FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton

pastor

"The Word of God, rightly explained and understood, serves as the primary agent of transforming our thinking, which leads to the transformation of our acting." Jim Shaddix

One of the first things God does when He saves us is to renew our minds. Look again at the quote above from Jim Shaddix. It is the Word of God that is the primary agent in transforming our thinking which then transforms our behavior. I said it best recently: "Get it right above the neck, then everything below the neck will check up." Sadly, many church members are in a spiritual rut because *their minds are in a rut.* Listen to JP Moreland, "*The purpose of this life is to bring honor to God, to know, love, and obey Him, to become like Him and to live for His purposes in this world as I prepare to live in the next one.*" I hope you will join the pastor this new year as I seek to bring my actions better in line with those of Christ's by renewing my mind fresh each day in His Word.

Wednesday Night Activities at FBCA: Perhaps by now you have heard that I have proposed a time change for all Wednesday night activities at First Baptist Church Alba. I propose we move our Wednesday night hours to 6-7 pm. This includes RA's, GA's, Student ministries and the Pastor's Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary. Under the proposed time change, Wednesday night meals would begin at 4:30 pm and last until 5:30 pm. Open Gym for children and students would begin at 5 and conclude at 6pm. Two of the pastor's goals in doing this are to increase Bible Study attendance and to help our families arrive home earlier on Wednesday nights. I think it would be wise to evaluate the proposed changes in August of 2020. Your opinion matters to me. Please email me at <u>kbburton2010@hotmail.com</u>. If you are not attending Wednesday night Bible Study in the sanctuary, I hope this change will enable you to attend.

Mark your calendars please: Here are some important dates to remember in 2020: *March 28* at 12 noon, come witness a Passover Meal led by *Dr. Al Reichman.* On *May 31*, come and hear my seminary President, *Dr. Paige Patterson* at First Baptist Church Alba. Dr. Patterson is an architect of the Conservative Resurgence of our Convention. Along with penning numerous Bible commentaries and literally thousands of articles, he is a theologian, professor, pastor, teacher, and my good friend. Please don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to hear one the greatest preachers on the planet. And finally, *VBS 2020* at First Baptist will be *June 22* -26. Please save these dates and make plans to attend.

Happy New Year to you all. Until He Comes, Pastor Kelly-

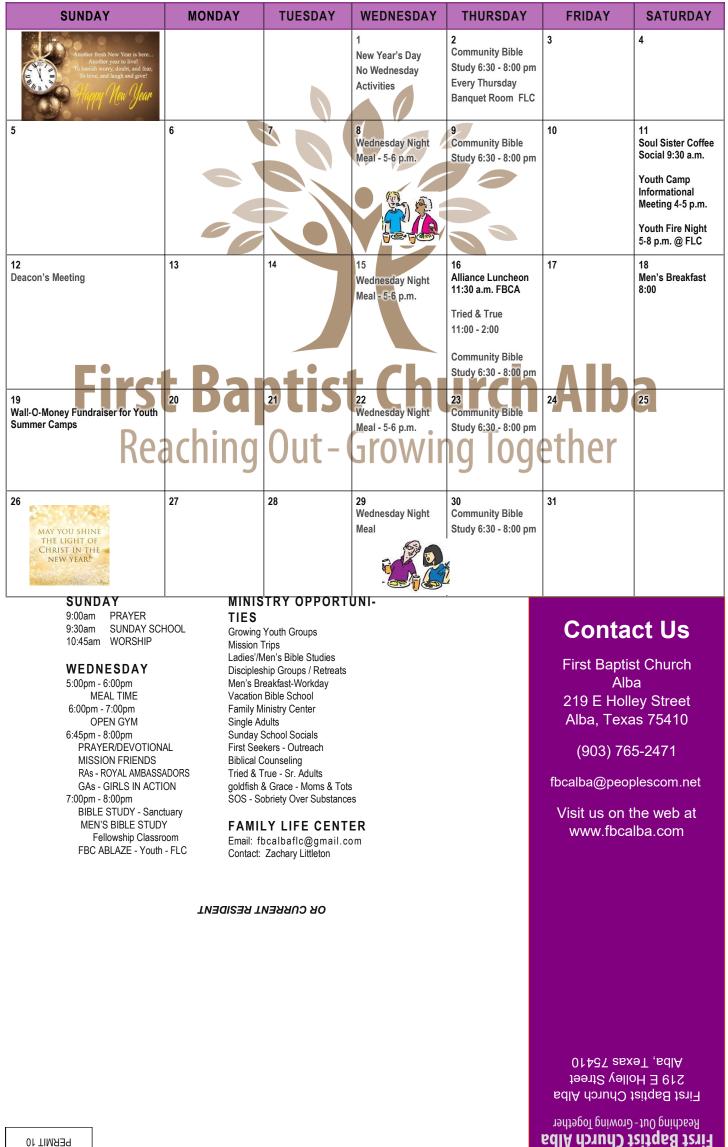
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Zachary Littleton youth minister Dear FBCA Family,

It is the beginning of a new year and I hope that we all have a blessed year in store for us. The youth are preparing for camps this summer and will be rolling out our Wall-O-Money again for your generous support. Be on the look out for that and consider supporting our youth this year. Youth and Parents of Youth should also mark on their calendars a camp informational meeting on January 11th to learn about our summer camps and fundraisers this year (dates, prices, deadlines, etc.) The meeting will take place in the FLC just before a youth Fire Night gathering.

On Sundays, we are currently studying through The Letter to the Hebrews where we are learning how Jesus is greater than all else. On Wednesdays, we are beginning our new series called "What About...Doctrine." I am especially excited for this series because it will allow us to study in detail some fascinating doctrines such as the trinity, atonement, angels and demons, and eschatology/end times. I look forward to working alongside my Youth Adult Volunteers again this year and have a lot of plans in store.

Important Youth Dates: Camp Information Meeting: January 11th @ FLC from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Fire Night: January 11th @ FLC from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Wall-O-Money Fundraiser: January 19th (Located in Front Offices)



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