

Wow, what happened to Aug? A full month, but it seemed to zip by! Sept is here! The speed just reminds us of James 4:13-15 -- Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" -- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this and that."

I have a pastor friend who regularly uses that phrase as he speaks about any of his plans. That's ok, but the reminder is to be internalized -- to constantly remember that we can make our plans, but it is the Lord's plan that always matters the most -- and will eventually win out!

Sept is full of plans -- let's bathe them in prayer and ask that God's plans are our plans!

- Our ladies begin a Fall Bible Study session on Mon, Sept. 9 -- be in prayer for them.
- Wed., Sept.4 begins Children In Action -- pray for our leaders and children for this new study time.
- Wed., Sept.11 begins a new Wed Group Time for Adults as we study the book of James together, discussing how to better apply what we learn from the previous Sunday sermon in James. Join us!
- On Sunday, Sept.15, our search committee will present Darlene Holland to the church family to serve as our Director of Children & Adult Education. Pray for Darlene and for this church decision.
- Sunday, Sept 15 is also our Youth Ministry chili cook off. Join us at 5:00 PM, See TJ if you would like to enter.
- Then we end the month with Youth Sunday, Sept.29 with the youth leading out in our worship. Pray for them as they prepare and for TJ as he leads them!

God has good things in store for FBCA this month. Don't miss a one of them! And most of all, pray that we will walk in with Him through all that He wants to do!

Pastor Wade

The Director of Children and Adult Education search committee is pleased to recommend Darlene Holland for the position of Director of Children and Adult Education. Please pray and join us on September 15th as we hear Darlene's testimony and vote on the recommendation.



A special thanks to the committee members: Clint Barnett, Kelly Baxter, Carrie Perkins and Dianna Roseberry for their thoughtful prayers in this search.



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Children In Action Begins
Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study Begins
New Wed Group Study on James
DOC/Edu. Recommendation
Youth Chili Cook-Off
Walk for Life
Youth Sunday

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (9/1/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$24,635.23
<u>Designated Funds Bal.</u>	<u>\$11,422.64</u>
Total Available Funds	\$13,212.59
2024 Giving Received	\$169,669.64
2024 Giving Needed	\$216,627.26

As I was preparing for worship this week I ran across a commentary on Psalm 23 which is the subject of one of the songs we will sing. Consider the thoughts of Charles Spurgeon.

"It [Psalm 23] has comforted the noble host of the poor. It has sung courage to the army of the disappointed. It has poured balm and consolation into the heart of the sick, of captives in dungeons, of widows in their pinching griefs, of orphans in their loneliness. Dying soldiers have died easier as it was read to them; ghastly hospitals have been illuminated; it has visited the prisoner, and broken his chains, and, like Peter's angel, led him forth in imagination, and sung him back to his home again. It has made the dying Christian slave freer than his master, and consoled those whom, dying, he left behind mourning, not so much that he was gone, as because they were left behind, and could not go, too."

Travis Sampson—Associate Pastor of Worship



September 15th 5:00 PM





Walk as an individual or walk as a team. Gather your friends and family to empower the choice of life!

The WALK FOR LIFE benefits the life-saving work of Cleburne Pregnancy Center. We walk to affirm the worth of the most vulnerable members of our society—the unborn—and to provide young mothers and fathers with the support and resources they need to say "yes" to life for their unborn babies. Thank you for loving them both—young mothers needing hope a precious babies. Your participation helps parents *choose life*!



Alvarado Walk for Life – September 21st



MONDAY MORING LADIES BIBLE STUDY! Facilitated by KayLynn Biggs. Join us starting September 9th 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

