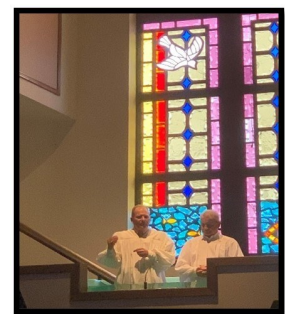


FBC ALBA NEWS

Dr. Kelly Burton
pastor

A Banner Year! This year we welcomed thirty new members to the best church in Alba! This month we welcome Pep Pepmiller. Pep joins the church by first time decision to trust Christ with understanding and follows Christ’s command to be baptized. Please welcome Pep to FBCA.



Pastor Kelly baptizing Pep Pepmiller



Explore First Baptist Church Alba: If there are others of you who wish to know more about First Alba, please attend an orientation of the church. In the Explore orientation you will learn our Beliefs, our Vision Statement to reach our community and grow our membership, learn ways to get connected, and even ways to deepen your existing walk with God. All are welcome to attend, new members and not so new alike! The next Explore FBCA is slated for **January 15 and 22, at 9:30** in the *Banquet Room of the Family Life Center*.

Verse of the Month: *“I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.” Philippians 4:2.* While I am honored that God brought thirty new members to the church, my pastoral gut tells me to be careful. 2023 might be the hardest year we have had in a while. Early in their careers, Audrey Hepburn and Marlon Brando were seated next to each other at an Actors Guild luncheon. When they sat down, Hepburn uttered a shy “Hello” but Brando did not say a word the entire meal. For the next 40 years Hepburn believed that Brando shunned her. Her son Ted explained how Brando learned of the hurt and sent her a letter while she was in the hospital towards the end of her life. He said he was speechless in her presence that day because he was in absolute awe of her. He could not think of a single thing to say to her. She was shy of him, and he was in awe of her. Yet, a simple misunderstanding fueled four decades of resentment. Their story is sadly similar to many church members in conflict with one another long overdue for resolution. Paul wrote to the Philippian church in chapter 4 pleading with two prominent women in the church to resolve their conflict. We must be careful to communicate with each other, bear with each other, and resolve conflict quickly when it happens. Three elements are involved in conflict resolution: a. A Confession of Sin, b. Forgiveness, and c. A New Relationship. *“Forgiveness is not a shock treatment that instantly wipes out our memory of the recent past.” Jay Adams-*

Happy New Year Church Family, Pastor Kelly, Karen, and Camden!

January Birthdays			
Jessica Collier	02	Jim Drinkwater	17
Linda Issacs	04	Rhonda Arrington	17
Melba Kelly	06	Roy Fisher	24
Shane Reynolds	07	Jason Mullins	24
Rusty Crutchfield	10	Jim Osborn	25
Corena McCormack	10	John Corbitt	26
Windi Dunn	13	Carolyn Roberson	27
Luke Sanders	13	Stephane Kirkpatrick	29
		Betty Hayes	31

Zachary Littleton
youth minister

Dear FBCA Family,

It’s 2023 and the youth are gearing up for camps this summer. As usual, we are beginning our fundraisers with the Wall-O-Money (WOM) fundraiser which will begin at the end of January. The WOM fundraiser is our largest fundraiser that spans from January to May. The WOM consists of envelopes with numbers ranging from 1-100. Inside each envelope are written thank-you notes from our amazing youth, and a schedule for our camps in hopes that you will pray for us. When you take an envelope off the wall, we just ask that you return the envelope with the designated amount of money (\$1-\$100) to the church office or to myself (Zachary Littleton). Raising funds can be an overwhelming task but if we can get 100 donations in the amounts written on the envelopes that you choose, when the WOM is finished and there are no more envelopes, we will have raised over \$5,000, roughly half of our total camp costs each year. You can find the WOM next to the church offices. If you have any questions about donating or how the WOM works, please do not hesitate to ask.



Thank
you,

Zachary
Littleton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy New Year	2 Office Closed for New Year's Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8 Deacon's Meeting	9	10	11 Wednesday Night Meal - 4:30—5:00 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	12	13	14 Ladies Brunch 10:00 a.m. @ FLC
15 Explore FBCA 9:30 a.m. in Banquet Room—FLC	16	17	18 Wednesday Night Meal - 4:30—5:00 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	19	20	21 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am @ FLC
22 Explore FBCA 9:30 a.m. in Banquet Room—FLC	23	24	25 Wednesday Night Meal - 4:30—5:00 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 pm7:00 pm
PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
Sanctuary
MISSION FRIENDS
RAs - ROYAL AMBASSADORS
GAs - GIRLS IN ACTION
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
GriefShare

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