# FBC ALBA NEWS

# Dr. Kelly Burton pastor

Welcome New Members: This month we welcome Richard and Cindy McDowell. Both Richard and Cindy transferred their church letters to us. Thank you for always being so kind to welcome new church members. Can you believe we welcomed twenty-seven new members in 2022? Thanks be to God!





Pastor Kelly baptizing Barrett Morris and Jace Hansen.

### Verse of the Month: "I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance" Philippians

**1:19.** Today I am reading Philippians 1. My joy and thanksgiving are always renewed when I read this letter. Next to the Thessalonians, I believe the Philippian Christians were Paul's favorites. When they heard of Paul's innocent suffering and the draconian treatment of the Romans, they sent him a gift, a pastor appreciation gift if you will. Their show of support obviously thrilled Paul's soul and inspired him to write Philippians. Paul never viewed his suffering as a stroke of serendipity. Rather, he confidently knew that God was keenly aware of his plight. The Church is told to rejoice, yes, always rejoice because God will use everything in our lives for our good and for His glory. Andrew Murray, a well-known Christian minister in South Africa, was 67 years old when his physical health began to slow him down. One morning he decided to stay in bed and rest his troubling back that was severely injured years ago when he was thrown from his cart. Needing some encouragement, he penned a few words for help in times of trouble. When he finished, his maid came in to tell him there was a church member at the door in some sort of trouble needing some advice from the wise teacher. Murray handed her what he just wrote and said, "Give this to her. I wrote it for myself, but maybe she will find it helpful." Here are those words:

In Time of Trouble Say: First, He brought me here; it is by His will I am in this straight place. In that fact I will rest. Next, He will keep me here in His love and give me grace to behave as His child. Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends for me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow. Last, In His good time He can bring me out again-how and when He knows. Let me then say I am here: 1) By God's appointment. 2) In His keeping. 3) Under His training. 4) For His time. Andrew Murray, 1895.

Merry Christmas Church,

Pastor Kelly and Karen Burton, and Camden!

## **December Birthdays**

# Zachary Littleton youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

The youth have a busy schedule this December and we would love for you to join us at some of our events.

Our first event is on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Alba Square. The city of Alba is planning a Christmas on the Square party and have asked our youth to lead some Christmas music from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. We are excited to lead our city in worshiping our Lord and enjoying church fellowship with our community. Come join us in leading our community to remembering the Lord this afternoon.

Our second event is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be our annual youth themed Christmas party. This year's theme is a Grinchmas Party. We will all bring our best Grinch costumes and even the best "bah humbug" attitudes. Our plans are to have a Grinch movie trivia night that asks questions from across all the Grinch movies, so study up before the party!

Our third event this month will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The youth will be going to the Dallas Galleria Mall for a few hours of shopping and ice skating, followed by a White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Littleton's house in Lindale, Texas.

We would love for anyone to attend some of these events. Please let me know if you would like to join us and help serve our students here at FBC Alba.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Decen	per			1 GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m.	2 GA Lock-in	3
4 Lottie Moon Luncheon	5	6	7 Wednesday Night Meals 4:00-5:00 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible	8 GriefShare 4::00—6:00 p.m.	9	10 Ladies Brunch 10:00 a.m. @ FLC Alba on the Square—Youth Performance noon-2:00
11 Deacon's Meeting	12	13	14 Wednesday Night Meal Youth/GA/RA Christmas Party - FLC 6:00-7:00	15 Tried & True 11:30—2:00 in FLC White Elephant Gift Exchange	16	17 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Youth Fire Night
First	t Baj	otist	21 Candlelight Service on the Square 6-7 p.m. No Wed P.M. Activities at church	irch	Alba	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day Church Services 10:45 a.m. No Sunday School	26 Office Closed	2) ut - (	Meals 4:00-5:00 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible	29 10 G E	30 ner	31 New Year's Eve

#### 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

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