

# FBC ALBA NEWS

**Dr. Kelly Burton**  
pastor

**Thank you Josh Hass!** Josh did it again. Just look at this beautiful hand-crafted table Josh made for my reading materials. Josh owns and manages Blind Guy Wood Works. Both tables Josh built by hand are on display in our sanctuary foyer. Please take a minute to notice the detail Josh puts into his work, and remember to thank him. You can follow Josh on Facebook at Blind Guy Wood Works. Josh has close to twenty-five hundred followers! You are loved Josh. It is an honor to be your pastor. *"Your faith in God has gone out everywhere"* 1 Thessalonians 1:8.



*Thank you, Josh Hass, for this handsome hand-crafted piece of work!*

**Forty-One Years of Marriage:** While many of you have surpassed our mark of forty-one years, I am still super thankful for the four decades I have spent with my best friend Karen Lee. What has worked for us? Above all our united love for Christ. He is the center of our marriage. Communication. As we all age, we should never assume we know what the other is thinking. Try this, "Just to be clear, did I hear you say. . .?" This will save you an argument or two. Sometime during each day, turn off the tv and put down your cell phone and look at each other in the eyes. Ask how their day was. Be good communicators in your marriage. Forgive and move on. Karen is the best at this. Don't hold grudges. Don't bring up things from the past that only instigate a spat. Time with your spouse is precious so forgive and move on. Hold hands! I know that sounds childish, but holding hands is physical touch and we all need it. I started holding Karen's hand in 6<sup>th</sup> grade! I still get a thrill when Karen reaches over and interlocks her fingers with mine. Keep a date night! Every couple needs time alone. Get dressed up and take your bride out to dinner. She deserves some time away from the house and yes, the kids. She is your prized possession, a beautiful treasure from God. Treat her to a nice meal and a movie. Tell her at least once during the night how much you love her. During February when I was having such a physically difficult time, Karen handed me this: *"If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so that I never have to live without you"* A.A. Milne. Thank you, Father for my best friend Karen Lee.

**A Trio Every Christian Should Aspire:** In 1 Thess. 4:11-12 Paul lines out this trio of commands that ought to be fresh on our minds. First, *Mind your own business*. You and I have enough work to do on ourselves before we leer at others. Second, *Work with your own hands*. Part of your Christian ethic is not to be a slacker. Go to college, earn a degree, and get to work in the trade of your choice. Don't depend on other's hard work to supply for your idleness. Live like a Christian. Third, *Live properly in front of those outside the Church community*. I take this to mean pay close attention to your inner self. Gregory the Great in 590 AD, put it this way, *"Be a model for everyone. Devote yourself entirely to good living. Die to the passions of your flesh and live a spiritual life. Do not lust for the possessions of others."* A trio every Christian should aspire.

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

## April Birthdays

Richard Osborn	1	Donald Kruse	14
Max Robinson	2	Christina Schuttler	15
Ashton Tullos	2	Kason Trimble	15
Christopher Reynolds	4	Kaden Trimble	16
Joshua McGee	4	Cash McGee	18
Camden Burton	6	Corey Raymond	20
Glenda Bradshaw	7	Gary Morris	21
Skylar Wallace	8	Jeanette Raddliff	26
Linda Culp	9	George Hayes	26
Ripplee Littlejohn	11	Julia Robinson	27
Hunter Kennedy	11	Libbie Black	27
Kim Lane	13	Delores Slagle	28
Kylie Kleam	13	Lea Reynolds	28
Glenda Raymond	14	Jesse Wallace	30

Dear FBCA Family,

March has been a good month in the FBC Ablaze youth department. We took the students bowling during spring break and we saw a good group join us. We had to ask adults to drive their vehicles because the church bus was packed! That is an encouraging site to see. A huge thank you to those adults that joined us, you are a vital necessity to our youth. Thank you for your time serving along with our students.

Fundraising has been going spectacularly well. Your generosity to our youth each week makes me thankful to have such a supportive church family. The fundraisers have raised close to \$6,000 for our students! That is incredible. Thank you for your generosity! With that being said, we will be taking down the Wall-o-Money following Easter.

We continue our study through the book of James on Wednesday nights. This study has been really insightful for me, and I am sure it has been for our students. James calls us to live out a real and authentic faith. If you call yourself a Christian, do your actions line up with scripture? Come join us sometime! In our Sunday school hour we continue to move through the book of Judges. Ask the students sometime what they are learning through Judges. They are getting good at recalling the cycle of sin the Israelites find themselves in and crying out to God for help. We can relate that to our own lives.

We will be having our next fire night at Corey and Glenda Raymonds on Saturday April 13, 2024 from 5-8pm. I hope you will come out and join the youth as we fellowship together and praise the Lord! Stephanie and I are proud to serve alongside you at the best church in Alba!

Press On,

Brennan & Stephanie Margos

FBCA Youth Minister

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 APRIL	1	2	3	4 GriefShare 4:00 p.m.	5	6
7 Sunday Services online <a href="https://www.fbcalba.com/">https://www.fbcalba.com/</a>	8	9	10 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	11 GriefShare 4:00 p.m.	12	13 Ladies Brunch 10:00 am in FLC
14 Deacon's Meeting	15	16	17 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	18 GriefShare 4:00 p.m.	19	20 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am in FLC
21	22	23	24 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes	25 GriefShare 4:00 p.m.	26	27
28 Annie Armstrong Luncheon Following morning service in FLC	29	30				

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## Reaching Out - Growing Together

**SUNDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

5:00 pm - 5:30pm  
MEAL TIME  
5:30pm - 6:00pm  
OPEN GYM  
6:00 - 7:00pm  
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  
SOS - Sobriety Over Substances  
GriefShare

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

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