

FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton pastor

“Every human being has business with God.” This statement by John Calvin underscores the importance of a true conversion experience. I am leading an in-depth verse by verse study in the *Gospel of Mark on Wednesday nights starting at 6:45*. In our last meeting I taught from the Parable of the Sower (*I think a better title would be the Parable of the Soils*). Parables were Jesus’ favorite means of showing His listeners who was *in the kingdom* of God and who was on *the outside* of it. In order to understand the parables one needs the Spirit. To be in the Spirit is to be in the kingdom. Notice how the parable begins and ends in Mark 4:3, and 4:9: **“Listen!”** If you can *hear* the meaning of the parable, you have ears to hear. This particular parable likens soil to the condition of one’s heart. There are three bad soils and one good soil. To me, this is an excellent passage for explaining and presenting the Gospel. The parable urges us to do what Calvin said earlier, to do **“business with God.”** When the Spirit shows you the soil that best represent your heart, He requires that you respond to God and do business with him. Godly sorrow produces repentance and repentance leads to joy and a true conversion experience. I think churches in our culture are teeming with *almost Christians*. The prosperity preacher says sorrow is not good, the Bible says it is a requirement for true conversion. Sinclair Ferguson put it best when he said, **“In developing Christian experience we cannot separate the rhythm of sorrow and joy. If we think that Christian living is all joy and happiness, we are heading for a rude awakening.”** Take my advice, when you hear the Spirit speak and His Word brings sorrow or conviction, do business with God immediately! **Which soil best epitomizes your heart? Listen! Welcome to the kingdom!**

Time Change for Wednesday Night Activities! Are you ready? So many of you have responded favorably towards moving our Wednesday start time back one hour beginning February 5, 2020. The *Wednesday night meal* will begin at 4:30 and conclude at 5:30. Then *church wide activities* will begin at 6 and conclude at 7. My aim is two-fold. First, I hope to increase Wednesday night church attendance. Second, our families will be home earlier. Thank you for your cooperation in making this change. Please spur one another on and come to Bible Study!

Golfers: I want to personally invite you to play golf! On *Saturday June 20, 2020*, I have reserved a tournament slot at Lake Fork Golf Club for all men in the Ministers Alliance Churches. Prizes will be on some holes and Sponsors on every hole. The objective of the tourney is two-fold. First, I hope to strengthen relationships between the men in the church and second, to beef up the *Benevolence Fund of the Ministers Alliance*. We use these funds to help people in need in the Alba-Golden area. Over the past year our funds have been depleted. Maybe this would be an opportunity for you and your son or grandson to play golf together. Please watch the church bulletin or church website (www.fbcalba.com) for details.

Until He Comes, Pastor Kelly-

February Birthdays

Jessica Collier	02	Jim Drinkwater	17
Linda Issacs	04	Rhonda Arrington	17
Zach Littleton	05	Miste Davis	20
Melba Kelly	06	Bella Lovett	22
Katie Bowers	06	Roy Fisher	24
Shane Reynolds	07	Jason Mullins	24
Rusty Crutchfield	10	Jim Osborn	25
Corena McCormack	10	John Corbitt	26
Windi Dunn	13	Betty Hayes	31
Luke Sanders	13		

Zachary Littleton youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

We just began our Wall-O-Money Fundraiser in January. Each year we have successfully raised over \$3,000 for our youth through this fundraiser, which is amazing and worthy of recognition. However, we have yet to empty the wall entirely. This year the youth department has chosen to limit our fundraisers in order to allow others to raise funds as well without overburdening the church. Because of this, I am asking for you to consider emptying this Wall-O-Money Fundraiser as a goal for our church. The Wall-O-Money will bring in over \$5,000 once completed. There are 100 envelopes in total that have to be donated. If we could have 20 families donate 1 or more envelopes a month, that will empty the wall by May when the fundraiser ends. I am confident that we can easily empty 20 envelopes per month and I look forward to facing this challenge with you all this year.

Speaking of challenges, on Sunday, February 2nd, we have our annual “Silent Sunday Fundraiser.” During this fundraiser many of our youths will be facing the challenge of being quiet for 8 hours straight (unbelievable, I know). Each youth has been tasked with collecting pledges from friends and family to complete this impossible task. After their 8 hours of suffering in silence, the youth will have a few weeks to go out and collect their pledge amounts and return them to me to be used for their camps. Because of this fundraiser, if you happen to say “Hello!” to a youth who does not reply with a vocal greeting in return, please keep in mind that they are taking this vow of silence so that they can raise funds for camp in the summer, not because they are trying to be disrespectful. Trust me, this is going to be more painful for them than it is for you. But feel free to give them all a hard time all the same.

On Friday, February 28th, we will be taking the youth on an outing to go to a Christian concert called “Winter Jam.” Winter Jam consists of 10 Christian bands/artists and 4 hours of worship for just \$15/person. Winter Jam is a fun experience that will be remembered by our youth for years later.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 	3	4	5 Wednesday Night Meal - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	6 Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm Every Thursday Banquet Room FLC	7	8 Soul Sister Coffee Social 9:30 a.m. Special guest speaker, Kaya McAninch All ladies are welcome
9 Deacon's Meeting	10	11	12 Wednesday Night Meal - 4:30-5:30 p.m.	13 Tried & True - 11:30 El Manna Restaurant 720 E Lennon, Emory Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm	14 	15 Men's Breakfast 8:00
16 Teen Life Challenge Choir	17	18	19 Wednesday Night Meal - 4:30-5:30 p.m.	20 Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26 Wednesday Night Meal 	27 Community Bible Study 6:30 - 8:00 pm	28 "Winter Jam." Youth Concert	29

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30pm - 5:30pm
MEAL TIME
6:00pm - 7:00pm
PRAYER/DEVOTIONAL
MISSION FRIENDS
RAs - ROYAL AMBASSADORS
GAs - GIRLS IN ACTION
6:00pm - 7:00pm
BIBLE STUDY - Sanctuary
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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