

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



30 Years! Three Decades!

Some things seem to take forever, like waiting on minute rice to cook!
 We tend to grow impatient, like I’m sure Noah did, taking 6 months to find a parking space!
 Other things just zoom by -- like middle age or how long it takes that loaf of bread to get moldy!

At the end of this month, Laura and I will have completed 30 years of faithful and fruitful ministry at FBCA!
 In some ways it seems like forever...in other ways it seems like it zoomed right by.
 As I announced on Sunday, Feb. 23, as of this March 31, I will no longer be the senior pastor at FBCA.
 God has made it abundantly clear that it is time for us to leave the church.
 FBCA needs an opportunity to follow new leadership and we need an opportunity to see what God wants to do with us now.

Moses prays in Ps.90:12 -- *So teach us to number our days...*-- referring to allocating them wisely. Laura and I want to thank you for:

- *allowing us to be a part of this church family for almost 11,000 days
- *being able to raise our 2 daughters under great spiritual influence in one location
- *experiencing the tremendous task of relocation and construction of new facilities
- *rejoicing over several hundred who have trusted in Jesus and followed Him in baptism
- *seeing several dozen young adults discipled and called out to serve in ministry elsewhere
- *celebrating together the homegoing of several hundred of our loved ones
- *participating in many ceremonies, birthday & anniversary parties, and fellowships
- *opportunities to preach & teach His inerrant word boldly without fear of rebuke or reprisal

We hope to be able to share personal words with as many of you as possible over the next few weeks together and pray and desire God’s absolute best on you all.

Keep us in your prayers as we seek God’s next field of ministry for us.

As Paul closes his words to the Corinthian church in 2Cor.13:14, so do we, *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Pastor Wade

Join us as we celebrate
Wade & Laura Taylor's
30 Years of Service to FBCA

30th March, 2025
 201 US-67 S, Alvarado, 76009

We will have a luncheon immediately following the morning service. Please bring enough food for your family and some to share.

Remember...

Daylight Savings is MARCH 9, 2025

Remember to set your clocks

FORWARD!

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- Mar 9 Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 25 Boots and Booties Gala
Cleburne Pregnancy Center
- Mar 30 The Lord's Supper
- Mar 30 Celebration for Wade and Laura Taylor

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (2/28/2025)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$2,642.18
Designated Funds Bal.	\$20,613.04
Total Available Funds	-\$17,970.86
2025 Giving Received	\$50,645.40
2025 Giving Needed	\$50,663.44

As we come into the springtime, this is a time of change and a time to prepare for the next phase of both our life, as well as that of the church. I pray for God's clear will, that we are open to follow His will in everything that we do. The students have been going through the parables of Christ and seeing how Jesus taught his disciples and other people who have chosen to follow him. We can learn everything we need to from the scriptures and from what Christ has done and is doing for us.

The students still need scholarships for camp, and this fee is something that we as a church can do. Let's come together and support the students so that no student has to pay out of their pocket to go to camp. As of February 25, 2025, we have \$5,200 left remaining to be paid for camp. There will be fundraisers, but donations always help. The next major fundraiser will be a dessert auction for Easter. This is a combined children's and student ministry fundraiser.

On March 12, the Wednesday of Spring Break, we are having a game night for the youth.

If you would like to donate food, time, or funds. please let the office staff know.

Continue to pray for the students and continue to seek ways to serve the church.

*Pastor TJ
Youth Pastor*



**Youth Camp
is
July 7-11, 2025
at
Camp Fuego**

To make a donation, please see TJ



Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

This month I thought I would include a little background on one of our new songs we introduced last month. The following is an excerpt from an article written about the modern hymn and includes insight from one of the authors, Matt Papa.

In his brief description about the hymn, Papa writes:

“Playing up the metaphor of the sea, storms and the wind, the song is crafted around the idea of holding onto Christ (The Anchor) when trials are high in our lives. The first verse opens with the singer sinking in the midst of their storm. The next few verses remind us that, as the strength of the tempest grows, so does the ability of Christ as the anchor to root in deeper while we cling to Him; despite temptation, weakness and unbelief, we are assured of Christ's steadfastness” (ed.).

The author of the article writes: “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor” is timeless Gospel truth for souls, particular for those who are under the manifold pressures of life. Whatever our situation—whether we are beaten down by circumstances, fresh off the perils of failure and defeat; battling the tempest of doubt, or facing the unforgiving surge of death...Praise the Lord for Jesus, the Anchor for our souls and the Ballast of our assurance.

No matter what season of life you are in presently, hold on to Jesus, our steady anchor!!

*Travis Sampson
Worship Director*



**KidMin
Calendar**

Mar 30
5th Sunday-Lord's Supper
*No Childcare during the worship service

Apr 13
Palm Sunday-Kids Worship!

Jul 14-18
VBS

**FBC Alvarado
kids**

FBCA Kids Ministry is in need of volunteers!

Sunday Mornings

- **Birth-18 months:** 1 volunteer needed during the worship service
- **19 months-2 years:** 1 volunteer needed during the worship service

Wednesday Nights

- **Birth-4 years old:** 2 volunteers
- **Kinder-5th grade:** 2 volunteers

Volunteers can be a pair that alternates Sundays or Wednesdays.

Thank you for supporting the FBCA Kids Ministry!

*Darlene Holland
Director of Children and Adult Education*

4 WAYS TO GIVE



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BOOTS & BOOTIES
FUNDRAISING**

Featuring Speaker Melissa Ohden
Dinner by Riata
March 28, 2025

Gala