

FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton
pastor

Consider this: Dr. Steven J. Lawson, founder of *I Passion Ministries* and professor of Expository Preaching at *Master's Seminary*, tweeted something I want to share with you. On Monday's Lawson suggests we ought to be asking ourselves: *"Was the sermon you heard yesterday full of the Word of God? Did it magnify the Son of God? Did it promote the glory of God? Did it offer the grace of God? If so, then you are blessed."*

I like that rubric. Keep it with you because this is what you should expect from your pastor every Sunday and Wednesday. It is my prayer that you always walk away from Sunday into your Monday thinking, *"Man, what a great God we have over us, and in us!"*

Church Again Soon? While I am writing, I am awaiting a public address from Governor Abbott regarding reopening Texas. A haircut will be nice again won't it? While I have grown to appreciate the little things in our Stay at Home order, I miss the *one on many* engagement that comes with preaching week in and week out. It has not been easy preaching to a laptop! I can usually tell when you need me to stop and clarify, or I can notice if I am belaboring a point.

When the time comes to reopen the church, I do not anticipate a full-blown welcome at first. I plan to welcome you back by groups in order to prevent any of us from getting sick. It is only the smart thing to do, don't you agree?

I hope to welcome your return with a well-thought out responsible plan that will require your patience and understanding. Details of that plan will emerge when I know more from our Governor. Watch the website for up to date announcements. For now, keep your head in the Book, and hands busy with the work of God where you live, work and play.

Speaking of a return: Nehemiah led a group of believers back to Jerusalem to worship God again. They too were locked down in exile until God sovereignly arranged for their return. My reason for teaching through Nehemiah right now is to follow the *Stepping-Stones* of Nehemiah back to God. Nehemiah began with **Prayer**. His model prayer is in Chapter 1:5-11. Will you consider starting over with God? If so, Nehemiah's prayer is an exceptional model. **Stepping-Stone 2 is making an honest appraisal and preparing for opposition.** Follow Nehemiah when you start again with God by honestly confessing where you are spiritually. Opposition is sure to come when you get serious with your relationship with God, so read how Nehemiah handled it. Nehemiah was motivated to stand up for God's honor and no longer shame Him with apathetic behavior. Learn from Nehemiah and start over with God when you return from your exile.

Interested in Church Membership at FBCA? In an era of online church, I have heard from several viewers interested in church membership at First Baptist Church Alba. A visible New Testament church in Acts consisted of people born again by God through Jesus Christ. They followed Jesus' model of baptism by immersion. I ask those who are interested in membership, *Do you know Jesus Christ? Have you had a true and personal experience of salvation? Have you followed Christ's example of Believer's Baptism by immersion?* I would be honored to help you answer any of those questions and welcome you as a new member of FBCA.

Pastor Kelly-

May Birthdays

Curtis Harris	05	Daymon Wallace	17
Seth McAninch	05	Bobbie Weeks	20
Betty Cameron	07	Carolyn McCormack	21
Kaden Kennedy	08	Glenn Lovett	22
Kelsey Kirkpatrick	11	LeeAnne Kleam	23
Sue Gilliam	12	Jacob Dailey	24
Kayla McGee	15	Dwayne Stockton	25
Louise Wiggins	16	Jacqueline Fisher	26
Claudia Stockton	17		

Zachary Littleton
youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

Our Youth Group has been enjoying The Book of Acts every Wednesday and Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Currently we have made it through 8 chapters of reading how the Holy Spirit works in and through the church, even in the face of persecution and sufferings. We have had a faithful attendance on the "Zoom" app, though I look forward to meeting with them in person again since some youth are unable to attend the online meetings. For any who are interested in what the youth have been learning or want to catch up on the previous lesson's highlights, I have been posting important notes from the passage each time on our Youth-Ablaze Facebook Page. If you are interested in joining the lessons, please feel free to reach out to me and I will explain how you can join the live sessions.

Our Fire Night this month was a bit strange but still fun. Since we could not meet in person, we decided to have a "Social Distancing Fire Night" where the youth could get online with the "Zoom" app and interact with one another while we played "Extreme Go Fish." In this game, when a youth had to "go fish," before they could do so, they had to complete a crazy challenge or answer a pointless information trivia question. It was an evening full of laughter.

Lastly, COVID-19 has affected many people's lives, even our youth. Many camps are choosing to cancel this summer's programs which affects all of our youth. But my heart especially goes out to our 2020 Seniors. Many schools are forced to cancel major life events for our teens (Sports, Proms, Graduation, College Orientations, etc.). I ask that you all pray for our teens right now who are struggling with losing these events. In adulthood, these events seem small, but in the lives of our teens, they are everything they have been working towards for their entire lives.

Thank You,
Zachary Littleton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Wednesday Services online https://www.fbcalba.com/		1	2
3 Sunday Services online https://www.fbcalba.com/	4	5	6	7	8	9 Soul Sisters 9:30 am (Pending)
10	11	12	13	14 Tried & True 11:30 @ FLC (Pending)	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:00 (Pending)
17 Carter Blood Drive 9 am - 1 pm Across from church (Postponed)	18	19	20 Quarterly Business Meeting	21 Minister's Alliance Luncheon - Enon BC 12(noon)	22	23
24 <hr/> 31 Dr. Paige Patterson - Pending	25	26	27	28	29	30 

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30pm - 5:30pm MEAL TIME
5:00pm - 6:00pm OPEN GYM
6:00 - 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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