## FBC ALBANEWS

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### **Dr. Kelly Burton** pastor

A Banner Year! Tristan Leddy, James and Paige Eaton, Jodi Killingsworth, and Brennan and Stephanie Margos are new members at the best church in Alba, Texas. As of December 1, God gave us a banner year of new members, and first-time decisions and baptisms for Jesus. Thirty-eight joined the church, and eighteen people made first time decisions to receive Christ as the King, and eighteen were baptized. Thanks be to God. Check out the new member board in the office area.

Experiencing God 2024: We must be good stewards of all the new faces in FBCA. After careful prayer I am delighted to offer another twelve-week course of Experiencing God. Keep on the lookout for signups. I will begin February 4 and teach through April 21. The course is robust and not for the faint-hearted. You will need about an hour a day to devote to the course. It is for new and not so new Christians alike. I still have church members tell me that they truly experienced God during the twelve weeks. FBCA member, Slade Dougharty said this about Experiencing God: "The class gave me a better understanding of what it means to have a living relationship with God."

December Preaching Plan: I am looking forward to my December preaching plan. The traditional Christmas approach in many churches is to emphasize only the birth of Christ in December. I want to take a better, more God-honoring approach. This December I will feature Christ the Son from five different perspectives. I am including them here so you can read ahead. December 3, Hebrews 1:1-5, Christ the Superior Son. December 10, Philippians 2:1-11, Christ the Servant Son. December 17, Colossians 1:15-22, Christ the Preeminent Son. December 24, Matthew 1:18-25, Christ the Son Who Saves. December 31, John 1:1-5, 14, Christ the Eternal Son.

Committee Connections: Help! New members need a connection. For those rotating off committees, let me say thank you for your wise contributions to your team to get it done in 2023. Together we are *Reaching Out*. Yet, for us to keep on *Growing Together* newer people need a place to serve on a committee. If you are serving on a committee but not able to attend worship regularly, please allow other members to serve in your place. If you would like to serve, please let me know.



Merry Christmas!

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

# Amy Hayes-Weissert 9 Doug Hill 10 Amie Dailey 11 Tom Evans 12 Shelia Hill 18 Jim May 21 Amy Hayes-Weissert 9 Missy Kruger 24 Jason Spangenberg 25 Paul McCowan 27 Stacy Lennon 28 Zackey Raymond 31

Merry Christmas FBCA family! I hope you all are doing well as we all prepare for the holiday season. This is the time of year where our families can come together to remember the reason for the season, and that is Jesus Christ's birth! As your families gather together, please remember to give God all the glory! One reason why I love youth ministry is we get to come alongside parents by encouraging them to raise up their family to be strong Christians. What a pivotal role you play in your students' lives!

What an awesome time we had at the David Crowder concert in Tyler. We got to sing praises to the King as well as enjoy some good fellowship together! The youth really seemed to enjoy their time together as well. As many of you know, we have been studying the book of Esther for a few weeks now. We will be concluding our study of the book of Esther on Wednesday nights in December.

2023 will soon be in the rearview mirror. In the short time we have been here, we have seen growth in the student ministry. We are seeing new faces show up on a weekly basis! It is exciting to see students inviting their friends.

In conclusion, as we gear up for 2024, I am encouraged by your faithfulness and dedication to our Lord! Saturday, December 16th we plan to take the youth to see Christmas lights in Athens, TX. We will leave the church about 3:30pm. Thank you for all of your support to our students!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Stephanie and I!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Decen	per				1 GA Lock-in	2
3 Lottie Moon Luncheon	4	5	6 Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.		8	S Ladies Brunch and Cookie Exchange 11:00 a.m @ FLC
10 Deacon's Meeting	11	12	13 Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	14	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Youth Fire Night Christmas Lights Athens
17 Church-wide Snacks and Dips in FLC Red Brick Presentation	t Baj	otist	20 Candlelight Service on the Square 6:00 p.m.	irch	Alba	23
24 Christmas Eve 31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day	<b>Out</b> – (	27 Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	28	ther 29	30

#### SUNDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

5:00pm-5:45pm - 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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