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MAY 2020



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

THE burning question that is on all of our minds: **When do we get to re-open church?**

How about **Sunday, May 17th**? Would that work? Right now that is our target date!

Gov. Abbott's plan for phase 1 reopening of the economy includes a 25% occupancy rate. Please know that FBCA doesn't want to get stuck in an on-line-only mode. We want to get back to "normal" as soon as possible. Part of "being the church" instead of just "going to church" is studying the Bible and worshiping together in physical presence. But we are also aware of the need to provide a safe and sanitized environment and practices in order to protect our seniors and other at-risk members.

How can we re-open our usual activities, but do so safely and efficiently? That is what your pastor and staff have been working on over the last couple of weeks. Watch for a **letter by Friday, May 8th** about what re-opening will look like. That information will also be on the church's Facebook page on that date. Remember, our **target date** right now is **May 17th**, but please recognize that this is a week-by-week decision process.

Sunday, May 3rd and May 10th worship will continue as it has been over the last few weeks.

Live worship service at 10:30AM can be found on www.fbcvarado.org OR on Facebook at facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchalvarado/ OR on our student's Instagram account at fbca_studentministry.

If you know of anyone who needs a DVD copy of the worship service instead, please contact the church office. Also there are several bible study options and family and kid friendly resources currently available. Consider using one or more of these resources: GospelProject.com, RightNowMedia.com, RedeemTV.com OR FocusOnTheFamily.com/streaming.

Please continue to pray for and actively reach out to your Bible study class members.

Please continue to give -- online at fbcvarado.org/give -- by texting an amount to 817-813-8782 -- using the GIVE+ app -- or just drop your offering by the church office.

Please continue to pray for your pastor and staff during these challenging days.

Heb.12:28 says, *Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.* Whether in person together or separated physically from one another, let's obey God in worship and give Him our reverential awe!

Pastor Wade



Celebrating Sisterhood Tea

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SWEET TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AT OUR VIRTUAL TEA PARTY. FIX YOURSELF A CUP OF TEA AND MAYBE A LITTLE TREAT AND JOIN US AT 2:00. WE WILL SHARE FUN ANSWERS TO SILLY QUESTIONS AND SHARE OUR CREATED POSTER OF YOUR WORD AND SCRIPTURE WE HAVE FOR THE YEAR. CAN'T WAIT TO "SEE" EVERYONE!!

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://sbtxas.zoom.us/j/4929941893>

DAYCARE UPDATE:

*The FBCA Daycare has received permission to reopen Monday 5/4/20 for **children of essential employees only**. The State requires daily screening of employees and children and their families as well as documentation proving essential employee status from the clients employer. This will allow us to bring back our employees for abbreviated shifts and additional cleaning of the building. We are hoping this will be a first step towards a complete opening for all our clients and a rebuilding of our customer base.*

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!



Finding I AM

by Lysa TerKeurst

<https://onlinestudy.smallgroup.com/v/FindingIAMOBS>

JOIN US! The study is free, books are available online at Lifeway
 LifeWay | Women Contact Linda McCurdy for more info.

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Join us for adult Wednesday Night "ZOOM" study
 Topic: Overcoming Anxiety During Covid-19
 Led by Jacob Wheat Wednesday's @ 6:30 PM

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/394369>

May 6, 2020 06:30 PM
 May 13, 2020 06:30 PM
 May 20, 2020 06:30 PM
 May 27, 2020 06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73154140205...>
 Meeting ID: 731 5414 0205
 Password: 0GiAt2

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

5/3	Jesus Calls His Disciples U20 S4 Jesus Called Disciples	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
5/10	Jesus Reveals His Power U21 S1 Jesus' Early Miracles	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
5/17	Jesus Reveals His Mission U21 S2 Jesus Taught in Nazareth	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
5/24	Jesus Teaches About New Birth U21 S3 Jesus and Nicodemus	(Youth/Adults) (Children)
5/31	Jesus Teaches About Living Water U21 S4 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman	(Youth/Adults) (Children)

Sunday morning "ZOOM" Bible study...Sunday's, @ 9:45 am. Use the link below to join us. Meeting ID and password are included as well.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79292331924...>

Meeting ID: 792-9233-1924
 Password: 1ap5B3



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