACKPACK DRIVE**

**July 1-31**

PLACE NEW BACKPACKS IN THE BIN LOCATED IN THE FOYER!

## rightnow MEDIA 12 Week Video Session

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study May 8th - Aug 7th

Room 310 6:30 - 7:30 PM

THE BOOK OF  
**1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS**

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.





**P.O. Box 362  
Alvarado, TX 76009**

**Phone: 817-783-5181 or  
817-790-5181**

**Fax: 817-790-8511**

**Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Alvarado, Texas  
Permit # 7**

**Bible Study  
Sundays at 9:15 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**www.fbcvarado.org  
Email: office@fbcvarado.org  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/first  
baptistchurchalvarado**

## **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 ; Interim Worship Pastor*



Howdy!

It feels pretty great to use the word *summer* as something that is currently happening instead of referencing it as something that will happen in the near future. It is here, and it brought with it the typical Texas summer heat! No complaints here though! It feels like the cold weather overstayed its welcome, so I am welcoming this heat with open arms!

Summertime includes vacations, breaks, activities, and CAMPS! We just returned from an awesome week of camp in Leakey, Texas! Our 15 students and 4 sponsors were exhausted afterwards, but so thankful and grateful for the opportunity! Thank you so much for those of you who prayed and gave financially! We had 3 professions of faith! Praise the LORD! Please continue to pray for our leaders here as we begin walking these students through the basics of the Christian faith and leading them in a closer relationship with the Lord! Again, thank you so much for your giving!!

Looking forward, we will continue to have service on Wednesday nights during the summer during regular hours (6:05PM-8:05PM). We will also be going into town to eat together after service each Wednesday night during the summer! We are also excited to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party at the Farmer Home from 6PM-10PM!! We'll have fireworks, food, games, and always great fellowship. We'll meet at the church beforehand at 5:15PM and leave from there!

Like Sunday Morning Bible Study? We do too. So much so, that for students who attend Sunday School, we will have Sunday Night Hangouts from 5:30-9PM every Sunday night! We will go out to eat and have an activity planned to follow! Come join us!

Also, we are always looking for service projects to do, so if you or someone you know is in need of some work being done in or around the home, please let us know! We would be glad to schedule a time to help out!!

I know this isn't what the students want to be thinking about currently, but school will be here before we know it! We want to welcome them back by throwing a Back to School event on August 31 from 7PM-11PM! More details to come!

If you haven't yet, stay up to date with us and go add us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram! All of our upcoming events and details are always posted there!

As always, thanks for all you do for this ministry! It is always appreciated!

In Christ,  
Ethan Yates - Associate Pastor of Students