

A WORD FROM PASTOR DUSTIN

Welcome to a new year!

This coming year will prove to be an important year for our community, our nation, and our world. We have two major conflicts happening overseas that we hope will end. We have major elections coming in November. And our area continues to grow at incredible rates as people make Texas their home. 2024 will definitely be a pivotal year. That's why we're going to begin our year with a series entitled "Pivotal." We'll look at four key issues we'll face this year, and how we can be prepared to answer questions and make decisions when the time is necessary.

I have some other new things for 2024 that I'm excited about!

One is Pastor Dustin's Book Club! Each month, I'm going to select a book that I hope you'll read with me. Along the way, I'll send out some questions to the group who's reading, and maybe we'll even have a lunch zoom call to discuss the book! We'll see how it goes. This month I want to emphasize our need for prayer in such a pivotal year by reading Andrew Murray's classic, "With Christ in the School of Prayer." It has 31 short chapters, each helping you think about and practice prayer in a deeper way. There are numerous versions of the book. We have a page at fbcrr.org/pdbc where you can find links to the least expensive options on Amazon, a modern translation of the book, a Spanish version, and even a free PDF.

I'm also pumped about a new Wednesday night study I'm co-leading called "The Followers: Getting to Know the Men & Women who Walked with Jesus." It will begin on January 10 at 6:15 in the Parlor, next to the Gym. It's an open class for all ages, and there is no book or study guide purchase necessary. Find out more at fbcrr.org/wnbs.

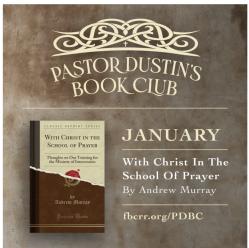
Finally, another new thing for 2024 that I'm looking forward to is a study through Galatians that will begin in February. This study will take us verse by verse through this letter of Paul, and I think you'll be amazed at how relevant this near 2000 year old letter is to us in 2024. If you're a note taker (and I hope you all are), you might want to try going through this study using a Galatians Study Journal. These journals have the Scripture on one page and a blank page opposite, so that you can take notes with plenty of space. We have a list of them on our website if you go to fbcrr.org/galatians. Of course, we'll still offer our handouts each Sunday at the Worship Center entrances.

I can't wait to get 2024 started! I hope it will be a PIVOTAL year for you as you PRAYERFULLY become an even more devoted FOLLOWER of Christ. Let's go!

Expecting God's More!







CHILDREN'S MINISTRY







STUDENT MINISTRY

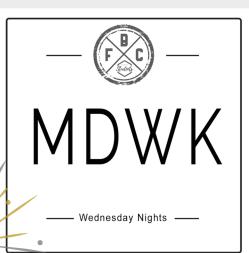
TURKEY BOWL 2023







MDWK Will Return Wednesday January 10, 2024





YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY





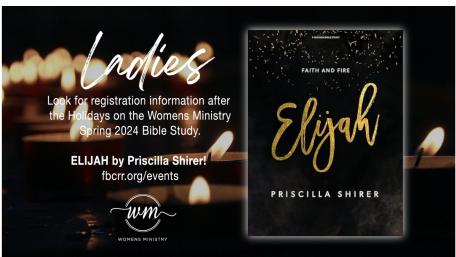
The new year always brings such excitement to try new things, acquire another skill, and to gain in many ways while losing in others. Within the Young Adult Ministry, we are continuing to adapt and learn in order to provide a place for all young adults to feel welcome and to have a Kingdom purpose. We are excited to release a new calendar of scheduled events that will be easily accessible in many formats for you to choose from. So, keep an eye out for that coming soon. A closing reminder: Though many goals set at the beginning of the year fade away, may your ambition to know and love Christ more never falter!

-Travis

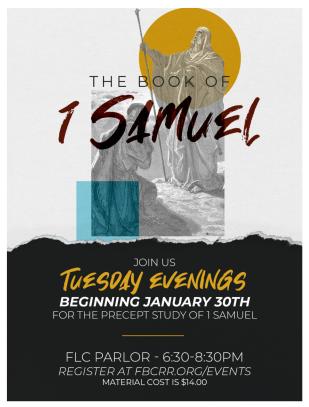


ADULT MINISTRY









WORSHIP MINISTRY



Preschool and Children's Choir Resume on Sunday January 7, 2024



Sing in the Adult Choir, Rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:30-7:30





featuring
SOUTHERN PLAINSMEN QUARTET



JANUARY 14, 6:00 PM

ALL THE DETAILS

WOR	SHIP	BIBLE STUDY			
TOT	ALS	TOTA	LS		
11/26	472	11/26	322		
12/03	496	12/03	373		
12/10	426	12/10	314		
12/17	422	12/17	339		

GIVING

Worship Through Giving Weekly Offerings									2023-24 Fiscal Year to Date	
FY 2023-24 - Weeks 35 - 38			11/26/2023		12/3/2023		<u>12/10/2023</u>	12/17/2023		
Giving Received		\$	60,147.01		\$ 22,309.01		\$ 141,941.90	\$ 59,066.33		\$ 1,681,870.12
Giving Needed/Church Budget	П	\$	44,115.00	П	\$ 44,115.00	П	\$ 44,115.00	\$ 44,115.00	Г	\$ 1,676,370.00
Giving Over (Under)	П	\$	16,032.01	П	\$ (21,805.99)	П	\$ 97,826.90	\$ 14,951.33	Г	\$ 5,500.12
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CALENDAR

Start Date	Start Time	Title	Buildings/Rooms
December 21-January 1		Church Office Closed for Christmas Break	
January 7	3:00 PM	Grief Share: Loss of a Spouse	Building A: A102
January 9	9:00 AM	Friendship International Begins	FLC: Upstairs Assembly
January 10	6:00PM	Wednesday Evening Activities Begin	FLC
January 14	6:00 PM	Southern Plainsmen Quartet Concert	Building A: Sanctuary
January 21	4:30 PM	Church Wide Fellowship Meal	Gym
January 21	6:00 PM	Quarterly Church Conference	FLC: Upstairs Assembly
January 27	8:30 AM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	FLC: Parlor, Kitchen (gym)