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NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX

JULY 2020



In the midst of bad news all around us, today let me give you some good news!

Good News #1: God Is Still On His Throne!

Our Creator is not an absentee land lord, but is our ever present Sovereign. As the "Great Hallel" of Psalm 118 reminds us, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear... the Lord is on my side as my helper... the Lord is my strength and my song... the Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!" (Ps 118:6a, 7a, 14a, 27a, 25)

Good News #2: There Are Positive Signs Ahead!

Our media seems to love negative reports, but there is also positive news. The COVID death rate remains under 1% – most people who test positive do not require hospitalization – vast majority experience little to no symptoms! As more testing occurs (34,000 per day in Texas!) there will be more positive cases. Some of our friends/relatives/neighbors are going to test positive – hey, we may test positive ourselves! If you have concerns about being exposed or have developed symptoms, go get tested.

Good News #3: We Live In Texas!

Even though there are some valid (and probably some invalid) restrictions on our freedoms, we are not as restricted as most of the other states/areas – particularly when it comes to Bible Study and Worship! For the time being we continue with 2 worship and 2 Bible study times – as safely as we possibly can. Join us! However, If you test positive or develop symptoms please don't attend and take appropriate steps. After you have passed your point of exposure, please attend! Be an encouragement to your church family as we press forward together in the worship of/service to our true Master.

Pastor Wade

VBS Update:

Due to the current situation surrounding the Covid-19 virus a decision to look for other methods and dates to provide a Vacation Bible School experience for our children has been made. This is a difficult and challenging decision to make but one that expresses caution and safety for both volunteers and children. However not all the news is bad; this decision affords us opportunities to consider new and alternative avenues for ministry to children and their families. I ask that you pray for the leadership of the church as we consider the best practices moving forward. And that you share any ideas that you have to help us be more effective in ministering and sharing the Gospel.



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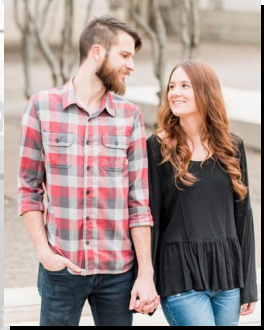
de **TOUR** Church

THIS MONTHS KIDS ACTIVITY

BRING YOUR BICYCLE,
HELMET AND GEAR!
SEE HOW MANY LAPS YOU
CAN MAKE AROUND THE CHURCH!
AS ALWAYS, PARENTS ARE WELCOME
TO WATCH OR PARTICIPATE!



You're invited to a going away party for
Ethan & Kista Yates
 Please join us as we wish them the best in Tennessee!



**Sunday
 July 19th
 11:30 AM**

**Cookies & Punch
 Love Offering**

Ladies 2020 Summer Event

THEME: "FEET OF THE WORD"

Come join us

WHEN: AUGUST 15TH

**WHERE: LAURA TAYLOR'S
 3409 CR 410 · ALVARADO**

TIME: 10:30AM – 12:30 PM



**BRING A LAWN CHAIR,
 SWIMSUIT & TOWEL (IF YOU WANT TO SWIM),
 AND WEAR YOUR FLIP FLOPS OR
 SANDALS! REFRESHMENTS & GOODY BAGS TOO!**

**FRIDAY JULY 31ST
 6-9 PM**



**SATURDAY AUG 1ST
 9AM-12 NOON**

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

PROMISE KEEPERS

7.31-8.1.20

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 BY EMAIL melibricross@yahoo.com

WORLD RENOWNED GUEST SPEAKERS

Christian musicians, snacks and great fellowship together at FBC Alvarado!



Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Armor of God

by Pricilla Shirer

June 15-July 27

10:00 am at FBC Alvarado

Books are available online at
 Lifeway for \$15 or Amazon Prime for \$20 for
 those who do not have one already.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

7/5 Jesus Teaches About Discipleship (Youth/Adults)
 U23 S1 The Sermon on the Mount (Children)

7/12 Jesus Teaches About the Cost of Discip. (Youth/Adults)
 U23 S2 The Cost of Following Jesus (Children)

7/19 Jesus Teaches About Prayer (Youth/Adults)
 U23 S3 Jesus Taught About Prayer (Children)

7/26 Jesus Teaches About Treasure (Youth/Adults)
 U23 S4 Jesus Taught About Possessions (Children)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 7/9/2020)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$85,589.53
PPP Loan Funds Remaining	0.00
<u>Designated Funds Bal.</u>	<u>\$16,806.12</u>
Total Available Funds	\$68,783.41

Current YTD Giving	\$177,936.02
YTD Giving Needed	\$207,019.90

Building Loan Balance	\$107,682.19
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4 WAYS TO GIVE



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 church office
 or in the mail.



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