

# The Beacon

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**First  
Baptist Church  
Alvarado**

## Pastor's Ponderings

You can walk through a good produce market at different times and find all kinds of peas - garden peas, English peas, field peas, snow peas, snap peas, purple hull peas, black eye peas, and chick peas. We recently looked at the **3 P's** of the church - **preaching, praying, and personal relationships**. Let me lay out **3 more P's** for your consideration over the next couple of months: **perusal, pic, and program**.

**Perusal** = (noun) an examination or consideration with attention to detail.

Starting in September we begin a *perusal* of the gospel of Mark, examining and considering in detail its content and life lessons for us. We'll wade through it slowly and deliberately. Be faithful in your worship attendance / participation and ask God to speak to you through His Word?!

**Pic** - short for picture - we all know what that means.

It's past time to update a pictorial directory of our church family, so we going to do so in a low-impact way. Gather your immediate church-attending family members with you with decent lighting and in front of a blank, neutral-colored wall, get the selfy-stick and your phone and take a selfy (or get someone to take a pic for you). Then email it to [office@fbcalvarado.org](mailto:office@fbcalvarado.org) (best quality) OR text it to the staff at either 817-454-2074 or 682-459-3159 (2<sup>nd</sup> best). Also send us a pic of just you individually. After we receive the pics, we'll print sheets of pics that you can use to assemble a directory.

**Program** - well, maybe programs isn't the best word - maybe "tool" is better.

**Who's your One?** is designed to be a tool you can use to identify and share the gospel with one person that is far from God. We really don't need another program or even more "soul-winning" training.

What we need is a burden, biblical approach, and obedient feet. **Who's Your One** invites you to:

Identify - pray and ask God who your one ought to be

Intercede - pray, not just about them, but pray for your ONE.

Investment - create connecting points to relationship building with your ONE.

Intentionality - look for opportunities to have spiritual conversations with your ONE.

Invitation - make an effort to share the gospel with your ONE.

Want to see a great movement of God in the Alvarado community? It starts with God's people sharing God's heart / burden, then praying and being obedient to His vision / plan. Over the next couple of months you will be introduced to this "tool".

"God answers prayer" or as Lk. 11:10 puts it, *For everyone who asks receives...* On the last Sunday night in August a group of about 18 met for prayer and prayed for a number of our member and families with needs - many physical ones, some spiritual ones. Over the last week or so, it has been a delight to see God answer many of those needs with His marvelous grace! Keep praying and believing. He is a God who can be trusted to provide for us just what we need...just when we need it.

Continue to pray for our *Associate Pastor of Worship Search Committee* as they deal with 2 men and look for God's will - and for those 2 young men as they look for God's will as well.

## Church Events

- Sept 2 Church Office & Daycare Closed Labor Day
- Sept 14 Youth - Escape Room
- Sept 15 Old Settlers Day - Church Wide Pot-Luck
- Sept 20 AHS Varsity Breakfast
- Sept 22 Home Bible Study #1
- Sept 25 See You At the Pole
- Sept 27-28 Disaster Relief Training SBTC
- Sept 29 Home Bible Study #2
- Oct 6 Deacon's Breakfast Home Bible Study #3
- October 13 Home Bible Study #4
- Oct 18-19 Youth Guys / Girls Night
- Oct 30 No Activities
- Oct 31 Family Fun Fest

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

# Discipleship

The school year has begun and as we say good bye to activities of summer, and hopefully the hot temperatures soon, one thing that will continue, as we move forward into the fall, is our journey through God's word. Currently every person who is attending a Sunday Morning Bibles Study Group (aka Sunday School) is studying through a chronological three year plan to study the bible. The curriculum we use is called the Gospel Project and it was specifically chosen to allow all age groups the best understanding of Bible. In addition it was chosen because it encourages discipleship within the family unit.



And it was also chosen because it provides a plan and resources to allow the reader to practice the discipline of daily reading of God's word. Research has identified the practice of reading the Bible every day as the single most significant practice to develop spiritual maturity. This is basically what is called making life and heart space. Make room in your life and in your schedule to hear from God. Make heart space to let God's word change you and then his teachings will flow out from you. It is a beautiful thing to watch how so many of our peoples lives are being changed because they have created this discipline. Unfortunately, not all of our church family is involved in the practice and they are missing out on the joy that comes from knowing God on a deeper level. Now would be a great time to speak a word of encouragement to someone who is missing out. Maybe there is someone in your Bible Study Group that has been missing for a while. Maybe there has been illness or situation that is very difficult and they do not know what to do. Maybe they just need to be invited to come back. They just need to know they are missed. Why not ask! Now would be a great time to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to your Bible Study Group. Again, research says that people are most likely to attend a church or Bible study when they are invited by a family member or friend. Never assume they are not interested or too busy. Why not ask!

## Ladies Mid-Week Study:

Come join us on Wednesday & Thursday nights for a discussion on Jen Wilkins Book

### "Women of the Word"

We will gain insight into how to study the Word of God and make application! Hope to see you there!

