

Sunday, December 17, 2023

**Pray, Pray, Pray,  
for Israel:**

Even if we don't understand everything going on in the middle east, our Christian privilege is to pray for Israel. Paul explains, "To them belong the patriarchs, from their own race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen." Romans 9:5.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
FAMILY MEAL OR  
ACTIVITIES AT THE  
CHURCH**

December 20th

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
ON THE SQUARE**

Wednesday, December 20th  
6:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs and be sure to invite family and friends

**CHURCH-WIDE SNACKS**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, following morning service in the FLC. Please provide finger foods and dips for the meal. Special Red Brick Presentation

**LORD'S SUPPER**

Sunday, January 7th

**\*\* Bottled Water Only  
in Sanctuary \*\***

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

No Nursery or Children's Church. This is a time for families to hear the Christmas story and worship together.

**EXPLORE FBC ALBA**

Sunday, January 14th and Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 in FLC Banquet Room.

If you are new to FBC Alba, please plan on attending these classes. Send request to fbcalba@peoplescom.net or to Barry Emerson *remerson0527@gmail.com*

**EXPERIENCING GOD**

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> –  
APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

I am delighted to offer Experiencing God again to FBCA. Over the years I have watched new and seasoned believers changed by God's grace as a result of this study.

The twelve-week course is not for the faint of heart. You will need at least an hour a day to prepare for the coming Sunday. The cost of the workbook is \$23, but if you need some help with the cost let me know. All are welcome to attend.

Sign-up sheets are available in each adult Sunday school class. Pastor Kelly -

**SUNDAY**

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30am

WORSHIP 10:45am

CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH

**WEDNESDAY**

5:00pm - 5:45pm  
Family Meal

5:30pm - 6:00pm  
Open Gym

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
Pastor's Bible Study  
In sanctuary

Mission Friends  
Primary Room # O1

RAs - Banquet RM FLC  
Royal Ambassadors

GAs -  
Girls in Action RM#A1

ABLAZE - Youth  
FLC

**BUDGET MONTHLY  
REQUIREMENT**  
\$36,069.83

**NOVEMBER BUDGET  
TO DATE**  
\$30,425.65

**DECEMBER BUDGET  
TO DATE**  
\$18,401.15

**MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Growing Youth Groups  
Mission Trips to Honduras  
Ladies'/Men's Bible Studies  
Discipleship Groups  
Men's Breakfast  
Ladies Brunch  
Vacation Bible School  
Family Ministry Center  
First Seekers - Outreach  
Biblical Counseling  
Alba-Golden Food Pantry -  
1st Friday of each month 9-11  
GriefShare—FLC  
SOS Ministry (Mondays FLC)

FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
Email:

fbcalba@peoplescom.net  
903-765-2471

**DECEMBER  
BUILDING FUND  
TO DATE**  
\$906.00

**FLC PAYMENT DUE**  
\$ 4,726.60

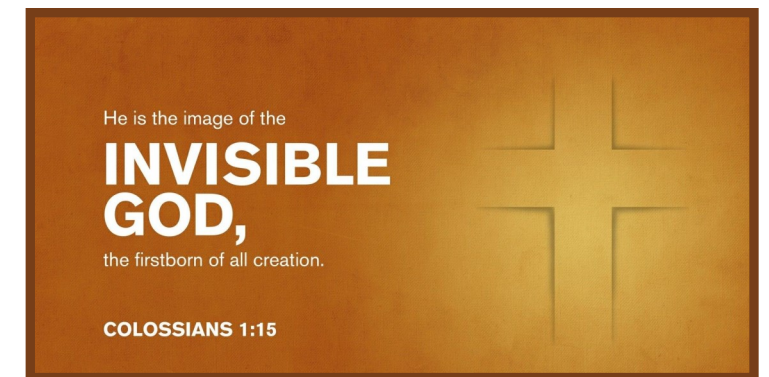
**NOVEMBER BUILDING  
FUND TO DATE**  
\$3,628.00



**First Baptist Church Alba**  
*Reaching Out - Growing Together*

*Christ the Preeminent Son*  
*Colossians 1:15-23*

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Dr. Kelly B. Burton *Pastor*

Brennan Margos *Student Minister*

John Revels *Minister of Music*

David Peterson

*Missions Coordinator*

Shane Reynolds

*Minister of Education*

Angel Wallace

*Women's Ministry Coordinator*

Cheryl Ballinger

*Children's Church Coordinator*



## Thank you for being our Guest

Please print and return to our offering plate

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

### Decisions you may desire to make today:

I am interested in church membership \_\_\_\_\_

How do I become a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in these ministries of the church:

Children's \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_

Single's \_\_\_\_\_ College/Career \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Christ the Preeminent Son***

**Colossians 1:15-23**

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*Dr. Kelly B. Burton*

Located in present-day Turkey, Colossae was a major trading center on the main highway to Ephesus. We need to figure how why the title "Christ" is mentioned 34 times in this short letter. One reason was to correct the heretical teachings about the sun, moon, stars, and angels. They are not to be worshiped or trusted for spiritual guidance. Christ created everything for Himself. He is the preeminent Son. ***The hands that molded His universe were pierced for your pardon. Anchor down in the Gospel.***

***Sermon in a Sentence: The hands that molded His universe were pierced for your pardon. Anchor down in the Gospel.***

### **1:15-18 His Invisible Servants**

*Thrones, dominions, are highly organized but not to be worshiped.*

### **1:19-20 His Perfect Provision**

*Without the preeminent Son we are alienated enemies of God.*

### **1:21-23 Your Ongoing Obligation**

*Ongoing faith confirms that you are His and anchors you to the Gospel.*

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*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

***Welcome/Greeting*** *Mr. Slade Dougharty*

*Thou Art Worthy  
In Christ Alone*

***Offering  
Children Church Dismiss (ages 3-6)  
Scripture Reading***

*Noel  
Mary Did You Know*

***The Message*** *Dr. Kelly B. Burton*

***Christ the Preeminent Son  
Colossians 1:15-23***

***The Invitation***

*Emmanuel  
(Hallowed Manger Ground)*