FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton

pastor

"When a preacher is doing exposition, he is laying open and uncovering the voice of God in a given biblical text so people can hear it and obey it." Jim Shaddix, Decisional Preaching.

<u>Welcome New Members:</u> This month we are honored to welcome to the church family *Tom and Mary Galyean*. Please find them in the sanctuary on Sunday and say hello. To date we have welcomed *15 new members* in 2019.

Invitation Discs! I have designed new Invitation Discs to *Christmas at FBCA*. The new contemporary discs are ready to hand out. Please find me and ask for a handful. Here is your opportunity to interact with the community and invite them to our Christmas Service on December 22; will you go?

"Go to the Book!" On Sunday, November 17, I preached from *Revelation 10*. In that chapter John becomes an active player in the Revelation, not just an observing bystander. He is given three commands from heaven that still ring in my ears. *First*, he is told to go and take the book that is open in the hand of the gargantuan angel; intimidating task to say the least! Observe John's obedience. He hears the heavenly voice and obeys it. He doesn't reason the voice away. Next, John is commanded to eat the book. When he does the contents will be sweet as honey to his mouth but bitter to his stomach. Third, he is told to go and prophesy to people, nations, languages, and kings. In other words, everybody everywhere. The book contains the words of God. We have a Book just like that don't we? It is without error and necessary for salvation. Its content is indeed sweet to the Church because it holds promises of reward and eternal joy for those who believe. Yet, we discover as we live for Christ, that the content is bitter as well. The bitter truth is that there will be darkness before the dawn of Christ's return. The Revelation was not originally written to unbelievers. Its promises of eternal joy and reward do not apply to everyone. Here is what I gleaned from the Spirit during that week of study: Go to the Book Burton! Go to it and soak yourself in its content until it becomes a part of you. Study it, experience it, then go and teach and preach it to everyone without Christ. That command is for the Church, not just the preacher. The best Christmas present you can give this year is the bitter-sweet Gospel from the Book. I am always available to help you reach your family with this Gospel. I am here to serve and honored to be your pastor.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Kelly-

December Birthdays

Danita Rogers Ryan Wilcoxson	12/3 12/7	A
Meredith Sanders	12/9	R
Joyce McDaniel	12/10	
Amie Dailey	12/11	Le
Denise Sandifer	12/18	P
Rebecca Cates	12/19	S
Jim May	12/21	D
Diane Schafer	12//22	Za

ny Hayes-Weisse	ert
12/22	
cky Johnson	12/24
orles Weeks	12/25
e Wright	12/26
ul McCowan	12/27
acy Lennon	12/28
wid Taylor	12/30
ckey Raymond	12/31

Zachary Littleton youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

It is my 2nd favorite time of the year (right behind the delicious Thanksgiving Food we all just ate). We are very excited for December and the upcoming New Year. This month we are planning our Fire Night at the Littleton household in Lindale, TX on December 14th. We will be having the youth and parents for a Christmas party to celebrate another successful year of fellowship and friends and to reflect on the gifts that were first given to us by Christ. Any who would like to come and visit with the group are welcome to attend, all I ask is that you let me (Zachary Littleton) know so I can prepare enough food.

Following our Fire Night Christmas Party, we will be having a Wednesday Night Christmas Party on December 18th for all the youth who cannot attend the Fire Night. We are planning a special time of worship for this night with some great songs lined up. You are welcome to attend this event as well if you would like.

Lastly, as we prepare for the New Year, I would like you all to please be in prayer with me for the upcoming year. God has consistently blessed our youth group with growth and support, and we know that apart from his direction we would be hopelessly lost. I would like us to be mindful of the immense blessings that God has given us and to simply praise him and thank him for it all. All the blessings that we see should only serve to glorify him. With that said, I look forward to yet another wonderful year of serving alongside such a wonderful church family.

Important Youth Dates:

Fire Night Christmas Party: December 14th @ Littleton household in Lindale, TX from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. (See Zachary Littleton for address and details)

Wednesday Night Christmas Party: December 18^{th} @ FLC from 6:45 p.m. -8 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Baby Dedication Sunday	2	3	2 Wednesday Night Meal	5 Women's Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm Banquet Room FLC	6	7
8 Deacon's Meeting Lottie Moon Spaghetti Fund Raiser	9	10	9 Wednesday Night Meal	12 Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm	13	14 Soul Sister Coffee Social 9:30 Fire Night 4-8 p.m. Lindale, TX
15 Cookie Exchange - 3:00 - 5:00 pm	16		16 Wednesday Night Meal Youth Christmas Party - FLC 6:45-8pm	19 Tried & True 11:00 - 2:00 Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm	20	21 Men's Breakfast 8:00
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SUNDAY

9:00am PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am 10:45am WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm - 6:00pm MEAL TIME 6:00pm - 7:00pm OPEN GYM 6:45pm - 8:00pm PRAYER/DEVOTIONAL MISSION FRIENDS RAs - ROYAL AMBASSADORS GAs - GIRLS IN ACTION 7:00pm - 8:00pm BIBLE STUDY - Sanctuary MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Fellowship Classroom FBC ABLAZE - Youth - FLC

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Growing Youth Groups Mission Trips Ladies'/Men's Bible Studies Discipleship Groups / Retreats Men's Breakfast-Workday Vacation Bible School Family Ministry Center Single Adults Sunday School Socials First Seekers - Outreach Biblical Counseling Tried & True - Sr. Adults goldfish & Grace - Moms & Tots SOS - Sobriety Over Substances

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