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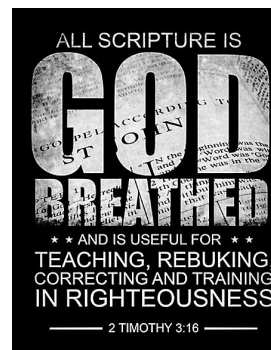
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What Do You Know About the Bible?

Some people claim the Bible was merely written by men. But in many places, the Bible claims to be the very Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). The following points are consistent with the truth that the Bible was not written only by men, but was inspired by the all-knowing Creator God.

- More than 40 men wrote the 66 books of the Bible over a period of 1,600 years, yet the Bible has the same message from beginning to end. Some claim the Bible contains many unresolvable contradictions, but all these claims have been shown to be false.
- Archaeological finds continue to confirm what the Bible says about historical events.
- Throughout history, many have tried to destroy the Bible—one Roman emperor even attempted to burn all known copies of it! Yet it remains the most-read book of all time.
- The Bible makes many specific predictions that have since come to pass; and when it touches on scientific things, it is totally accurate.
- The Bible's teachings have been the foundation for many great nations.
- The Bible's message of the Creator who became our Savior has transformed countless lives. It is completely honest about the sinfulness of man (including those seen as "heroes of the faith") and gives all honor and glory to the holy and faithful Creator God.



Adapted from <https://assets.answersingenesis.org/doc/articles/books/A4K-student-handouts/lesson14.pdf>.

Modified Fabulous Fifth Sunday—August 30, 2020 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

Brother John Long will bless FBC on Sunday, August 30, 2020, with a MODIFIED Fabulous Fifth Sunday meal. John will prepare the entire meal, so there is no need for anyone to bring anything. As soon as the 10:30 am worship service is over, Pastor Mike will dismiss in-person participants as usual. Everyone is asked to get into their vehicles and drive through the back parking lot by the Fellowship Hall. John or a member of his team will serve your family in to-go containers to be taken off site. No beverages will be offered.

Reservations are required! Please visit <https://forms.gle/aePCiWuhtpqDtg4F6> or click [HERE](#) before August 23, 2020, and complete the online form to let us know how many plates each family will need.

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Because of Darlene's departure from the FBCF's staff, Pastor Matt Keller will navigate the transition within the FBCF Children's Ministry.

Families and KidMin Teachers/Volunteers, please **TEXT "@fbckid" to 81010** to subscribe to Pastor Matt's REMIND notifications. A stipulation of the REMIND app states that subscribers are restricted to people age 13 and older. Pastor Matt will not use REMIND to communicate with children.

Women's Ministry News

Happy August, everyone!

You know, it seems like one day we were in March about to have all the kids home for spring break... and now we are making plans for school supplies and getting all ready for school, navigating questions about distance or in-person learning, and whether the school's semester will be lengthened or shortened. So many unknowns, but there is someone who knows how everything will turn out... the LORD.

We make plans, but it's more like scheduling things that have to be done.

It's good to maintain some type of schedule or routine for our mental health.

Since I'm retired, I try to write something on my calendar. This helps me remember what I did that day and nowadays it's the little things that help us keep everything together.

Planning is good; there are several Bible verses that speak about plans. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "for I know the PLANS I have for you..." Proverbs 16:9 says, "a man's heart PLANS his way, but the LORD determines his steps." So now is a good time for planning for the future months.

In the fall, there will be two studies offered to help us deal with toxic negative thoughts. The *Get Out of Your Head* book study is a 10-week study of the Jennie Allen book of the same name, including accompanying podcasts and discussion questions that accompany each chapter. We will also offer a 6-session video study of *Get Out of Your Head: A Study in Philippians*, that is similar to the book study, however this study will focus on the book of Philippians, and will have an accompanying workbook. Both of these studies will encourage us to take control of our thoughts. When we submit our minds to Christ, the promises and goodness of God will flood our lives in remarkable ways. This is just a preview of what is to come. Look for more information about these and other studies coming in the fall.

I am praying for all to stay safe! Soon and very soon this will all be behind us. As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas for upcoming women's ministry ideas, please contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068 or me, Donna Arispe, at 210-560-9642.



If you are interested in joining Ronald Tipton in his TEN Sunday School class, which meets virtually each week via Zoom on Sundays at 9 am, please send an email to ronalddtipton@mail.com. He will send you a link to join the meeting, along with the specific Bible passages that will be studied each week.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday
August 19, 2020
6:30 pm

New Business will be presented
by the Nominating Committee.



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A Prayer for Teachers As We Approach the Fall

Father in Heaven –

These are the days, in Your divine providence, in which You have seen fit for us to live. They are days of anxiety, trouble, uncertainty, anger. And yet they are also days, in Christ, of peace, security, joy, and hope. Our hearts are divided between these things, day by day and even moment by moment. It's true for all of us, and yet we know that for some among us, these feelings are particularly acute right now.

