

Dr. Kelly Burton

pastor

Welcome New Members! I am honored to announce we are growing again. Help me welcome to the best church in Alba: *Barabara Glasscock, Red McPeek, and Kim Weast.* All three are plugged into Sunday School classes and are actively attending Wednesday night Bible Study as well. That is how to incorporate new members. I am so proud of all of you!

Together We Did IT! Church family, I am so honored to be your pastor. Your faithfulness continues to thrive in our church. I am pleased to announce: As of Friday, April 26, 2024, our Family Life Center is completely paid off. Congratulations! I look forward to scheduling a *note-burning service* and a church celebration in the FLC very soon. I would like for those of you who have pictures from the groundbreaking and even construction to let me know so I can show them in the FLC on the day of our celebration. I remember meeting with our deacons and expressing how God was impressing me to find ways to make room for our growing student ministry. The deacons all agreed they had the same burden. With your approval, we broke ground across the street in 2015. Since that time, we have followed God's lead to serve our community, and provide an outstanding venue for our students to gather. It does my heart good every Wednesday to hear and see all the children and youth. Thank you so much to all of you who gave so sacrificially to pay down the note! We will keep Reaching Out-Growing Together according to the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Congratulations 2024 Graduates! This year we recognize Megan Wallace, Hailey Crutchfield, Marissa Rojo, and Kali Trimble. Way to go ladies. Stay at it. Continue your education and let God lead you into a field of study where you can honor Him with your mind and talents. All of you are well equipped with the Gospel. Be brave and share your faith. I am honored to be your pastor.

Onesimus, or Useful: This week in our Wednesday night Bible Study I am leading the group through Philemon. It is part of my NT Survey. Philemon was a wealthy man living in Colossae. When he heard Paul preach in Ephesus, he was gloriously saved. The Gospel changed Philemon. After his conversion he used his time, his gifts, and his treasures to honor God. One example is that he opened up his home so the Colossian Christians could have a church where they could meet. What a sacrifice! How has the Gospel changed you? But something strange happened to Philemon. One of his slaves, Onesimus, stole something from him and ran away. Even when we are sinning, God directs our steps to His better plan and purpose. God's path led him to Paul in prison where Paul won him to Jesus. Now Onesimus was a changed man as well. The letter to Philemon from Paul is a plea to receive Onesimus back as a brother no longer a slave. Onesimus means Useful. How fitting. Let me share two theological points that emerge from this letter. First, is the Providence of God. God is continually involved with all created things in such a way that He cooperates with our every decision directing us to fulfill His purpose. As His child, God is right now cooperating with all your decisions in your life. Even if they are not in line with His will, God graciously and providentially directs your steps back in line with His plan. The second theological point I see in Philemon is the importance of forgiveness. Listen to Paul's plea, "If he (Onesimus) owes you anything, charge that to my account." Who does that sound like? Where did Paul learn that? Yes, from Jesus. Similarly, Jesus interceded to His Father and said, "Father, however Kelly Burton has offended You, whatever that worm owes You, charge it to Me. I died for him so that You will forgive him and receive him as you receive Me. "I hope you will read Philemon and reflect on its rich theological content then apply it to your personal life.

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Robert Neal	02	Margaret Morris	17
Jace Hansen	04	Bobbie Weeks	20
Heike Maul	08	LeeAnne Kleam	23
Kaden Kennedy	08	Khloe Frazier	22
Sue Gilliam	12	Jacob Dailey	24
Emma Schuttler	16	Dwayne Stockton	25
Claudia Stockton	17	Robert Schuttler	26
Daymon Wallace Sr.	17		

Dear FBCA Family,

The school year is coming to a close and I am both proud and sad to see our graduates about to leave us. They have been such amazing students and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for their futures. Please consider joining us on Sunday, May 26th as we recognize those graduating this year. Kalli Trimble, Hailey Crutchfield, Marissa Rojo, and Megan Wallace are our graduates for 2024. Also, please be in prayer for our graduates as they venture out into this difficult time in our nation. Pray that they keep their resolve and that they begin to lead others into saving faith in Jesus Christ, holding fast to the truths of the gospel and the sufficiency of scripture and the Holy Spirit to guide them in every difficult season.

Our next fire night will take place on Saturday, May 11th from 5-8 pm. We will be hosting the youth this month. I have invited a friend, Kendall Banks from FBC Mineola, to come speak to the youth this evening. I hope you will consider joining us. Let me know if you need anything!

The Youth are preparing for Super Summer in June and a youth retreat in July. They are just around the corner. I want to thank everyone who has supported our youth this year through fundraisers. Thanks to your generosity, nearly every youth who has participated in fundraisers has raised enough money for the two events.

In total, we have raised close to \$7,000 this year! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity and support! We have a few more envelopes for our Wall-O-Money Sponsorship Fundraiser. You have all done so much already but we need one more final push this month to meet our goal of paying for every student's cost. Thank you in advance for your support and remember to pray for our students this summer.

Press On in the faith,

Brennan & Stephanie Margos

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May			1	2 GriefShare 4:00 p.m.	3	4
5 Sunday Services online https://www.fbcalba.com/	6		8 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	9 GriefShare 4:00 p.m.	10	Ladies Brunch 10:00 am in FLC FBCA FIRE NIGHT 5-8 pm. Hosted at Brennan and Stephanie Margos' home.
12 Happy Mother's Day Deacon's Meeting	13 F. D. 3		15 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:30 p.m. Open Gym 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Classes 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	16	ΛIha	18 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am in FLC
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26 Graduate Recognition Sunday Tween Time—12 (noon) - 2:00 p.m. in FLC	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31	

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

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