

# FBC ALBA NEWS

**Church Family and Friends,**  
**I have asked Shane Reynolds to share with you some reflections of his life leading up to and now shortly after his automobile accident. I hope you will take a few minutes to read it.**  
**Thank you Shane for your courage and humility.**  
**Pastor Kelly.**

On August 30, 2022 God interrupted my life. I thought I was doing pretty good. I was involved in a motor vehicle collision. As I was pinned in and waiting for help my life did not flash before my eyes. As the vehicle caught fire I did not cry out to God. It was days later when I realized that God had been at work in my life long before the wreck. He had been providing for this situation without my permission. He showed me the army of Christians praying for me and my family. One of the many prayers that stood out for us was this. "Lord please allow this family to be blessed and help them accept those blessings." I am not used to people providing and helping me. I have spent 25 years caring for others. Allowing others to bless us made sure that they received His blessing in return. He revealed humility to me in ways I never considered. Being blessed by others was an humbling experience for me.

I began to realize my own prayers that He was answering. I had prayed for wisdom and knowledge for years. I had been stuck spiritually for some time. He provided time and resources for me to study. He revealed ministries from fellow Christians as well as this church. But most of all I feel that I have experienced God in my situation.

Scripture that I was familiar with was revealed with new meaning for me. "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12:9. I had no power over my own body. His grace became sufficient for me. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now the day of His return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25. The encouragement you receive from people visiting and the fellowship is overwhelming. The meeting together does not just apply to church services. I have learned firsthand the power of prayer and church family.

I began this by telling you that God interrupted my life. Now that the pace has slowed down and I have time to reflect, my perception has changed. Some will look at my situation as tragic or even cruel. However, I perceive it as Divine Intervention. He placed me right where He needed me to be. He spoke to me in a language I understood. My suffering is no where near that of Paul's. But He gave me peace and encouragement. I tell people He added 15 minutes to my testimony. With that being said, know that none of this was accomplished under my own strength. The glory is all His. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Shane Reynolds

## February Birthdays

April Wilcox	2	Glenda Raymond	14
Darren Kindle	2	Amanda Mullins	14
Deziraye Oliveria	3	Marshall Burton	15
John Margos	4	Chad Lennon	16
Zach Littleton	5	Danny Issacs	18
Abigail Allen	5	Wildflower Carlow	19
Chad Dailey	11	Austin Tullos	25
Ahneka Tullos	11	Mary Galyean	26

### FBCA Youth Article

Dear FBCA Family,

On Wednesday nights, our youth are currently learning how to develop and strengthen their personal testimonies by analyzing different testimonies throughout scripture and practicing how they can write out their testimonies on paper so that they can be better prepared to speak them in person. This series is titled *HiStory: Turning Your Story Into His Glory*. Many believers know the truth of the gospel, trust in the reliability of scripture, and are convicted of God's call on their lives to make disciples in the world, but still struggle with confidence when time for action arises. The purpose of this series is to help our students with their confidence by giving them a safe place to train and practice. As we proceed through this series, I will be challenging our students to practice sharing their testimonies with one another and with others in the church. Our students are excited about this opportunity where the rubber meets the road. I would like to ask for your dedicated prayers for our students that they would be able and willing to step out of their comfort zones in the safety of the church so that they can represent Jesus better by shining a light on their lives and the lives of others. My hope is that this series will provide ample opportunities for our students to share the gospel and share their testimonies with those around them on a regular basis, and that they will become more confident in this mission that has been given to them. Please join me in praying for our FBCA students!



Thank you,  
 Zachary Littleton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	9	10	11 Ladies Brunch 10:00 a.m. @ FLC
12 Deacon's Meeting	13	14 	15 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	16 Tried & True 11:30—2:00 in FLC	17	18 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am in FLC
19	20	21	22 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	23 GriefShare 4:00—6:00 PM	24	25
26	27	28	March 1	2	3	4

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**SUNDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

4:30- 5:00pm  
 MEAL TIME  
 6:00pm - 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  
 SOS - Sobriety Over Substances  
 GriefShare

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