FBC ALBANEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton pastor

Welcome New Members: Joe Spaits, joined First Baptist Alba Sunday, November 8. Joe moved his letter from a local church. Welcome new members Marshall and Linda Burton (no relation to your pastor, but they do have a fine name!). Marshall and Linda joined the fellowship on Sunday, November 15. They too moved their letter from a local church. Please make sure to welcome these three new people to God's church at Alba.

The J.W.'s New Approach: By now you too have probably received a personal letter in the mail from a local Jehovah Witness. I wondered where they were! These sheep in wolves clothing have been scarcely seen in my subdivision on Saturday mornings. It appears that the virus has changed their outreach approach. One of my God-called roles as your pastor is to protect. This image is clearly seen in that great pastoral Psalm, number 23. ". . . your rod and your staff, they comfort me." The rod and staff of the shepherd were used to protect and defend. By way of a seemingly caring letter, the J.W's now send out personal letters to sleepy sheep who are not on guard for their faulty theology. Mine reads, "I am a volunteer offering to help people who are stressed or feeling anxiety due to current events. Looking through the eyes of the Bible, we can have a positive view of the future" she writes. But her Bible and your Bible are not the same! Be prepared! Do not request the free Bible they offer, nor visit their website. Instead, you might ask a J.W. "Do you believe that my Bible is ultimately sufficient for my salvation?" Their answer will be "No." You may ask, "Is Jesus Christ fully God and fully Man?" Again, their answer will be "No." Be prepared! In this article I have chosen to fit you with several truth-filled responses to a J.W.'s letter or in-person meeting.

Know this, there is one God, who eternally exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each of whom is fully God.

In Genesis 1:1 the name for God in Hebrew is **Elohim**. In Hebrew it is in its plural form! Not that there are three gods, but one God who exists in three Persons. It is called a plural of majesty.

If Jesus does not possess Deity, then why would John feature seven "I am" statements from Jesus? God told Moses at the burning bush, "Tell them I am sent you." Borrowing that phrase, Jesus illustrates His Deity in Jn 6:47, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, and 15:5.

How can a J.W. defend Jesus' statement "Most assuredly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am"? Or Paul in Romans 9:5 "Christ, who is over all, the blessed God." Or Hebrews, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Only God is unchanging.

What about Jesus' own claims to Deity: He forgives sin in Mark 2. He refers to angels as "His angels" in Mt. 13:41. He will judge the world, 2 Co. 5:10. He is the Giver of life, Jn. 5:21.

Your letter from a J.W. is on the way. Will you recognize false teaching and refute it? *Merry Christmas to our church family and glory to our great God and King, Jesus Christ! Pastor Kelly and family-*

December Birthdays

Danita Rogers Ryan Wilcoxson Meredith Sanders Joyce McDaniel Amie Dailey Denise Sandifer Rebecca Cates Jim May 12/3 12/7 12/9 12/10 12/11 12/18 12/19 Amy Hayes-Weissert

12/22
Dorles Weeks
12/25
Lee Wright
12/26
Paul McCowan
12/27
Stacy Lennon
12/28
David Taylor
2/30
Zackey Raymond
12/31

Zachary Littleton youth minister

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving. I know that I did! November was a busy month for us. Thank you to the church for allowing us to remodel the youth room in the FLC! If you have not seen it, come over and visit with us! The youth also went to Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, TX for a Fall Retreat, along with New Hope Baptist Church in Mineola, TX. There we looked at how we can begin implementing wisdom into our daily routines and decisions. I know that the youth enjoyed the time they had there and are thankful for being able to attend. I especially want to thank those who were able to sponsor some of our youth. You know who you are!

This month, we plan on having our first Youth Christmas Lock-In since I have been here. I know that I am overly excited to get plenty of rest and relaxation...(that was an attempt at humor). At our lock-in, we will drink hot cocoa, bake cookies, and of course see Christmas lights. We will also be exchanging white elephant gifts, so any youth or parents of youth who are reading this, beware.





SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30pm-5:30pm
MEAL TIME
5:00pm-6:00pm
OPEN GYM
6:00pm-7:00pm
PRAYER/DEVOTIONAL
MISSION FRIENDS
RAS - ROYAL AMBASSADORS
GAS - GIRLS IN ACTION
6:00pm-7:00pm
PASTOR'S 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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