



# BEACON

NEWS AND INFORMATION | FBC ALVARADO, TX

SEPTEMBER 2020



## BACK 2 CHURCH -- NOW'S THE TIME!

Church "expert" say now that 20-30% of church members / attenders will not return to church after COVID-19 had been officially declared as "over" (if that day ever comes!). Thom Ranier recently wrote an article entitled, "Five Types Of Church Members Who Will Not Return After The Quarantine." Consider his 5:

1. Decreasing-attendance Members -- folks who had already started missing Sundays, but will use the pandemic to accelerate that trend.
2. Disconnected Members -- had previously only attended worship -- had not joined a small group.
3. Church-is-another-activity Members -- had already allowed other activities to keep them from attending, now even bad weather will keep them away!
4. Constant-critic Members -- since their spiritual gift is criticism, they will now complain that it is just too early to meet again in-person.
5. Cultural-Christian Members -- have learned over the weeks that it is was no big deal to miss church.

The church belongs to Jesus -- it's really not a building, it's a people. God's people need Him and we need each other. We are a spiritual family, with spiritual gifts to use, spiritual worship to share, spiritual teachings to receive, spiritual service to render, and a spiritual witness to give.

As the evidence continues to mount of just how overblown our pandemic reactions to COVID-19 has been, don't allow yourself to remain isolated from your spiritual family.

You may have underlying health conditions that force you to participate through our LiveStream worship service -- that is completely understandable. However, that is not most of us!

Most of us need to meditate on Rom.13:11 -- *...you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is near to us now than when we first believed.*

Most of us need to heed the call of "BACK 2 CHURCH -- NOW'S THE TIME!" Don't miss FBCA's special day on Sunday, Sept 20, 2020. Let's not be one of the 5 types of "non-returning" members. Let's return to our spiritual family with a renewed passion for following the Lord and being a part of His body!

Pastor Wade



# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

FBCA is working on a Prayer/Encouragement ministry to the Alvarado Junior High Faculty & Staff. If you think this would be a ministry for you contact Kay Lynn Biggs @ 817-994-7013

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENTS SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please PRAY for the search committee as they begin their work: *Lacy Barnett, Tommy Dennis, Jeff Dixon, Oliver Monroe and Kelly Richardson.*

# youth GAME NIGHT

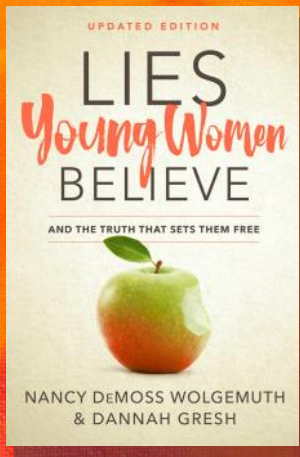
Sunday Sept. 6th

7:30-10:00



**SUNDAY EVENING**  
*Young Men's*  
**Bible Study**  
6 PM - 8 PM

**FBCA**  
STUDENT MINISTRY



**SUNDAY EVENING**  
*Young Women's*  
Bible Study

AT FBCA SUNDAY'S AT 6 PM

For young women 7th grade and up, come hear real-life stories from young women just like you, and learn how Nancy andannah have overcome lies they've believed. Best of all, they'll show you how to be set free by the Truth.  
*See Nicole Wheat or Laura Taylor for more info.*



**Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
**TRUSTWORTHY**  
*by Lisa Terkheurst*  
**Mondays Sept 14 thru Oct. 19**  
10:00 am at FBC Alvarado

Books are available in the church office for \$17 each

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- 9/6 **Jesus Tells the Kingdom Parables** (Youth/Adults)  
U25 S1 Kingdom Parables (Children)
- 9/13 **Jesus Tells the Parable of the Sons** (Youth/Adults)  
U25 S2 Three Parables (Children)
- 9/20 **Jesus Teaches Difficult Truths** (Youth/Adults)  
U25 S3 Jesus' Hard Teachings (Children)
- 9/27 **Jesus Raises Lazarus** (Youth/Adults)  
U25 S4 Jesus Raised Lazarus (Children)

### FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 9/3/2020)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$78,079.75
Designated Funds Bal.	\$14,942.38
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$63,137.37</b>
Current YTD Giving	\$231,820.64
YTD Giving Needed	\$268,359.18
Building Loan Balance	\$99,518.81

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE



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