

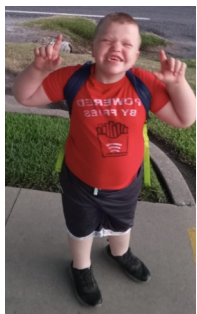
# FBC ALBA NEWS

**Dr. Kelly Burton**  
pastor

**Happy New Year Church Family!** Last month we welcomed the final member of 2024, John Olson. It was my honor to lead John to Jesus and to baptize him on December 15.

**Twenty-nine new people joined the church in 2024!** When the church is thriving, people are connecting, Jesus is working, and the Gospel is advancing. **This month I would like to feature two people in our church.**

**“Merry Christmas Pastor!”** Who can resist the affection of Robert Neal? This gentle giant has been air-dropped from heaven into the best church in Alba, Texas. Down the aisle, laser-focused on me, Robert opened his arms on December 11, and said in his loud but loving voice, **“Merry Christmas Pastor!”** His hugs come straight from his goliath size heart. Robert has made tremendous progress this year at AGISD. His teachers are very pleased with his steady progress. Who could forget Robert singing happy birthday to his daddy in front of the whole church this summer? This kind of pure, love for people is the same kind of love we are to have towards one another and the spiritually lost in Alba, Texas. Thank you God for sending us Robert Neal.



*Merry Christmas Robert!*

*We love you too.*



**Thank you, George Hayes!** Another faithful and precious saint I want to recognize is George Hayes. George was on the Pastor Search Committee who called me to pastor the best church in

Alba. Rare in a search committee member is the concern for the pastor’s wife. George always asked me “How’s Karen?” George knew that the pastor’s wife has the hardest job in the world. She supports her husband and loves the people he preaches to every week. George had one question for Karen at our job interview, “Karen, what do you see as your role as the pastor’s wife at FBC Alba?” Karen graciously responded, “To love my husband and pray for him.” George responded, “That’s all I need to hear. I am out of here!” George was never one to sit around. George had one question for me at that interview, only one, “Pastor, do you tithe?” I relinquished his fears when I said, “Yes sir, I do.” George was a godly steward of his time and his money. The church was the aim of his heart because Jesus was the aim of his affections. More than anything else, George wanted to see our Family Life Center paid off before he died. His generosity, along with the faithfulness of so many others, made that happen. George lit the fire at the note-burning service in 2024. Thank you, Father for George Hayes. Please find George Hayes’s red brick now planted in the Red Brick Walkway in front of the Family Life Center.

*Grace and Peace, Pastor Kelly*

## January Birthdays

Melba Kelly	06	Jim Drinkwater	17
Cheryl Ballinger	06	Rhonda Arrington	17
Shane Reynolds	07	Roy Fisher	24
Corena McCormack	10	Jason Mullins	24
Danny Holder	12	Jim Osborn	25
Stephanie Margos	15	John Corbitt	26

FBCA Family,

Here we are as we embark upon a new year. I pray as you make your new year resolutions, you will consider giving Jesus daily time in reading scripture. I do not know about you, but whenever I begin my day meditating on scripture and praying to the Lord it is such a refreshing time. It resets my focus for the day on what truly matters- making His name famous!

Personally, I have been reading through the book of Exodus. It is awesome to see how the Lord used Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian captivity. Furthermore, I am blown away at how the Lord provides for His people even in their complaining and grumbling. The youth have been journeying through this powerful book since December.

We had a great **Christmas** in the youth department. Our **Christmas** party was really successful. We had 12 students and 9 adults present! I want to give a huge thank you to everyone that was involved in making our event a huge success. The youth really enjoyed the time of worship and fellowship. Thank you for providing a safe facility for our youth to come and worship the Lord. My prayer for them as they enter our doors is to hear the truth of scripture and ultimately come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Afterward, they would take what they learn here and apply it in their daily lives for the kingdom of Christ.

As always, keep up the good work for the Lord in 2025!

Press On,

Brennan, Stephanie and Mason

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year  No Evening Activities  Office Closed for New Year's Holiday	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45pm 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	9	10	11 Ladies Brunch 10:00 a.m. @ FLC  Fire Night—5-8pm Lake Fork Marina
12 Deacon's Meeting	13	14	15 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45pm 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	16	17	18 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am @ FLC
19	20	21	22 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45pm 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/	23	24	25
26 No Children's Church	27	28	29 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45pm 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	30	31	

# First Baptist Church Alba

## 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 pm-7:00 pm  
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  
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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