So we pray, Lord, for our teachers.

Here is yet another demographic of people who find themselves unexpectedly at the center of the controversy and on the front lines of this pandemic. This is not a position they asked to be in; no, these are the men and women who have for some time done the good, hard, faithful, but often unnoticed work of education. These are the people in whom we have subconsciously put our trust; the ones on whom we have consistently relied; and the ones who have shouldered that burden on behalf of our families so strongly. But now they are in the public eye, and so we lift them up to you.

Lord, would You also please protect these men and women. We pray that as they will interact with more people on a daily basis than will most anyone else in our society that you would, by Your grace, keep them safe from disease. We pray that our schools would be free from this virus.

We pray, Lord, for courage. And we ask for that courage not just in the fact that they are stepping to the forefront of a disease; we ask for courage because they will be dealing with a near constant barrage of questions, criticism, and second-guessing. Help them, Lord, to do the very best they can with the resources they have and to stand under the weight of that pressure.

We ask you too, Lord, for patience. No doubt their routine of preparation has been disrupted. Their regular yearly cycle has been changed. Their practices have been adapted. And this will not be the last time. Surely in the next few weeks, or even days, another policy will be changed, another rule will be enacted, another procedure approved, and they will yet again have to rework the method of their teaching. Added to this, Lord, are the calls, emails, and other messages they will receive from frustrated parents. Parents frustrated from all different sides of this pandemic, all with their own beliefs about what should or should not be done, all expressing these opinions to teachers who in reality have little control over the overarching direction of the school in which they serve. Help them, Lord, to be patient, to bear with one another, and to have gentle answers that turn away wrath.

As these teachers care for and educate our children, we pray that they would also be able to be a voice of comfort and stability for them. We ask You, during these days in particular, that the influence of our teachers would be a calming and steady one; that You would help them to be ambassadors of peace even in the midst of such a turbulent time. Help them, by faith, through both their words and deeds, to be a constant reminder to the children and teenagers of a Greater Teacher.

And this, Lord – would You give them faith. Help them to walk forward not putting their faith and hope in an institution, or in parents, or even in their own abilities. We pray that this would be a season of great faith for our teachers; that they would trust in You ever more to give them the strength, the wisdom, and the perseverance to be salt and light on a daily basis.

We entrust them to You, Lord, and may it be so that this is not the last time we pray for them.

In Jesus Name – Amen

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Article adapted from—<http://michaelkelley.co/2020/07/a-prayer-for-teachers-as-we-approach-the-fall/>

News from the Derek Ross Family—Manila, Philippines

In January, Amanda and I planned a June 2020 trip with our three kids to California and then on to Texas. However, because of the global challenge, we had to rethink our plans. Then my mom died on June 6th.

Manila travel restricted foreigners from exit and entry, but is now open somewhat. If you've felt a little Y2K-ish or 9/11-ish, put yourself in a foreign land — it's 5 times the uncertainty.

Ada and Eli began doing their classes online here in Manila, finished this year, and the school announced that the entire fall semester will also be online. Ada (17) and Eli (13) will begin online classes on August 24th.

We have spent very little time in the USA over the past 17 years. Typically a US trip is 2-months long. With the situation of the world, we need your help. Our family is going On Mission to the foreign land of America! Amanda sees this as a unique opportunity God has given us to go to America, see family, reconnect with churches, teach missions wherever possible, help our son Cannon (20) move to the USA for the first time, and see Honor (22) and Sunday (24).

We anticipate being in the USA through December or January. Our first priority is to find a house in Los Angeles. Please share this need with your California friends, to share with their churches and friends, so that we might locate a mission house. Three bedrooms is ideal, but we are not too picky. Los Angeles will be our base and we will travel to Texas and spend 2-3 months there as we visit Midland, Dallas, Houston, Austin, and of course, Boerne. My side of the family is from Oklahoma and we will go there also.

How can you help?

Flying through space from Manila to Los Angeles with 5 children back in the early 2000s as young missionaries was complicated. The upcoming USA trip with 3 young adults, Amanda, and I is slightly simpler. Your support of the airfare for the Ross family to get us to America is a wonderful way to be missional.

Being a missionary often requires giving up owning a home. While helping our son Cannon relocate to Los Angeles to live in the USA, the Ross family needs a home with WiFi for Ada and Eli to continue online Faith Academy classes. The lodging in Los Angeles would need to run through December or January and could be the provision of a home or the finances needed to rent a home. Amanda and I will make separate trips to Texas. If you have a home to offer, please contact the Ross family at derek.amanda@bridgingthegap-asia.org.

Most US trips for our family are every 3 years, and are usually 2 months long. The upcoming trip will be 6 months minimum because of travel restrictions. The family will need to purchase a vehicle. You may donate a used vehicle, loan one for 6 months, or give financially to cover the vehicle purchase and insurance.

