# FBC ALBA NEWS

# **Dr. Kelly Burton** pastor

Welcome 11 new members and 9 first time baptisms! Our newest members join the church by first time decisions for Christ: Braden Crutchfield, Abigail Baldwin, and Anthony Wilson.



When was the last time you read Esther? I will admit that it had been too long since I opened the Book of Esther. Up until the 4<sup>th</sup> C AD Jewish scholars would not consider Esther part of the inspired Scriptures. Primarily because God's name is not mentioned once in Esther. However, the king of Persia is mentioned by name over 180 times! Well, by 390 AD in the Council at Carthage, our church fathers voted that the book met all the criteria for divinely inspired and Esther made the Bible! After reading the book through again, I conclude that God, although not mentioned, is the main Character of Esther. Working invisibly in the background, God uses every human character to fulfill His plan. He still works like that today in your life. He has set the course of your life. He has foreordained a plan for your life that will glorify Him and be for your total good. Ever wonder why you experience adversity and suffering? Perhaps you have detoured from His predetermined plan. Maybe you have wondered why God is not answering your prayer. Perhaps it is self-centered and not according to His plan. He may be watching for just the right time to answer you. He may be cooperating with your decisions. When we wonder why none of this makes sense, we should remember that it makes perfect sense to God. Stop focusing on yourself. Start aiming on God who has laid out the perfect plan for your life. Be faithful and wise always praying in the Spirit and giving thanks for all things. Pick up Esther again, or come and join us on Wednesday nights at 6 in the sanctuary.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meal and New Member Recognition: On August 29, we will be busy! I have planned a Lord's Supper Service, Promotion Sunday, an after-church meal and a recognition of new members. Please mark your calendars for this special day and bring an unchurched friend with you.

Keep On!

Pastor Kelly-

### **August Birthdays**

Kyle Kennedy	01	Keith Kindle
Kylie Kennedy	01	Mike Humphries
Pam Henry	01	Kenneth Donahue
Anthony Wilson	02	Cameron Galyean
Carter Lennon	02	Max Vaughan
Xander Reynolds	04	Amanda Crutchfield
W J Carter	05	Kyle Tennery
Savannah Colgrove	07	Brittnei Dunn
McKenna Tennery	08	Ken McCall
Bralee Littlejohn	09	Jamie Boyd
Martin Swoape	10	,
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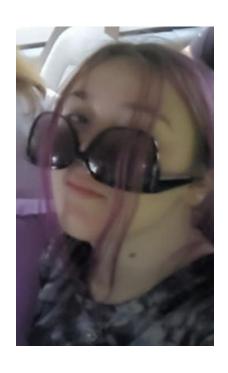
## Zachary Littleton youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

Teen Extreme (Florida Camp) was a blessing for us to attend. We grew together as a youth group and even welcomed a new believer into the family of God. Abby Baldwin accepted Jesus as her savior while at camp and is excited for what God has in store for her in the coming years. I am overjoyed to see God moving in the lives of our students this summer and I ask that you continue to pray for Bailey Pennington and Abby Baldwin as they begin their new life in Christ. I know that God has been and will continue to work through your generous gifts and service to our youth.

Thank you,

Zachary Littleton



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August						
1	Proverbs 3:5-6	3	Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m.	5	6 Psalm 37:4-5	7
8 Deacon's Meeting	9	Psalm 33:20	11 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m.	First Day of School	13	14 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am in FLC
15 FLC Supervisor Team FISS	Bal		18 Family Meal Resumes Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. Back to School BASH—New Hope	rch	Alba	21 Psalm 9:10
29 Promotion Sunday Lord's Supper 5th Sunday Luncheon and welcome new members	aching 30	24 ut – G 31 Psalm 56:3	Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m.	j Toge	Jeremiah 17:7	28

#### 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

**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

#### FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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