

MISSIONS MINISTRY

ANGEL TREE & CHRYSALIS WISH TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF SAN ANTONIO

The Fellowship of San Antonio donated and delivered gifts for the Angel Tree Project to 125 children in families with at least one spouse incarcerated. Each child received two gifts. Families received a Bible donated by Noah's Ark Self Storage or pamphlet prepared by Angel Tree Ministries.

Members also donated gifts for 140 children through Chrysalis (Bexar County Detention Ministries). David Turlington and Jamie Longoria and her daughter assisted with the "Light Up a Heart" Children's Christmas party and handed out 500 flyers from our church about the birth of Jesus. Children of the incarcerated or recently incarcerated in Bexar County received gifts and were treated with the party. Our Youth Ministry hosted a taco breakfast with proceeds going to these need. Our members made monetary gifts of \$900.00 for these ministries.

You will never know what a difference each one of you made. It will make your Christmas to see the face of a child "light up" when the child receives a gift. Our church members were so generous and we are so grateful to each member. This year our church was presented with a large number of needs and you met them admirably! A flyer is available today with more detailed information on this ministry and what your Missions Committee was able to accomplish with your help!

David Turlington, Missions Committee Chairman for Bexar County Detention Ministries

Welcome!

At The Fellowship of San Antonio, we welcome you to become part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, youth and children's groups.

Church Staff

Ron Hill, Senior Pastor

Mike Fanning, Associate Pastor

Michael Sanford, Minister of Music

Jennifer Morgan, Children's Ministries & Parent's Day Out Coordinator

Tommy Clawson, Assistant Music Coordinator

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WE VALUE:

- A relationship with Christ
- An attitude of humility
- Accepting and sharing God's grace
- Integrity in ministry
- An inclusive fellowship
- Faithfulness in prayer
- A compassionate heart
- A response to human needs

AFFILIATION:

FOSA is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. On a personal level our aim is to be inclusive regardless of any personal religious background.

Sunday Schedule

Fellowship Bible Study

A place to connect.....9:30 a.m.

Nursery & Preschool.....Birth thru 5 years
Kids.....Kinder-5th Grade
Youth.....Junior & Senior High Students
Young Adult/Young Families Adults
Koinonia Discussion Group Adults
Mike Fanning's Class..... Adults
In the Word Class Adults
Sojourners Class Adults
Greatest Generation Class Adults

Worship—10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule

10:30 a.m..... Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m..... Wednesday-Night Gathering
5:45 Children's Music & Drama
Pre-School Choir
6:30 Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
Women's Bible Study
Youth Ministry
6:45 ... FOSAKids Wednesday Night Live
7:15 Choir Rehearsal

PARENT'S DAY OUT

Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ages: 18 months-3+ years

For information and registration:

Jennifer Morgan

jennifer@thefellowshipofsa.org

(210) 326-0122

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

First Friday Each Month—6:00-10:30 p.m.

Ages: Nursery-5th Grade

\$25 first child

\$10 each additional child with \$45 maximum

COLUMBARIUM PRAYER GARDEN

If you go out to the Fellowship Plaza, you will see the Columbarium/Prayer Garden just west of the worship center. This area, not only adds beauty, but gives us a place to meditate, pray, read or whatever. It provides a wonderful site for a final resting place for the remains of loved ones. Long before modern cemeteries churches had a graveyard around it or near it to inter loved ones in the church family. The modern-day columbarium does much the same thing. We are bringing our loved ones to rest in connection with our church and church family we love so much.

We will continue to build the Columbaria/Prayer Garden as sales continue. It makes sense financially and what a wonderful place of rest for our loved ones—in the middle of a prayer garden. If you have other arrangements, that is great. If not, take a look.

There is also the option of just having a plaque memorializing your loved one even if the final resting place is elsewhere. If you are particular about placement of the niche or plaque, you might want to look at the plan.

Thank you to all who have purchased space in this beautiful Prayer Garden or made a donation!

If you are interested in more information, please look over the project with the help of our Columbaria team led by Dorothy Kitchen. Dorothy may be contacted through our office at 210-402-3672.



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018



Ladies, Save the Date!

FOSA'S Women's Ministry Invites You to Join Us!