Books \$7.00



## 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.

**The Personnel Committee would like to recognize the following staff members for their service here at FBC Alvarado.**

**Scott Arthur** - Assoc. Pastor of Edu/Admin/Children - 11 years

**Jacob Wheat** - Custodian - 9 years

**Ethan Yates** - Associate Pastor of Students - 2 years

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

<b>9/1</b>	<b>The Pictures of God's Authority</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U13 S1	Elijah and the Widow	(Children)
<b>9/8</b>	<b>The Signs of God's Presence</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U13 S2	Elijah at Mount Carmel	(Children)
<b>9/15</b>	<b>The Gift of God's Power</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U13 S3	Elijah and Elisha	(Children)
<b>9/22</b>	<b>The Visions of God's Strength</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U13 S4	Elisha and the Army	(Children)
<b>9/29</b>	<b>A Rebellious People Receive Mercy</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U14 S1	Jonah, Prophet to Nineveh	(Children)
<b>10/6</b>	<b>An Unfaithful People Receive Love</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U14 S2	Hosea, Prophet to Israel	(Children)
<b>10/13</b>	<b>An Idolatrous People Receive Judgment</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U14 S3	Israel Taken Captive	(Children)
<b>10/20</b>	<b>God Promises a Suffering Servant</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U15 S1	Isaiah, Prophet to Judah	(Children)
<b>10/27</b>	<b>God Accepts a People's Repentance</b>	<b>(Youth/Adults)</b>
U15 S2	Hezekiah and Josiah	(Children)

# Children's Discipleship & Missions

As leaders, it's our goal to ensure kids are "developing a missions lifestyle." But what does "missions lifestyle" mean? And, how do we know if this concept is being applied in a child's life?

A missions lifestyle is evident in a person who continues to learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions offerings and causes, and do missions throughout his or her lifetime. For kids in Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors, this means they do missions activities outside of your meetings without being prompted by a leader. They even encourage their families and friends to be involved in activities they are passionate about. As we start this new year of RA's & GA's we will continue to learn what living life "On Mission" is all about. If you have children in grades 1st-6th we encourage you to bring them every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for RA's & GA's.

We are also excited to announce a new curriculum for our preschool children (3 to 5 years old) Cubbies every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Cubbies® celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.

Preschoolers love Cubbies! Whether it's the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their friends, they simply can hardly wait for their next Cubbies meeting. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn so much about God! Lessons focus on the greatness of God's love, His Word, and His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes.

# Daycare News

With the season of Thanksgiving just around the corner I would like to share some the blessings the Lord has provided for us this year.

We have been blessed with many new families to help, love and nurture.

We are thankful for our continued financial stability. There are a few areas that need our attention and we believe we will have the funds to accomplish these.

We are at maximum enrollment in all but one classroom, with a waiting list!!

We recently received about \$4000 worth of resources through Workforce Solutions. Books, toys, rugs, shelves and science items, just to name a few.

We have also been able to take advantage of many exciting training opportunities this summer, for management and teaching staff.

As we approach 2020 we look forward to another year of ministering to our current and future families, teaching and loving on all our kids and being able to share these experiences with each other and our First Baptist Church family.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of being a part of such a caring and supportive church.

Blessed to Serve,  
Christie Pippin  
Director

**New Ladies Bible Study,  
Monday's at 10:00 am  
beginning September 9th.  
Room 310.**

**The study engages us in 40  
days of prayer as we read  
through the Psalms.**

**Workbooks are available the  
first day of class for \$13.00**

**AHS VARSITY  
FOOTBALL  
BREAKFAST**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SERVE,  
PREPARE OR BE A PART OF THIS EVENT  
PLEASE SEE SCOTT FOR MORE INFO

**SEPTEMBER 20 AT 6:30 AM**

**LET'S  
EAT  
DINNER  
TOGETHER!**

**Wednesday  
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Wed Night Meals are available 5:45-6:20 pm  
Adults \$5, Kids \$3 Max \$15 per family

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Sept 4 - Chicken Spaghetti	Oct 2 - Fajitas
Sept 11 - Sub Sandwiches	Oct 9 - Italian Chicken
Sept 18 - Good Meatloaf	Oct 16 - Zuppa Toscana
Sept 25 - Crock Pot Pork Loin	Oct 23 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

**DR DISASTER  
RELIEF SBTC**

**PREP • TRAIN • RESPOND**

Training will be at FBC Alvarado September 27 & 28  
Register at :  
<http://sbtexas.com/evangelism/disaster-relief/training-schedule/>

**Current YTD (as of 8/30/2019)  
Giving \$ 244,245.74  
YTD Giving Needed \$ 253,640.00  
Current Building Loan Balance  
\$147,375.91**



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**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 ; Interim Worship Pastor*



Howdy!

We welcomed the summer and it brought with it plenty of sunshine and HEAT! What a summer it was, though! My team and I had the privilege of working with the youth group all summer, and I am so thankful that we were able to experience so much with them! Lots of fun, laughter, fellowship, and growing in faith!

Summer did come to an end, but we are so thrilled to welcome several new students into our youth group! Not only that, but we are also looking forward to the many events we'll be participating in this fall semester! Fundraisers, fellowships, and studying God's Word together!

A few events to be looking out for are our trip to an Escape Room in the middle of September, a Guy's and Girl's night in October, Funfest and our Fallapalooza in October as well! For updates on these and other events, please consider following us on Facebook and Instagram! Our Wednesday night services are still from 6:05-8:05PM and we are not currently meeting on Sunday nights. Students and parents are always invited to our Sunday morning Bible Studies starting at 9:15AM. Breakfast is served every Sunday morning for our students in the youth room!

Our group has seen an increase in numbers over the summer, of which we are thankful! With that, we are grateful for our team of adult volunteers who have been helping! They are putting in extra work due to the increased number of students! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to minister to our students. We have a great group and are looking forward to watching their pursuit of Christ and holiness unfold! Thanks for all you do!



Youth Camp 2019



Service Project / Zoo Trip

In Christ,

Ethan Yates - Associate Pastor of Students