

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



Over the next few weeks comes a holiday...and a birthday. No it's not the last day of school, and it's not a family birthday (even though both Laura's & mine occur during that time). There is a very special birthday that falls over the next coming weeks -- the church's! No, not FBCA, but Jesus' church universal.

The church was born on a special Jewish observance called *Pentecost*, during the feast or festival of “first-fruits” or “weeks (*Shavuot*). This 7 day celebration of thankfulness for the Lord's blessing of harvest occurred 7 full weeks (7 Sabbaths) or 50 days after *Passover*. Jerusalem was once again crowded by this 2<sup>nd</sup> pilgrimage all Jewish men were commanded to attend.

When the church (Grk. *ecclesia*) or community (Heb. *kehillah*) was born, 120 believers had gathered in a house's upper room (maybe John Mark's house?). While many Jews were celebrating the giving of the Law to Moses (*Shavuot*), the new covenant promised by Jesus was being ratified in that upper room as the Holy Spirit was given to all present.

Acts 2 describes that event and what happened as a result of the giving of God's Holy Spirit of promise in the lives of all of His believers. When the Law had been given, Ex.32 tells us that 3,000 died under God's judgment. When the Holy Spirit was given 3,000 were saved.

Over the next few weeks, can I encourage you to read, study, and celebrate the church's birthday as recorded in Acts 2? Study the sounds, sights, signs, and sermon that was given. Note the repentance and results that occurred. Then notice how the newborn church behaved.

Some teach that we need another Pentecost. No, it was a once-and-for-all event. But we can continue to celebrate the church's birthday! And what better way to celebrate it than to be / do what God has created us to be / do. Pray and ask God what that is to look like at FBCA and what your part is in it!

—Wade

## EXCITING NEWS!



Through a generous contribution our trash bin has been purchased and installed in our foyer area. Thank you for your willingness to give. With that being said, we are still in need of funds to purchase 3 of the 4 blinds needed for the fellowship hall. These blinds cost just under \$60 each, but will provide the much needed sun blocking for the North side of the building. If you would like to make a contribution towards this purchase either give at the church office, mark “Building Project” in the designation section on your envelope, or give a designated gift online.



Thank you

# UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- May 2 Grace Christian Educators Expo / Graduation
- May 2 National Day of Prayer
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 15 Law Officer's Memorial Alvarado Square
- May 19 AHS Senior Recognition during service  
AHS Baccalaureate Service 6:00pm
- May 29 VBS Leader Training Bible Study 6:30pm
- June 2 Cleburne Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Return

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: (5/1/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$53,160.29
Designated Funds Bal.	\$12,501.06
Total Available Funds	\$40,659.23
2024 Giving Received	\$88,740.84
2024 Giving Needed	\$108,313.63

**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**  
ROMANS 12:2  
**BSA**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ALVARADO

207 E. Hwy 67  
Alvarado, TX 76009  
817-783-5181

Scan here to Pre-Register

**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**  
ROMANS 12:2

**JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10-14 9 AM - NOON**

**FOR KIDS THAT HAVE COMPLETED K - 5TH GRADE**

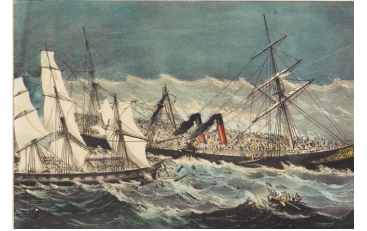
**Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN**

**It is time for our Mother's Day Baby Bottle Campaign!**

Receive an empty bottle at church starting Mother's Day, May 12. Take it home, fill it with spare change, and bring it back on Sunday June 2.

The Baby Bottle Campaign helps to provide options counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams (with another consultation), adoption information, parenting and prenatal classes, baby boutique, assistance with baby items such as formula, wipes, and diapers, STD testing, postabortion healing, and more. All these services are free to our clients.

Late in 1873 Horatio G. Spafford and his family were scheduled to travel from the US to Europe. Delayed by pressing business, Spafford sent his wife and daughters ahead on the French liner *Ville du Havre*. The ship collided with the English ship *Lochearn* on November 22 and sank in just twelve minutes. Spafford's wife was saved, but his daughters perished. After arriving in Wales, Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, "Saved alone." Spafford then left by boat to meet her. Near the tragic scene on the high seas he wrote the hymn we know as "It is Well With My Soul." Not sure what you are facing, but know that God is always with us. His grace is sufficient and His love is enough even when we don't understand or are facing seemingly insurmountable circumstances.



Hymns are definitely rich in theology and are timeless in application. I hope you love them as I do. Take some time this week and pull out a hymnal or do a search, like I did, to see the story behind the text. May the Lord speak through His word and song!

Travis Sampson  
*Associate Pastor of Worship*

Happy May! There are a lot of really amazing things happening. May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, but the youth are having a dessert auction. Bring some desserts and auction them off. This is a fundraiser for camp.

T. J. Arango  
*Associate Pastor of Students*

**FBCA**  
STUDENT MINISTRY

**Dessert Auction**

**Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12**

Bidding Ends after Service

COOKIES - CUPCAKES - PIES - CAKES - ETC

ALL PROCEEDS GOES TO HELP FBCA STUDENT MINISTRY - CAMP

MORE INFORMATION: SEE TJ OR CALL 817-783-5181

**Please bring your desserts to the foyer before Sunday School**

**Congratulations**

**2024 Alvarado High School**  
Graduating Seniors

**Kinkaide Brown**                      **Andria Harris**  
**Olivia Monroe**                      **Aaron McGowen**  
**Gavin Rios**