FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton
pastor

Volunteers vs. Servants: I often hear in the church that we need more volunteers. I understand. Yet, I don't see volunteers in the early church according to Scripture. The little information we have in Acts seems to articulate the volunteers as *Servants or Workers.* Volunteer sounds so secular to me. Volunteers come and go to assist special work-related events. Yet, Jesus indicates that we are followers, committed to Kingdom work in our church and community. The early church was made up of people who committed themselves to Jesus then to each other. Read Acts 4 and 5 and notice the sacrifice of Barnabas. Then, notice his antithesis, Ananias then his wife Saphira! Barnabas gave to the church, the other two took from the church. When Ananias and Saphira were found out and disciplined, "great fear came upon the whole church and upon those who heard these things." There was a sense of awe among the believers, and respect from the community! You can read for yourself how God blessed the church by signs and wonders and left the community in absolute fear of God.

We have a real need for *Servant/Workers* at FBCA. We do not need Volunteers; we need committed Workers. I sincerely believe the way to find the work God has for you in His church is to discover your *Spiritual Gift*. Every Christian has a spiritual gift; they are dynamic according to the needs of your church. I have a Spiritual Gift Survey that has proven helpful over the years. Would you like one? Just ask and I will help. Discover your gift and let's get to work for God. Volunteers vs. Servants? Which one are you? Please let me know when you are ready to serve.

Wednesday Nights at FBCA: I began a new series in 1 Corinthians in our Wednesday night Bible Study in the sanctuary. I am calling the study, *Called to be Saints Together; the Makings of a Healthy Church.* I hope you will join us at 6pm. As God keeps adding believers to our church, we must all be wise and to grow together. Healthy church members do not erect walls to keep people at a distance, they open themselves up and welcome those who believe in Christ. *Oneness* seems to be the catchword of the early church. I hope you will attend and learn together about our calling.

Community-Based Ministry: Consider joining us March 17, at 3pm in the Banquet Room located in the Family Life Center for the next meeting.

Experiencing God '22: Finally, please pray about joining me in the sanctuary beginning April 3 and running through June 26 for Experiencing God. This is a 12-week study on Knowing and Doing the Will of God. My wife will testify that besides the Bible, this study absolutely changed my life and helped to me to hear God's call into full time Christian service. You may purchase your workbook through cbd.com (or Christian Book Distributors. ISBN is 978-1-4158-5838-7. If you want to be able to spot where God is at work around you and learn to join Him there, then this study is for you!

We love you all and I consider it an honor to pastor **the** church at Alba, *First Baptist Church*!

March Birthdays

Kalli Trimble	01	Wanda Jo Taylor	11
Lynsi Morse	02	Tonya McCormack	13
Treva Humphries	04	Martha Taylor	20
Levi Littlejohn	04	Joann Owen	21
Karen Burton	06	Zella Littlejohn	21
Pastor Kelly Burton	06	Jeff Tauzin	22
Sue Fisher	08	Val Riley	28
Sharon Williams	08	Margie Harris	30

Zachary Littleton
youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

We had a great time at our DNOW event in February. We had 20 students attend and I had 10 adult workers helping. I want to thank my adult volunteers for being so generous with your time and energy. You made this event successful.

This month we are preparing for our annual Silent Sunday Youth Fundraiser on March 6th. Each youth will be responsible for going out to their families, teachers, and friends to gather sponsors for this fundraiser. The youth will face the most difficult challenge of their year… being silent for 8 hours straight. For some, this task seems simple. If they just fall asleep, they won't talk (except when they talk in their sleep). For others, they know that this task is difficult. NO talking for 8 hours straight seems like an eternity to some people. But, to torture them a bit more, if they raise a total of $100 or more on this fundraiser, they also lose all communication devices (cell phones, computers, etc.) The pure agony on their faces when I take their phones away is worth the $100 alone, and I have been known to pay for a few youths myself just to make them squirm. Now, when a youth comes to you with those puppy dog eyes and asks you to donate to their fundraiser (I won't blame you if you cannot resist), then you can do as follows:

The pledge options are per hour or flat rate. If you donate per hour, it would be however much you choose ($2 per hour would be $16 for 8 hours if they make it the whole 8 hours). The flat rate pledge is a flat rate amount of your choice ($20 for all 8 hours if they make it the whole 8 hours). We do hold them accountable to their pledges and if they fail, you are under no obligation to hold "your end of the bargain," though most people are forgiving and merciful. Each youth is responsible for finding their own pledges and if any youth receive over the amount of their camps (as some have done in the past) the remainder will be split evenly between all youths who are still raising funds.

Thank you for all your support,
Zachary Littleton & FBCA's Youth

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First Baptist Church Alba Reaching Out - Growing Together		1	2 Wednesday Night Meal 	3 GriefShare 4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	4	5
6 Silent Sunday (Youth Fund Raiser)	7	8	9 Wednesday Night Meal - 5;00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	10 GriefShare 4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	11	12 NEW! Ladies Brunch 10-12 (noon)
13 Lord's Supper Baptism Deacon's Meeting	14	15	16 Wednesday Night Meal - 5;00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	17 Tried & True 11:30-2:00 FLC Banquet Room Community Meeting 3:00—FLC GriefShare 4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:00
20	21	22	23 Wednesday Night Meal - 5;00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes	24 GriefShare 4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	25	26
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Reaching Out - Growing Together

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm - 5:30pm
MEAL TIME
5:30pm - 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
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Fellowship Classroom
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
SOS - Sobriety Over Substances
GriefShare

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