

FBC ALBA NEWS

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pastor

Pleasantly Surprised: After a much-needed rest in the mountains of North Carolina, Karen and I returned to Mineola on Monday, July 27. While in Chimney Rock, NC we were *pleasantly surprised* to see so many families out and enjoying the summer. Do not let the media scare you. Be safe in the milieu of a pandemic but do not be afraid. People wore their masks while in public places and we stayed apart from one another, but we were not afraid to get out. We engaged in meaningful conversations with African Americans and discovered how refreshing it is to talk and be friendly with others during a time of *racial unrest*. We met with fifteen old friends made at Tanglewood BC in Greenville, SC and had a wonderful fellowship meal together. God does not want us to close ourselves in, but to be the salt of the earth, lights in a dark world. Be safe, observe the governing guidelines and enjoy your life!

Congratulations Noah Youngblood! Below is a picture of me baptizing Noah on July 19. Noah and his family live in Burleson, Texas. He is Sharon Williams’ grandson. His parents are Paul and Holly. Noah received Christ in my Study at church on Tuesday, June 30. Please pray for him as he follows his Savior.



New Summer Series: Christian Distinctives: I hope you will be joining me on Sunday mornings starting *August 2*. I am going to teach through what you know as *The Sermon on the Mount*. In that sermon, Jesus highlights the uniqueness of Christianity and charges His followers to embrace His teachings with whole-hearted obedience. I will be watching to see if you made it.

Pastor’s Book Recommendation: From time to time I am asked “*What are you reading?*” Let me suggest one I just started that you may enjoy as well. ***Heroes***, by Iain Murray is a 2020 reprint of his original work from 2009. *Heroes* is a biography that features seven chapters, consisting of roughly thirty pages each. Murray writes about heroes of the Christian faith. I think you too will be edified as you read.

Special Article next month from Felicia Reynolds and Soul Sisters: Burdened for a Ladies Ministry at FBCA, Felicia Reynolds will write a brief article in hopes of bolstering participation in this essential ministry at our church.

Grace to you all! Pastor Kelly-

August Birthdays

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| Kyle Kennedy | 01 | Keith Kindle | 12 |
| Kylie Kennedy | 01 | Mike Humphries | 15 |
| Carter Lennon | 02 | Kenneth Donahue | 20 |
| W J Carter | 05 | Bryson Bailey | 25 |
| Elizabeth Stewart | 05 | Amanda Crutchfield | 26 |
| Bralee Littlejohn | 09 | Ken McCall | 31 |
| Martin Swoape | 10 | Jamie Gaby | 31 |
| Kaitlyn Drinkwater | 11 | | |

Zachary Littleton
youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

The Broken Bow Trip to Oklahoma went fantastic. I would like to bless you all with our trip experiences in this month’s youth article. Once we arrived at the cabin, the eyes of each of our youth lit up with excitement. Many may never get an opportunity like this again. We began our first night with a pretty chaotic scavenger hunt at the cabin which allowed them to experience the cabin first-hand as they hunted for clues. The next day we kayaked the Beavers Bend River which was both thrilling and terrifying at times. Fortunately, we all made it through with only a few bumps and bruises and many sunburns. The final day, we went and swam at Beavers Bend National Park in the ice-cold river water (it was perfect for the blazing heat of the day). When we arrived back home, we questioned the youth over what they would consider their best and worst moments of the trip. The only worst moment they could really give me was that they wished we could have stayed even longer.

The look on our youth’s faces when they entered the luxury cabin that we rented set the mood for the rest of the trip. We set out to make this year’s excursion from the norm a week that they would always remember, and I do believe that we were successful in doing so. Thank you all for your prayers and support. I know that the youth are extremely appreciative of your generous giving. I wanted to share with you our experience so you could read the joy that you brought our youth this year.

Thank You, Zachary Littleton



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|--|--------|---|
|  | | | | | | 1 VBS - 9:00 - 2:00 Lunch Provided |
| 2 Welcome VBS Families 10:45 - 1:00 | 3 | 4 SOS @ FLC 7:00 pm | 5 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Deacon's Meeting Last day for AGISD Staff Goodie Bag Donations | 10 Annual GA/RA CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST Donation Due | 11 SOS @ FLC 7:00 pm | 12 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. | 13 First Day of School  | 14 | 15 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am in FLC |
| 16 Promotion Sunday | 17 | 18 SOS @ FLC 7:00 pm | 19 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Carter Blood Drive - parking lot across from church 30 5th Sunday Luncheon and welcome new members Quilt Presentation | 24 31 | 25 SOS @ FLC 7:00 pm | 26 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. | 27 | 28 | 29 |

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Reaching Out - Growing Together

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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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