P.R.A.Y. WITH PASSION WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Featuring National Christian Author and Bible Teacher

DEBBIE TAYLOR WILLIAMS

Saturday, January 20, 2018

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$25

Register at:

www.thefellowshipofsa.org/p-r-a-y-with-passion-conference

\$5.00 of every registration fee will go to the Children's Hunger Fund.

A box lunch is included in the registration fee.



FOSA 15th ANNIVERSARY February, 2018



Sunday, February 4

Lord's Supper Observance
Recognition of Prayer Ministry

Sunday, February 18

Election of New Deacons
Recognition of Ministries & Missions Ministry

Sunday, February 11

Baptism
Recognition of Children & Youth Ministries

Sunday, February 25

Brunch following Bible Fellowship
New Deacon Ordination

Please join us for our Annual Anniversary Brunch following Bible Fellowship classes Sunday, February 25. Great food and fellowship!
Please bring a breakfast item to share with everyone!

Celebrate with us all month!





A Note from Ron....

As we move into a new year, there are new hopes and dreams and new dawn to begin again. The Lord gives us new beginnings each day and each week and each month and each year. They are reminders of new beginnings. If we could only leave in the past the past we do not want to resurrect and hold on to those things that make us better and stronger and

more faithful! The Fellowship of San Antonio is no different. We are about to celebrate our 15th year as a church in February. We are beginning to grow up. With growth is interdependence upon the Lord and one another.

When I walk through this church, I can still see the footprints and fingerprints and the lasting impressions of some precious saints who have left us a legacy of faith and love and giving of themselves and their resources. They have laid the foundation upon which we stand and walk and minister. The call of God in their own hearts was true and purposeful. There are so many who surround us even today and investing in that legacy of a church that will outlast all of us. I appreciate all who continue to give of yourselves, your time, your talent, your energy and your encouragement. God bless each of you in your own journey of faith. Each journey of faith is up to you and the Lord, but with the church, together we can be encouraged to grow and worship and love our families and the world around us. Each child of God has a great opportunity to make the world better. So many of you are doing just that. Blessings upon you and forward!

February 1 this next year will be our official 15th anniversary of the church. This coming year we will spend the four Sundays of February celebrating this milestone. We have come a long way from meeting in a living room in Nelda Hamby's home to borrowing a church to meet on Saturdays for the first year. While this building was being built, we met across the street at the Canyon Springs Golf Club and were so excited to move into this building that we moved in with just plastic on the window areas behind the chancel area. We had to have a Fire Marshall in our auditorium for this reason until someone came in with a \$250,000.00 check to install the windows. The plastic would whistle in the wind as if singing during my sermons. We were so grateful for the beautiful windows!

But the building is just a beautiful place for us to worship together and pray and plan together and hear the words of God in our Bible Fellowships and Worship. We sing together and we sigh together as we have said goodbye to those foundation builders. We have watched children grow up and performed weddings here establishing new families. I have often said, "We are wounded in relationships, but we are also healed in relationships." The Fellowship is a great place to be healed...if we desire to be healed...and are listening to God through others and music to that still small voice.

Remember the wonderful events of January and February, especially the Women's Ministry, Saturday January 20th, with guest speaker Debbie Taylor Williams. Of course, February is packed with special a Sunday emphasis each week and even the presentation of new Deacons.

God bless each one of you and your families as we journey together with another new beginning!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

UPWARD BASKETBALL BEGINS IN JANUARY

We are excited Coach David "DJ" Jones will supervise our Upward Basketball program in 2018! We need volunteers for our games on Saturday mornings beginning January 27 through March 24. Coaches, concession stand workers and people to run the clock are needed. If you are looking for a way to mentor and connect with children, we have a place for you. Please let us know if you can help. Just email us at jan@thefellowshipofsa.org or call our office at 210-402-3672.

IS IT YOUR TURN.....

.....to volunteer in the nursery, preschool or children's ministry? We have a dedicated team of volunteers whose greatest joy is to teach your children about God and His love. Children discover God's truth in His word, the Bible. Children have the opportunity to learn a story and apply these truths to their lives. We really do need YOU on our team! Please sign up today and get involved by contacting Jennifer at jennifer@thefellowshipofsa.org or 210-326-0122.

JOIN TEAM GOOD N.E.W.S

Our children's choirs resume rehearsals January 17 meeting each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. FOSA's Team Good N.E.W.S (1st-5th graders) is directed by Molly Baker. Charlotte Lyons directs our Preschool Choir. During this time, children learn about music and performance as they have fun playing games, singing songs and working with rhythm instruments. At the same time, they are learning more about God's love and the importance of spending time in praise and worship.

