

FBC ALBA NEWS

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pastor

Welcome More New Members: Lisa Wallace and Avery Corley. Please make it a point to introduce yourselves. Lisa joined the church by Statement of Faith. She is connected and serving God at FBCA. Welcome Lisa! Avery joined by a first-time decision to receive Christ as her Savior. Avery was baptized on July 30. Congratulations Avery. I am so proud of you.

VBS 2023: God bless those of you who are already overworked but somehow found the energy to give to VBS 2023! I watched so many of you love the children God brought us as if they were your very own flesh and blood. Three third graders from Ann Medlin's VBS Bible Study class said they were ready to trust Christ for the first time. I look forward to talking with their parents and encouraging them to help them in this big decision.

Ice Cream on the Porch: The pastor and his wife and the deacons and their wives met for ice cream July 23 with the newest members of our church. We got to know each other a little better and helped them find a deeper connection to First Baptist. This is one reason we are the best church in Alba!



The Study of Ephesians: Chosen for His Glory is the title of my Ephesians series. I hope you are seeing the depth of God's love and forgiveness towards you while we study together. The first century church members in Ephesus were the minority. They did not hear the Gospel like you did. For the most part, they had no parental examples of what it looked like to live like a Christian. Paul says, "Imitate God! Show your community the kind of love you have personally experienced from God." This will make God's church effective in your community.

Keeping On Together, Pastor Kelly, Karen, and Camden!

August Birthdays

Kyle Kennedy	01	Martin Swoape	10
Kylie Kennedy	01	Mike Humphries	15
Pam Henry	01	Barry Emerson	16
Anthony Wilson	02	Kenneth Donahue	20
Carter Lennon	02	Max Vaughan	21
Xander Reynolds	04	Amanda Crutchfield	26
W J Carter	05	Scarlet Boyd	28
Bralee Littlejohn	09	Jamie Boyd	31
Carlos Rojo	12	Joshua Smith	31

In 1647, Puritan Pastor, John Owen, devised a Manual for Church Members. Below are Seven Duties he expected from his church members. Answers to the blanks are provided on the back of the newsletter.

Rule #1: Believers have a duty of affectionate, sincere, genuine love in all things towards one another; a love compared to that of Christ for the church.

- This kind of love is brought about by the _____.

Rule #2: Believers must maintain continual prayer for the prospering of the church under God's protection.

- We should pray for FBCA to prosper at every _____.

Rule #3: Believers must maintain an unrelenting care and effort to preserve unity.

- Carefully watch over _____ for the first signs of friction.

Rule #4: Believers should engage in frequent spiritual conversation for edification.

- Consider exchanging your small talk with one another with some _____ conversations about Sunday's sermon. What was it about? Do you see yourself in Sunday's text? Did the illustrations help or convolute the point?

Rule #5: Believers must bear with one another's weaknesses and failings with patience providing help and assistance.

- What if God lost His patience with you every time you came to Him? Try not to get _____ or _____ with your friends at church when they seem slow to _____.

Rule #6: Believers must support one another, tenderly and affectionately in their varied circumstances-bearing one another's burdens.

- Personal _____ when a member is sick, in trouble, or in need is one way we might support one another.

Rule #7: Believers are voluntarily to contribute and share in temporal things with those who are truly poor.

- 1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's _____ abide in him?"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Promotion Sunday Sunday School - 9:30 Coffee & Donuts 10:30 Worship 10:45	7	8 First Day of School	9 Meals 5:00 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Ladies Brunch 10-12 in FLC
13 Deacon's Meeting Sunday School - 9:30 Coffee & Donuts 10:30 Worship 10:45	14	15	16 Meals 5:00 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am in FLC
20 Sunday School - 9:30 Coffee & Donuts 10:30 Worship 10:45	21	22	23 Meals 5:00 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27 Sunday School - 9:30 Coffee & Donuts 10:30 Worship 10:45	28	29	30 Meals 5:00 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 Wednesday evening services 6:00 p.m. SS Meeting—Men's Class Room 7:00 pm	31 Ladies Community Bible Study 6:30—8:00pm FLC Banquet Room		

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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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Answer Key for Duties of Christian Fellowship

1. Holy Spirit
2. Prayer Meeting
3. Yourself
4. Stimulating
5. Angry, Impatient, Learn
6. Sacrifice
7. Love

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