Living out of suitcases and traveling in America changes daily living expenses. Your family might want to support us for one of our 6 months in the USA. Maybe your Sunday school class or home Bible study group can support one month. However you can creatively support the Ross family would be great.

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The Ross Family's Needs

Airfare—\$5,000

Home/Rental in Los Angeles

Vehicle—\$6,000

Incidentals—\$1,200/mo.

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PURSUE PURITY IN CHRIST

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  8am
2  10:30 am *Bob Whitley	3	4	5	6	7	8
9  10:30 am *David Arispe	10	11	12	13 FBC vols @ Food Pantry	14	15
16  10:30 am *Bob Herndon	17	18	19 Business Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23  10:30 am Parent Meeting with Pastor Matt *Darrel Dundas	24	25	26	27	28	29
30  10:30 am Fabulous Fifth Sunday To-Go Meal *Danny Fenner	31	<div>  </div>				

Schedule of Events

FBC has slowly begun the process of reopening as outlined by our local, state, and federal authorities.

Sunday

- 8:00—In-person Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study (adults & students only)
- 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Wednesday

- 10:00—Ladies Mid-Week Study
- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study
- 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

Creative Hands—Quilting
Mondays at 10:00 am
Worship at Veterans' Home
—Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
—(except for 2nd Wed of each month)
Sr. Adult Game Day
—Thursdays from 1-4 pm
Line Exercise Classes
—Mon, Tue, & Thu from 9:30-10:30 am

* Deacon of the Week

August Birthdays

2 Diedre Whatley	10 James Kotzur	19 Tiffany Ward	25 Allison Clements
3 Denise Smart	13 Brenda Fenner	20 Chrystal Eckel	25 Ariel Howard
5 Donna Arispe	14 Tommie Cox	20 Lisa Barnes	27 Mary Grace Klespies
5 David Mahula	14 Kelly Evans	21 Ginger Lowak	28 Gina Evans
6 Taylor Remling	14 Sandra Garcia	22 Kylee Copeland	29 Jan Johnson
6 Conner Addington	14 Shynelle Taggs	23 Joseph Myers	
8 Abby Sellers	17 Allie Bowers	23 Judith Smith	
9 Adysen Pelech	18 Brenton Huber	24 Sandra Detamore	
9 Ryann Miller	18 Carolyn Hierholzer	24 Kaylianna Huber	
10 Priscilla Kincaid	19 Glenda Whitley	25 Blake Brieden	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Jeane Everett, mother of Susan Eubanks, who passed away on July 9, 2020;

Sincere condolences are offered to the family of Jose Luis Beltran, brother of Rosa Beltran, who passed away on July 14, 2020;

Deepest sympathy is offered to the family of Keisha Diane Drewett Brugier, daughter of Hulon and Wanda Drewett, who passed away on July 17, 2020;

Heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Madonna Ballard, mother of Neysa Choate, who passed away on July 18, 2020;

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Raymond Arispe, uncle of David Arispe, who passed away on July 21, 2020;

Deepest condolences are offered to the family of Ben Skidmore, brother of Priscilla Kincaid, who passed away on July 26, 2020.

Dear Church Family,

Our entire family thanks you all for the delicious food you prepared for us during the loss of our dear Keisha. The food brought to the house was very much appreciated for we didn't have to cook any meals for all the people we had at the house during our difficult time.

The fantastic meal provided for the family after Keisha's memorial service was really delicious too. We were able to visit with each other and discuss memories of Keisha over your wonderful dishes. Keisha loved cooking and I know she would have been so thankful for what all the church members did for our family.

We appreciate your kindness and will forever be grateful. Thank you for being such a caring church family. Our hearts are shattered and we would appreciate your continued prayers for all of us.

You made such a difference, and it is so deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Hulon & Wanda Drewett and the entire Keisha Drewett Brugier family

BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

July Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 138,638.09

"Take from among you an offering to the Lord.

Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord."

Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)

Floresville Food Pantry's Suggested Donation for AUGUST SUMMER FOODS For Kids

Macaroni & Cheese

Cereal

Pop Tarts

Cereal/Granola Bars

Crackers, Cookies, Chips

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Ramen Noodles

Vienna Sausage

Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli

Canned Chili

Hot Dogs

Lunchables

The Floresville Food Pantry is partnering with *Daily Bread* ministry of San Antonio to provide food to the needy of Floresville. The Pantry is now open on Thursdays only. Clients need to arrive at 8am to sign in and wait for food distribution. A devotional time will be at 9am. Clients are asked to bring their own bags.

The Pantry is located on the corner of 4th and A Street and the phone number is 830-321-1151.

Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.



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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
June 2020	\$ 58,983.50	\$ 57,596.85
YTD thru June	\$ 330,283.81	\$ 345,581.10