

FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton
pastor

Welcome New Members: This month we recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in three of our FBCA children. *Skylar, Jace, and Barret* all made personal decisions to follow Christ on Sunday, October 23, after listening to the Gospel in song by the *Psalms Journey Ministries*. Be sure to pray for them.

Verse of the Month: Some time during your Christian lifetime you may be asked about one of the most difficult to interpret passages in all of Scripture. Ranked in the top three of hard to understand texts, this one stumps the best: *“For it is impossible in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding Him up to contempt”* Hebrews 6:4. There are four views on the interpretation but for the sake of time I will share with you the view I hold. These people are indeed saved people. But it is not a loss of salvation the author is talking about. He is referring to a Loss of Rewards (*The Loss of Rewards View*). God has a deadline. He will not tolerate disobedience in His family. See 1 Corinthians 3 about the loss of reward for the Christian and see 1 Corinthians 11 regarding God’s discipline for the Christian. God is serious about His church moving on to spiritual maturity.

Biblical Counseling Conference: I appreciate you all allowing me to be away for an annual counseling conference I love to attend. I embrace a unique style of counseling called Biblical Counseling. This annual conference is somewhat of a continuing education for me. This year during a plenary session I learned how to maneuver through the milieu of *Transgenderism*, and the difficulties so many are facing as they *de-transition* back to the image God created them to be. Biblical Counseling aims at the heart of the counselee and moves them forward to healing, not backward to physical pain and emotional stress. I am here to help you with this type of counseling. Here is a sneak preview of my technique from start to finish. There are seven “I” words that I keep in mind throughout the process from beginning to end. Involvement in your current crisis, Investigation of the effects with which you are coping, Interpretation of the problem, Instruction from Scripture, Intentional persuasion to help you act, Implementation of that action, Integration into a local body of Christ-believing saints. I am here to serve you and help you find your way back to Christ and His plan.

Final Quarter Look Ahead: A church-wide Thanksgiving Meal is planned for after church Sunday, *November 20*. Please sign up in your SS class. There will be *no Wednesday night activities November 23* so the church can give thanks with their families. On **December 21** we are planning another *Christmas on the Square from 6-7 pm*. *More info coming soon*.

Congregation Appreciation: Now in our eleventh year at FBCA, Karen and I would like to express our deep appreciation for you, the congregation at FBCA. Your generous monetary gifts, cards, and other gifts manifest the grist that all of you are made of. It does my heart good to hear you say how much you look forward to the preaching. The Word of God now takes a prominent place within your souls. Your allegiance to our Savior thrills my heart and encourages me to drink deep from the Scripture. We all have much to be thankful for, don’t we? We are thankful to be called to the best church in Alba.

Pastor Kelly and Karen Burton, and Camden!

November Birthdays

Alan Atherton	3	Drew Burton	11
Douglas Taylor	3	Linda Spaits	11
Scott Reynolds	5	Justin Kleam	12
Hailey Crutchfield	10	Sherry May	15
Tom Neal	10	Felica Reynolds	17
Benjamin Burton	10	Ashley Wallace	30

Zachary Littleton
youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

I want to take time to brag on our youth for a bit. This past month of October was Pastor Appreciation month. While I am not the senior pastor of our church, I do function as a pastor to our students and their families. Because of their generosity and thoughtfulness, our youth and their families gave Haleigh and I a pastor appreciation gift. The gift was generous to say the least. The number of snacks and goodies within the gift, as well as gift cards for various treats, was jaw dropping. They really give good gifts!



But even more than the goodie basket, they gave Haleigh and I specific gifts. Haleigh received a small potted plant (I know, yuck) and a cute t-shirt that reads “Dibs on the Youth Pastor.” I received a picture frame with a variety of fun and humbling definitions of what a Youth Pastor is and does, as well as a t-shirt that reads “This is the best lesson you’ll ever hear,” a frequent saying of mine to our youth.

The generosity of this gift speaks volumes of how much they appreciate my wife and I, but the thoughtfulness of the gift reads louder. I am thankful that even though it wasn’t “Pastor’s Wives Appreciation Month,” they considered and included my wife, who is my greatest partner in ministry. Haleigh and I sincerely love our youth group so much and are so thankful that God has placed us in their lives and them in ours.

We Love Our Youth,

Zachary & Haleigh Littleton



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 - Wednesday Night Meals 5:00- 5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	3 GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 Community GriefShare Event 1:00-3:00 p.m. in FLC.	9- Wednesday Night Meals 5:00- 5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	10 GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m.	11	12 Ladies Brunch 10:00 a.m. @ FLC
13 Deacon's Meeting	14	15	16- Wednesday Night Meals 5:00- 5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	17 Tried and True 11:00—2:00 Banquet Room in FLC GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m.	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8 am—FLC
20 Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal 12:00 (noon) FLC	21	22	23 No Services Office closed	24 Happy Thanksgiving Office is Closed	25	26
27	28	29	30 Wednesday Night Meals 5:00- 5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study			

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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
5:30-6:00pm - OPEN GYM
6:00pm-7:00pm
MISSION FRIENDS
RAs - ROYAL AMBASSADORS
GAs - GIRLS IN ACTION
FBC ABLAZE - Youth
PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (Sanctuary)

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
GreifShare

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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