

# FBC NEWSLETTER

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## Focus On: Ladies' Bible Studies

A new year means the start of new Ladies' Bible Studies. We have two groups meeting on Wednesdays, starting January 28, this spring.



In the mornings at 9:30am, there will be a study by Jen Wilkin, called "God of Covenant - Genesis 12-50." This study picks up where the group left off in the fall, beginning with Genesis 12, where attendees will walk alongside the fathers of our faith - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and



Joseph - to discern Jesus in the stories of His people. Beth Hendricks will facilitate the group which meets in the Education Building in room 128. The requested donation to cover the



## A Word for The New Year

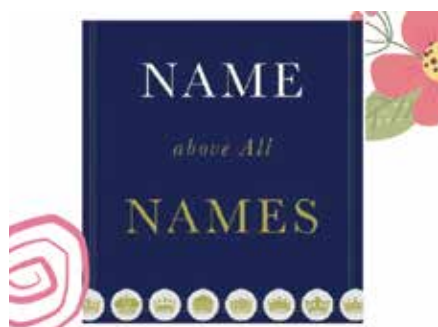
As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with gratitude for all that God has accomplished through our church in 2025. This past year was marked by faithful service, sacrifice, and perseverance, and your hard work has not gone unnoticed—by leadership or by the Lord. Scripture reminds us, "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people" (Hebrews 6:10). Because of your faithfulness, many lives were touched, prayers were answered, and God was glorified. Now, as we enter a new season, the Lord is inviting us to slow our pace and receive His gift of rest.

The year 2026 stands before us as a year of rest and renewal, not as an end to ministry, but as a return to abiding more deeply in God's presence. After seasons of labor, God consistently calls His people to rest, just as He promises, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14). Jesus extends that same invitation to us today: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). As we rest in Him, may our souls be refreshed, our faith strengthened, and our church renewed, trusting that there remains "a Sabbath-rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9)

Grace, Peace, and rest to you all.

cost of the book is \$25.

On Wednesday evenings, Kristin Lewis and Laura Kitchen will facilitate a book study on Alistair Begg's and Sinclair Ferguson's book, "Name Above All Names." The book explores the significance of seven key Biblical names/titles for Jesus Christ (like, Seed of the Woman, Son of Man, Lamb on the Throne, etc.) to deepen readers' understanding of His



person and work, offering a worshipful reflection on His unparalleled character from Genesis to Revelation.

The requested donation for this study is \$15; the meeting room is upstairs in the Education Building in room E206.

Free childcare is available for both studies - just sign up online to reserve your spot! We hope to see all of our ladies at one or both of these wonderful studies!

If you have any questions you can email the church office at [staff@fbcew.org](mailto:staff@fbcew.org). Registration is on our website: [fbcew.org/events](http://fbcew.org/events).

Laura Kitchen

## Thoughts from Pastor Andrew

We are excited to share two special events taking place this March and invite you to be part of both!

### David Phelps in Concert — Saturday, March 14.

We are honored to welcome renowned tenor David Phelps to FBC for an unforgettable evening of music and worship. David enjoyed a distinguished career with the Gaither Vocal Band for nearly twenty years, earning multiple Dove Awards, Grammy Awards, and platinum-selling projects. In addition to his prolific solo career as a Christian artist, he is highly respected in the classical vocal world. Tickets will be available for purchase soon!



### "Inspire the Choir" Worship & Training Event — Saturday, March 21 in Pensacola.

The Saturday following David Phelps, we will be taking a group to Inspire the Choir, a one-day worship and training event for choir singers, held in Pensacola. Participation is open to everyone—you do not need to be currently active in Worship Choir to

attend. This event brings together hundreds of choir members from across the region for a morning of worship, training, and encouragement. The primary worship leader and teacher is Cliff Duren,

Worship Pastor at FBC Dallas and one of today's leading church music arrangers—many of whose arrangements we regularly use. The cost is \$15 per person, and scholarships are available. See [www.fbcew.org/events](http://www.fbcew.org/events) for more info and registration.



Pastor Andrew

## Family Focus

As we start 2026 we are beginning a new program called Kingdom Kids, a service just for children during the regular worship service.



