

A Church that equips you to be “Faithful & Fruitful.”



Knowing what to pray for can be a difficult at times. US Senate Chaplain Edward Hale was once asked if he prayed for the senators. He replied, “No, I look at the senators and pray for the country.” If he was around today, he probably would be doing a lot of praying for our country!

A woman handed her pastor a prayer request to read to the congregation. It read, “George, having gone to sea, his wife asks for pray for his safety.” Her pastor missed the punctuation, reading is like this, “George, having gone to see his wife, asks for pray for his safety.”

One of the keys to having our prayers answered positively may be in praying for the right thing. James 4:3 says, *You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly (i.e. selfishly), to spend it on your own passions.* Prayer specialist T.W. Hunt once said, “The biggest single non-biblical aspect of...praying today is lack of...praying for others. The Bible tells us to pray for other people, and this is where (we)...fail most dismally.” If we’re not careful, even our prayers can become selfish.

During July we turn our attention to prayer...and not selfish prayer...but how to pray the heart of God, how God desires us to pray. We’ll look at praying the heart of God for His church, for our families, and for the lost. And we’ll finish the month with a challenge to do some personal “spiritual mapping.”

Pray for our students at camp this month, for Laura and I as we prepare for ministry in Kenya next month, and for our children and their families during VBS follow-up. God moves as we diligently pray -- especially as we pray His heart!

—Wade

Daycare Update:

We are excited to announce that the FBCA Daycare will be reopening on July 8th due to the tremendous dedication of our church members who have spent countless hours volunteering their time to make it happen. The entire daycare has been deep cleaned and organized from the files (including shredding of old documents), cabinets, closets and rooms. The youth cleaned the windows and new curtains were made for all rooms. The work completed cannot be fully captured in this brief update.

We have hired a new director and several other employees who, along with existing staff, are all dedicated to making FBCA Daycare the best it can be. A top priority will be partnering with the church to truly provide an outreach ministry for our community.

On Sunday, July 7th, from 1:00-2:30, we will have an “Open House” for all church families as well as daycare parents and students to tour the daycare and meet the new and returning employees. This will be a tremendous day for our church and daycare family. We hope you will join us.

God bless,
Laura Estes
Interim Director, FBCA Daycare



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- July 3 No Wednesday Evening Activities
- July 4 Church Office Closed
- July 7 Daycare Volunteer Luncheon (Noon)
Daycare Open House (1:00 PM—2:00 PM)
- July 8 Daycare Re-Opening
- July 8-12 Youth Camp—Camp Fuego
- July 10 Children’s Activity—Worlds Largest Banana Split
- July 17 Children’s Activity— Snow Cones
- July 24 Children’s Activity— Olympic Games
- July 31 Children’s Activity-Swim Party

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(7/1/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$49,701.50
Designated Funds Bal.	\$17,604.13
Total Available Funds	\$32,097.37
2024 Giving Received	\$137,681.24
2024 Giving Needed	\$165,656.14



FBCA
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ALVARADO

**SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHT
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**
WEDNESDAY EVENING FROM 6:30-7:30
NO ACTIVITIES ON 7/3, 8/7, 8/14

 7.10 WORLD'S LARGEST BANANA SPLIT	 7.17 SNOW CONES
 7.24 OLYMPIC GAMES NIGHT	 7.31 SWIM PARTY *6:00 - 8:00 PM

Permission Slips for each event must be signed by the responsible adult before attending.
Visit us at fbcalvarado.org for more info or call 817-783-5181



You are invited to the
FBCA Daycare "Open House"

July 7, 1-2pm

**Please join us as we celebrate the
"Re-Opening" of our daycare.
This will be a great opportunity
to meet our daycare staff
members and new director.**

Once again our choir did an outstanding job this weekend as we celebrated Independence Day. This week we celebrate what our founding fathers did to allow us to live in a country with freedoms that many others do not enjoy. Many gave their very lives to win what we so often take for granted. However, it is important for us to remember, as we reflect on the events of this week, that there is one who sacrificed His only son to win our eternal freedom. Hebrews 9 tells us about the price that Christ willingly paid on our behalf, taking the penalty that we deserve to give us life that we don't deserve. We serve an incredibly loving God!

I would also call each of us to prayer for our country. Pray for our leaders, that they would seek Godly counsel. Pray for His protection on His people. Pray that His will, above all, be accomplished. This Independence Day let us all praise Him for His sovereignty and the knowledge that He is the reason we are indeed free in Him!

-Travis Sampson,
Associate Pastor of Worship

HAPPY JULY!

FBCA

STUDENT MINISTRY

July is always a fun time in any family. There are vacations, adventures, Independence Day, and of course heat. This year is no exception. The youth is going to Camp Fuego, July 8-12, it is my hope and prayer that our youth will grow in their faith and learn to seek Christ. I ask that we as a church pray for our students and that they may be recharged and rejuvenated for the sharing of the Gospel.

I also want to challenge you as a church. Remember Acts 1:7-8. This is where Christ tells his disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit and give us, the believer, the greatest challenge of all. "...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth." This is a call for all believers, not just those called to lead in ministry, to share the Gospel. First to our neighbors, then to our community, then to our state, then to our nation, and finally to everyone in the world.

When was the last time you told someone about the transformative power of Christ, that he brings peace, and is the ONLY way to true salvation? It may be uncomfortable, but we are called to out of our comfort zone, not just stay in our little boxes.

Grace and Peace to you all I hope and pray that God gives you the courage to share the message of the Gospel to everyone you meet, in a loving non-judgmental way.

-TJ Arango