

**Dr. Kelly Burton** pastor

Welcome New Members! I am honored to announce we continue to grow by God's grace. Help me welcome to the best church in Alba: Evan Stepanion, Casey, and Melissa Kerry and their children, Henry and Madelyn, and Tim and Quindee Tidwell.

**Another Reminder:** This year I finished writing my New Testament Survey. I have enjoyed teaching you the important information that surrounds every Book and Letter of the New Testament. Inside the Survey you will find illustrative details about the cities where the first century Christians grew up. You will read about the cultures and the challenges the early church faced while persuading their neighbors to believe in Christ. I peppered some engaging questions throughout the Survey to help you think a little deeper than usual. My goal in writing this Survey is to encourage Sunday School teachers and pastors to gain helpful information for teaching the New Testament. I also hope to inform the laypeople at FBCA, and perhaps other congregations, of the biblical context behind the specific books of the New Testament. Printing costs for the Survey was \$1990.00. The Church paid for the Surveys, so if you would like one, please consider reimbursing FBC Alba \$20.00 for your copy. Enjoy!

Please Attend! I hope everyone will stay after church September 15 and attend the Mary Hill Davis Luncheon. Chessie and Treva Humphries work so hard every year to prepare baked potatoes and decorate our FLC. Not only do I want you to attend for missionary support within the great state of Texas, but I will also recognize all the new faces on Sunday mornings. While I write this article, twenty-three people have joined the church since January! Please be in attendance to meet all these precious new people. I am so honored to be your pastor and lead you through this special time of God's favor on His church in Alba.

Colleagues not Competitors: Last month I was sitting in a PhD Seminar at Southwestern Seminary. I was reminded that as students and faculty we are colleagues not competitors. If that is true in an academic environment how much more should it be in the church of God. We are learning together through our studies in 1 Corinthians that there should not be any divisions or schisms in the church of God. Paul exhorts that we "are called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Co. 1:2. A quick overview of 1 Corinthians reminds us of the sorts of things that divide us: 1. Listening to the wisdom of the world. Let me caution our church to beware of youtube prophets who seek to pry you away from the Bible and believe their theories. 2. When church members tolerate sin, the whole church suffers. 3. Arrogantly boasting about our spiritual security will divide the church. In other words, believing you are powerful enough to flirt with your sins and still come out on top. 4. Taking advantage of or ignoring the poor in the church community. 5. Serving where God has not chosen you to serve. Discover your spiritual gift for this season of the church and look for opportunities to get involved. And 6. Leaving love at home when you come to church. "If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing" 1 Co. 13:3.

As we continue to see God's favor in our church, avoid these six peace stealers. I'll see you Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

Septembe	r Birthdays
Dianne Haisten 07 Brandon Cossabone 08 Myra Bratton 08 Jake Vaughan 12 Kristi Kindle 13 Chesa Morris 14 Daymon Wallace Jr. 14	Kathy Wallace 15 Marjorie Corbitt 17 Pam Kruse 17 Tom Fitzgerald 21 Suzy Keller 24 Darla Blair 26 Koby Kleam 26

### FBCA Family,

The 2024-2025 school year is off to a fast and furious start. I pray your family has found their new routine as our community has begun our new school year. What an awesome and busy month of August we had in the youth department. September will be a great month of outreach as well.

As many of you know we held our first annual back-to-school bash in the FLC on August 14th. What a turnout we had! We saw 79 students come through our doors from 4 different churches. 79 students heard the gospel through the music and preaching of the Word! Thank you church family for caring for our students. Many of you came over during the ending of the service. What an eventful night. Thank you for allowing this event to happen. I pray our students were rejuvenated to share their faith this school year!

September 6th will be an amazing opportunity for our church because we will be hosting a 5th quarter event in the FLC following the football game at Alba-Golden. Fifth quarters are designed to be an outreach event for local churches following the end of the football game. We invite any students to come out to our FLC and hang out until midnight. I am planning on a dodgeball tournament and a few other games for our students this particular evening. We will have some music and a challenge from the Word as well. We need volunteers to help us supervise if you are willing! It will be a late evening, however, you will get a huge blessing out of it.

Imagine how different our community would look if our students went out and took God's Word seriously? My challenge to you is this: if you aren't already, start investing in someone younger than you. It might just change their eternity and you will reap tremendous blessing from it. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Press On,

Brennan & Stephanie Margos

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Septemb	ber					
1 Experiencing God Class Starts 9:30 in Sanctuary	2 Labor Day Office is Closed	3	Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45p.m.	5 GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m. Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 pm	6	7
8 Deacon's Meeting	9	10	Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45	GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m.  Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 pm	13	Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m @ FLC Ladies Conference Sand Springs Church 8:30-3:00
15 Mary Hill Davis Luncheon @ FLC New Member Recognition	t Baj	<b>Out-</b> G	Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	19 GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m. Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 pm	<b>Alba</b> ther	21
22 Stephanie Margos—Baby Shower FLC— 12:00 noon—snacks  29 Kyle & Marissa Wedding Shower— FLC 12:00 noon—meal provided	30	24	Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p	26 GriefShare 4:-00—6:00 p.m. Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 pm	27	28

#### SUNDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

5:00 pm MEAL 5:30pm - 6:00pm OPEN GYM 6:00 - 7:00pm MISSION FRIENDS RAS - ROYAL AMBASSADORS GAS - GIRLS IN ACTION FBC ABLAZE—YOUTH FLC 6:00pm - 7:00pm 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
GriefShare—FLC

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