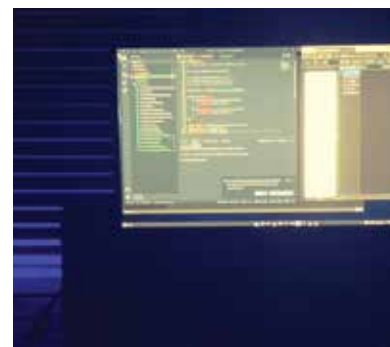
A few months ago, Rett Williams approached Pastor Stan and me asking if he and his wife Jessica could lead this service so that our children would have an opportunity to learn some more foundational truths on their level - we were more than happy to support them in that ministry! They will be joined by Channing and Morgan Courtney and Suzanne Hartzog.

Kingdom Kids, which begins on January 11, will be using the interactive curriculum called "Foundations of Faith" which lays the groundwork for what it means to be a Christian. Be sure your child brings their Bible!

Kingdom Kids will be held in the KidZone room (second floor of the Education Building). If your child is already in Sunday School, they can just stay up there, and we will get them signed in from Sunday School. If not, please take them upstairs and sign them in with one of the leaders. After service, be sure to pick up your child. For safety

## Missions & Media

When computers seem to be tired, running slow, and less vibrant than normal, what do we do? We "reboot" them. We turn them off and back on. We unplug them and plug them back in. In essence, we "restart" them in hopes of better performance.



Inside a computer is a power supply and central processor. The power supply energizes the processor to run complex computations and return a result, visible on the monitor. The computer must have power, processing capability and a way to present the information.

Jesus said He is in the Father, the Father is in Him and He is in us. He is our power supply. His indwelling Spirit is our processor. Our daily walk is the display; the result of His presence in us!

At the end of each year we tend to look at January 1st as a "new start," a reboot. We do this in hopes of a fresh start, a renewed focus and rejuvenated energy. How do we reboot? Unplug from the world, for just a moment. Reconnect to His power (read, study, pray) and let His Spirit guide your every decision in 2026. Then the world will see visually the result of His presence in you and through you.

Mission plans for 2026 will afford us opportunities to be visible, presenting His Power, His Purpose, His Presence! Take a moment and reboot. We have processing to perform.

Pastor Chuck

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reasons, children will not be released on their own to go find you.

Just a couple of notes...

If you choose to keep your child with you in the worship center, that is totally fine! Children are still welcome in worship service. Kingdom Kids is just an option for those who want to participate.

If you would like to help serve in Kingdom Kids, please come see me or Rett Williams and we will get you plugged in to serve in this awesome new ministry!

Beth Hendricks



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## Our Service Times

- Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am
- Live Online @ [fbcew.org](https://fbcew.org)
- Sunday School 9:00am
- Wednesday Scripture Studies 6:00pm
- Plus Worship Choir, Student & Children's Ministries and more!

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## Student Ministry Updates

*Patrick Strong has been helping out with the Student Ministry on Wednesday nights and shares his thoughts here:*

I have been attending Mitch Buckelew's study on sexual purity, which he is presenting to the youth on Wednesday nights. When I was young, I can only say that the subject of sex was kind of taboo. I don't think I really knew what sex was till I was in high school. Now, sex is in everything and everywhere around us. Sex from a worldly perspective.



We must prepare our children when they encounter these temptations to resist evil from a Godly standpoint. More so, we must prepare ourselves to battle the constant temptations of this world.

God's perfect design for marriage is found in Genesis 2:18-25, "They were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." This is the first time God describes marriage. Genesis 2:24, "Man shall leave his mother and father and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh." An intimate relationship inside the marriage partnership is how God designed sex. 1 Corinthians 6:18 reminds us to "Flee fornication, every sin a man doeth is without the body, but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

Mitch said it best when he reminded the youth to run from this sin. Literally run! Run! so that our lives, the lives of our children, the lives of our grandchildren will be pleasing to our God. Let's have open conversations with our children. Let's help them understand God's perfect will; let's encourage them to resist evil, flee (run) from sin. I know Mitch will share with you his study and I know ministries like Genesis 225 can offer guidance and encouragement in this area. My hope for each of us is that we will grow together in Godly love and encourage each other in our daily walk. My prayer for you today is that you will seek opportunities and see opportunities to share God's love with those you meet in your daily walk.

Patrick Strong