

New life! What a joy to welcome the latest edition to our family, grand-girl #2, Avery Jane!

It is truly a miracle how God gives new life in a tiny body. But no less than that miracle is how God gives, to all who come to Him through Jesus, new life!

Our journey in sermons lately brings into sharper focus the person of James. In Acts 15:17 James boldly applies the words of the prophets to the gospel of Jesus, stating,

...that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord, who makes these things know from of old.

James helps us know that God's plan for new spiritual life includes both Jews and Gentiles seeking the Lord and finding that new life in Him.

October could be your great month to earnestly seek the Lord! Yes, for salvation if you do not know Him! Yes, for His fellowship and to get to know Him better! Can we help?! Join this church family every Sunday as we seek Him in Bible study and worship. Join us on Wednesday evenings, if you can, as our groups meet and seek to apply the book of James to our lives.

The next large event on our church calendar is our annual Fall Fest on Thurs., Oct.31<sup>st</sup>. This is an outreach event and your service is needed and appreciated! See Darlene Holland for details on how you can be a part.

Pastor Wade





What a beautiful time of year this is! The holidays are right around the corner. With the (hopefully!) cooler weather comes fall events.

FBCA is hosting a fall rummage sale to benefit the daycare on Saturday, October 19th. We will start accepting donations soon!

The FBCA Fall Festival will be held on October 31st, from 6-8 pm. This year's theme will be Trunk or Treat and Carnival Games! Drop off candy donations in the buckets provided. <u>Trunk or treat and carnival game volunteer sign up coming soon!</u>



-Darlene Director of Children and Adult Education Join us Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> directly after service for a "Thank You" reception for -Tara Monroseshe has stepped down as our full time Church Secretary after serving 7 years and will be serving as our part-time Financial Secretary.

Cards are welcomed 📢 🚺

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## **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

• Oct 1	National Night Out—on the square
• Oct 2	Stewardship Mtg 7:30pm
• Oct 13	Youth Night of Worship 6:00pm
• Oct 16	Stewardship Mtg 7:30pm
• Oct 19	Daycare Yard Sale
• Oct 31	Fall Festival

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** (9/26/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$12,144.49
<u>Designated Funds Bal.</u>	<u>\$19,614.84</u>
Total Available Funds	-\$7,470.35
2024 Giving Received	\$190,487.22
2024 Giving Needed	\$242,112.82



We are grateful for those of you were able to help the church out on "Catch-UP Sunday" September 29<sup>th</sup>, if you haven't had a chance you can still participate. With your help we can strive to "Catch-UP" in our giving toward budget needs.

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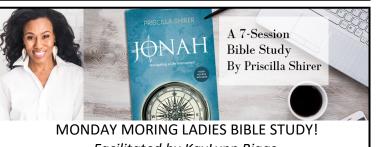




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Facilitated by KayLynn Biggs. Join us at Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am At First Baptist Church, Alvarado "Jonah" - Navigating a Life Interrupted Author: Priscilla Shirer 7 Session Study with engaging homework in between. Books Available - \$25.00

This past Sunday we sang a song that you have probably sung many times before. You are my All in All by Dennis Jernigan. Knowing we would sing this, I spent some time this past week researching Dennis' life and where he is today. I first got to know his music many years ago and was blessed to have seen him in concert at the University of N. Texas. Dennis was saved and delivered at a 2nd Chapter of Acts concert in 1981. I say delivered because he had been struggling with the sin of homosexuality since he was 10. God used a man who came alongside him and told him he would walk with him unconditionally as they walked toward Jesus together, no matter what challenges would come. If Dennis fell, he would help pick him up and keep walking without judgement. He was all in for Dennis.

Dennis now has been married over 30 years and has 9 kids. His testimony is a wonderful example of what God can do with a heart completely yielded to Him as well as a beautiful example of someone who laid his life down for his brother in Christ.





Is there someone in your life that God may be calling you to go "all in" for? For me, I know it is 3 young men who bear my likeness. Matthew 28 compels us to make disciples. Who is God calling you to take under your wing? No excuses. God's kingdom is at stake. I pray that God puts a name in your head and that you reach out and be an example of Christ's unconditional love to a dying world.

Travis Sampson

