# **ALBA NE**

## Dr. Kelly Burton pastor

### Happy Thanksgiving!

**Congregation Appreciation:** While I am so honored for all your Pastor Appreciation gifts, it is you who deserves the thanks. I appreciate your patience and love for me all these years. On October 27 we left the church feeling so loved. Every time we all meet for worship, we witness the love of God because He has perfectly knitted our lives together. I remember in my academic work a pastor named Richard Baxter. He was a Puritan and a superb pastor/teacher. Baxter had over six hundred families in his parish. Every Sunday, after an hour and a half sermon (very typical of Puritan preaching), Baxter would make his rounds to as many member's homes as he could. He would sit down and ask the families questions about his sermon that day. The children were required to listen in as well. If there were questions about the sermon or the Bible text from which he spoke, he would clarify and drill down deeper into the text. There was no doubt when Pastor Baxter left that everyone understood. Don't worry, I will not be dropping by this Sunday after church. Thank you again for your love for us and the Kingdom of God. We love you all.

Missions Awareness: I have been burdened lately about making the church more aware of God's heartbeat. My aim will be to partner with our Missions Coordinator, David Peterson, to show you unreached people groups across the world. By that I mean, people who have not even heard of Jesus and the Gospel. Yes, there are people like that. Moreover, there are even unengaged unreached people groups. That means no efforts are being made to learn the languages of some of these people groups. Very soon when you walk through the breezeway between the office area and the Sunday School wing of the church, we will have on display pictures of the countries that are unreached, and an up to date DVD showing people who have gone on missions trips and returned transformed by how God works. I hope you will take a minute to stop and take a look. Become more aware of missions and pray for the lost around the world and in Wood County. Pray for missionaries.

**2 Samuel 6:** How many sermons have you heard on the death of Uzzah from this text? Very few I would guess. Sadly, many preachers try to protect God by saying He doesn't really do this sort of thing to people. I say we let the Bible talk! Uzzah reached out and touched the Ark as David was transferring it to Jerusalem. For that move, God struck him dead. This story reminds us that God is zealous to protect His holiness. God had warned the Israelites years before to stay back from Mt Sinai when He came down to meet with Moses. They were not to touch it. We need reminded how important it is to approach God with caution, better yet, approach Him on your knees. Uzzah failed to remember the commands of God. He might have been familiar with the Torah, but like many Christians today, they are only nominal at best. Avoid Uzzah's kind of mindset when you come to worship. Can you recall the holiness of God and at the same time reflect on your desperate sinful condition? If so, that will make for some excellent worship! Jesus Christ is your only hiding place from the holy, just wrath of God against your sin. Let's be prepared every week to meet with our holy God.

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

#### **November Birthdays** Jody Killingsworth Sherry May Felica Reynolds Alan Atherton 3 5 Douglas Taylor Scott Reynolds

14 15 17 18 22 25 26 30 Larry Ratcliff Bo Culp Melissa Kerry Deena Spangenbertg Red McPeek Tom Neal James Eaton Lyman Carpenter Kim Weast 10 Justin Kleam Chris Latimer 30

#### FBCA Family,

It is hard to believe the holiday season is quickly approaching. Our church has seen changes this year, and I am excited to have been a part of seeing how the Lord has moved in our church. This past month has taught me a lot as Stephanie and I have begun our journey as new parents. One lesson is patience. The Bible has many things to say about patience. One example is:

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil." Psalm 37:7-8 ESV

Being patient with one another in the faith is so important to us as believers. Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit. I would urge each one of us to practice patience with each other and seek restoration in all circumstances because it's what Christ would have us do.

In the youth department, we have been in Genesis studying the story of Joseph in Egypt for a few weeks now. On Wednesday nights, we've been doing a series entitled *Anchored*: Sure and Steadfast. Each study has been teaching us to be solid in our faith and how to share that with a world in desperate need of the gospel. A thought to reflect on: are you sharing your faith with your peers and colleagues?

We have a lot of exciting things coming up for our students! November 9th is our next youth Fire Night, where we'll have popcorn and a movie in the FLC from 5-8pm. There will be no youth activities on November 27th so everyone can enjoy Thanksgiving fellowship with their families. Also, we will host a joint youth service on December 4th with Amazing Grace Baptist Church here at FBCA. Their youth pastor, Brandon Bohannon, will be speaking and we'll have a great time worshiping together. Lastly, our youth Christmas party will take place on December 7th in the FLC from 5-8pm. Stay tuned for more to come in the new year. Thank you, Church, for supporting our youth as always!

Press On,

Brennan, Stephanie & Mason Margos

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BLESSINGS			1 Wednesday Night Family Meals Tacos with sides 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	2 Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 p.m	1	2
3	4	5	6 Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	7 Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 p.m	8	9 Ladies Brunch Cancelled today (see info on 11/16) Youth Movie Night 5-8 p.m. in FLC
10 Deacon's Meeting	11	12	Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 p.m	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8 am—FLC Ladies—South Liberty Church
17 Lord's Supper Church Thanksgiving Meal 12:00 in FLC	t Baj	otist	20 Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	21 Ladies Community Bible Ministry 6:30—8:00 p.m	Alba	23
24 Brennan Margos Student Minister will be preaching	aching	0ut - 0	No Activities	28 Happy Thanksgiving	ther	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
SOS - Sobriety Over Substances
GriefShare

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