We look forward to sharing our songs with our FOSA family. Children perform during Worship Services and in our Christmas musical. If your child is not part of one of these groups and is interested in joining us, please contact Molly Baker at mollyb@satx.rr.com or Charlotte Lyons at lyonsfam@satx.rr.com.

PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request to submit, please contact Mary Gates at 830-980-8997 or mgates001@satx.rr.com. You may also complete a prayer request form and drop it in an Olive Jar on Sundays or send it to us via our website.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



THE UPPER ROOM: PRAYERS AND PROMISES

Gospel of John, Chapters 13-17

Wednesdays, January 3-31

6:30 - 7:30 PM

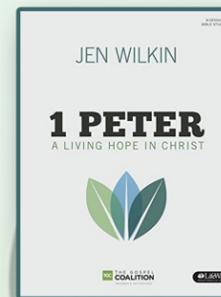
Upstairs Conference Room

Taught by Gayle Prettyman

Open to everyone - All are welcome!

In conjunction with the Women's Ministry January emphasis on prayer, we will study what Jesus promised regarding prayer, the Holy Spirit's role in our prayer life, and learn how Jesus himself prayed for us.

Nursery available upon request (210-771-7790)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING BIBLE STUDY

"1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ" by Jen Wilkin



WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY 7 - APRIL 4

Upstairs Conference Room Only!

Mornings: 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Evenings: 6:30-8:00 pm

Cost: \$25 (scholarships available)

Childcare Available Upon Request

Contact: deborah_rhodes@sabcgloba.net

AFTERNOON BOOK STUDY

Tuesday, January 9, 2:00 p.m., FOSA Parlor

The Precious Present by Spencer Johnson

This beautiful tale demonstrates the delicate art of balancing spiritual and material needs and how this goal can be maddeningly elusive--and gloriously attainable.

Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 p.m., FOSA Parlor

One Simple Act by Debbie McComber

Debbie Macomber invites us to live with open hands, offering who we are and what we have to others. When we do so with a sense of expectancy, lives—including our own—are changed in ways we never envisioned. All it takes is one simple act.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Celebration Choir and I thank YOU for attending our 2017 Christmas musical presentation, "Tell Me A Christmas Story". We are grateful for your support, your enthusiasm and your participation every year!

We want to sincerely thank everyone who helped with our Christmas program. Many volunteers and choir members participated. This presentation could have happened without YOU! You worked in so many areas—set construction and design, costume design and wardrobe planning, music organization, lunch and dinner preparation for our choir and workers, lighting and sound, childcare and on and on. We are thankful for the many dedicated individuals who supported and encouraged us. Your contributions of talent, energy, gifts and prayers helped ensure a successful program for our church and our community. We hope you were blessed by the message and received the wonder and joy of Christmas we wanted to present.

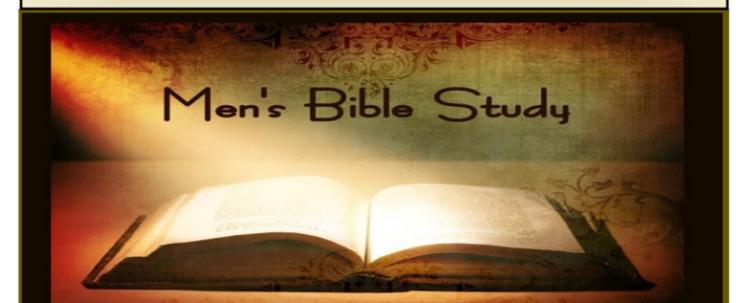
Our heartfelt appreciation to our generous congregation at The Fellowship of San Antonio who give from your hearts.....Michael Sanford & Celebration Choir



DEACON NOMINATIONS OPEN

Forms are available for recommendation of individuals for deacon nomination in 2018. Completed forms will be accepted through Sunday, January 28. Election of deacons to serve for 2018 is Sunday, February 18. You may drop your nominations into an olive jar or give them to one of the committee members. Members of the 2018 DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE are Bobbi Lutz, Chair; Tom Carlyon; Renee Clinkscales; Mary Gates and Nancy Ream.

MEN'S MINISTRY



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Mornings

9:00 a.m.

Pericos Restaurant