

FBC ALBA NEWS

Welcome New Members:

Joshua Preaching Series: Thank you all for such kind and encouraging comments regarding the Joshua series on Sunday mornings. There is something very special going on when we meet. Your faithful attention inspires me to keep on. I hope you will invite someone in Alba to join us sometime during this series. God will make a difference in their lives and help them to see how relevant the Bible is to their particular situations.

Under Construction: Bo Culp, Doug Hill, and Ronny Gaby are chalking the lines for new classrooms in the upstairs Family Life Center! How exciting it will be when we start to hear the hammers and see the progress on this new building project. I feel your pain for more room. I am visiting every Adult Sunday School class in January and February and I see your dilemmas. Thank you for your patience and **willingness** to **crowd** into an already packed room. Help is on the way! Once we get one class built, we will fill it immediately. This will open up some relief for another class. I know you don't like the idea of *birthing another class*, but new **classes** equal new people which makes for new growth at FBCA. It is a proven fact, new classes grow faster than older ones. Your Sunday School class has three tasks, 1) *To reach people for Christ and church membership*, 2) *To teach people God's Word*, and 3) *To minister to people's needs*.

New Young Adult Sunday School Class! The invitations are in the mail and the teacher is ready to welcome all young adults 18-35 years of age. Let's hear it for Casey and Melissa Kerry! Casey will be teaching this new class. Casey and Melissa have been members now for six months. Casey brings with him a resume full of ministry experience. He has taught children's SS, been a deacon, a Youth Pastor, and served on just about every committee a church can have. I am personally grateful for his steady, quiet, humble character. He is really a special guy that God sent us. Casey and Melissa have two children, Henry and Madelyn. Please tell them thank you for their ministry.

"Get up, stop praying!" Kind of hard to believe, isn't it? One of the very few times God told someone to stop praying is in Joshua 7:13. Well, He didn't use those words, but Joshua was on his face praying and crying because a little country named Ai just routed the Israelites. It was ugly. So why tell Joshua to get up and stop praying? Because Achan, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the loot from Jericho and hid it under his tent. This is why they lost the battle. God accuses all of Israel for the sin. In other words, one man's sin contaminated the whole camp. God was not with them because Achan broke faith with God. He took some of the devoted things, and Israel lost the battle at Ai. We are never more vulnerable to our enemy than when confidence runs high. Israel grew overconfident and underestimated their enemy. As we enjoy this season of blessing from God at FBCA, keep one eye out for the prowling lion. Peter says this about Satan, *"Be sober-minded, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. . ."* 1 Peter 5:8-9. Go out of your way to serve each other. Humble yourselves. Easily forgive each other. Love one another. Get up! It is time for holiness. Stay close to God and each other during this building project.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Kelly

February Birthdays

April Wilcox	2	Billie Frederick	14
Darren Kindle	2	Linda Burton	15
John Margos	4	Chad Lennon	16
Chad Dailey	11	Mary Galyean	26
Cindy McDowell	13	Dylan Ragan	28
		Henry Kerry	31

Why do we attend a Sunday School class?

Yes, we have trustworthy expository preaching in church by a pastor with a shepherd's heart, so why the extra class? We have godly men and women who study hard to bring us closer to Christ as we study the words of the Bible in small groups. We attend Mike Humphries' Fellowship class. There we have time for questions or discussion. And it is...Come as you are. We are all redeemed sinners here. But the best thing about SS is the fellowship. We know each other and pray for each other. We are not alone. We often travel and when we return, we are hugged by folks who are glad to see us return safely. That is priceless. I look forward to the time spent with the "brothers and sister" we have come to know and love in there on Sunday mornings. It is like a nest or a home with an extended family. It's a very great blessing. Maxine Zackey – Member of FBC Alba

The Young & Loving It Sunday School

class was recently asked "Why do you enjoy Sunday School?" The answers were all very similar.

"Sunday School offers the opportunity "to know and be known" in the context of going deeper in scripture; and creates a context of intimacy and caring across a broad spectrum of ages and life experiences. We are richer for our time together."

"Well prepared, in depth, verse by verse, chronological study of the Bible. The teaching draws from historical books, alongside scripture, including detailed maps and timelines to create a whole picture"
"Care for one another through prayer and ministry."

Sunday School offers:

Connection –a Sunday School class provides a way to connect you won't get from a corporate worship setting alone.

Growth –a Sunday School class is a way to dig down into God's word and grow in your understanding and relationship with Him.

Support - a Sunday School class provides a group of believers the opportunity to support one another in prayer, and in serving each other as needed.

If you seek connection, growth, and support in your Christian Walk, join a Sunday School class, and help spur each other on as the Day approaches.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	6	7	8 Ladies Brunch 10:00 a.m. @ FLC
9 Deacon's Meeting	10	11	12 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	13 GriefShare 4:00—6:00 p.m. Banquet Room FLC	14 	15 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am in FLC Youth Fire Night 5-8pm—FLC
16	17	18	19 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	20 GriefShare 4:00—6:00 p.m. Banquet Room FLC	21	22
23 No Children's Church	24	25	26 Wednesday Night Meal - 5:00-5:45 6:00—RA's/GA's/ Mission Friends/ Youth/ Pastor's Bible Study	27 GriefShare 4:00—6:00 p.m. Banquet Room FLC	28	

First Baptist Church Alba
 Reaching Out - Growing Together

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

5:00– 5:45pm
MEAL TIME
6:00pm - 7:00pm
PRAYER/DEVOTIONAL
MISSION FRIENDS
RAs - ROYAL AMBASSADORS
GAs - GIRLS IN ACTION
6:00pm - 7:00pm
BIBLE STUDY - Sanctuary
FBC ABLAZE - Youth - FLC

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Growing Youth Groups—ABLAZE
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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