



# Newsletter

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Hello Eric,

As I was reading at the beginning of the year, I received this article which was very appropriate for me. Yet, I also believe whoever you are, this is excellent wisdom from Ron Edmondson. Change a couple of words and you will see all 10 are appropriate for all of us.

As we talk about being serious about God and who God calls us to be, these are great benchmarks for us to consider in our journey toward being holy.

If you appreciate blogs about leadership and ministry, he's a good one to read.

Let me know your thoughts as well.

**10 Resolutions to Make a Ministry Leader Better**

**By Ron Edmondson**

**January 2, 2024**

The best leadership, in my opinion, comes out of the resolve a leader has made in his

or her heart.

The resolve of a leader is a pre-determined approach to the way a leader will lead. These are personal convictions, values, and personally held beliefs, which shape the decisions a leader makes and the way he or she responds to others.

Ultimately a leader's personal resolves – about anything – determine the way they respond and their actions towards it.

Most often these resolutions are made even prior to being in a leadership position.

The resolve of a leader is powerful. In fact, if a leader wants to improve his or her leadership, he or she must often improve first their personal resolve.

So, do you want to improve your leadership?

### **10 resolutions guaranteed to make a ministry leader better:**

1. Never compromise character in search of progress.
2. Consistently walk by faith in some area of life – personally or professionally.
3. Pray earnestly before making major decisions and solicit advice from wise people in discerning God's direction.
4. Extend grace to others generously, never hold a grudge, and realize mistakes are a part of healthy leadership (and discipleship).
5. Protect family and personal time – never compromising it in the name of ministry.
6. Make personal health a priority. As much as possible, discipline to stay healthy mentally and physically.
7. Commit to growing personally in some area of life – at all times; always learning something new.
8. Love others unconditionally – even those with whom you do not agree.
9. Empower and invest in others, giving them opportunities to grow as individuals.
10. Surround yourself with wise and moral influencers, allowing at least a few people access to know and speak into the most private parts of your life.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael

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# READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR WITH US!

We all need to study the Bible.  
Sometimes all we need is a little help.

If you would like to join us in reading the Bible from start to finish in one year, please click the link below and download the Bible reading plan from Bible Project. It includes daily readings, videos, and blogs to help you along your journey through Scripture.



Click [HERE](#) or visit [www.alexabc.com/resources](http://www.alexabc.com/resources) to download the Bible reading plan.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

# VALENTINE'S BANQUET

Lovin' the 80's



2-4-24 at 6:00pm

Impact invites you to enjoy a night of music, food, and fun at our annual Valentine's Banquet! This event is free and will feature your favorite love songs from the 1980's as well as a fantastic meal of chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and various desserts. All donations will go toward the youth group's 2024 weekend retreat.





While many people get excited about a certain football game happening at this time of year, we here at First Baptist Church celebrate that game in a different way. On **Sunday morning, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, we invite everyone to come to church wearing something that shows what they feel **SUPER** about. A football jersey, an FBC shirt, a music group T-shirt, whatever you can wear to show what you are **SUPER** excited about. Then let's do something **SUPER** for someone else. Bring a donation of food, toiletries, or money that we can donate to Pete's Pantry.

## Attention FBC Kids!

On **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a **Super Bowl Cereal Bar** from **10:15-11:45am** in the children's church room!  
Come and enjoy games and some tasty cereal.

On **Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a **Kids Movie Night** from **6:00-9:45pm**.

## A Word From the Board of Trustees

Coming mid-February, the Family Life Center will be getting a new look. Starting February 12, a new vinyl plank floor will be installed along with new walk-off carpet at all entrances. If you would like to donate to help cover some of the cost of this project, just place your gift in one of the envelopes on the back of the pews, print "FLOOR" on the front and place it in one of the collection boxes behind the sanctuary. Due to the construction, the FLC will be unavailable for approximately two weeks while our new floor is being installed. Thanks for your support.



## Notes from the Finance Office

The books for 2023 are now closed and we move to 2024. At the business meeting held January 17th a new budget for 2024 was approved and the final report for 2023 was presented. Looking at the final figures for 2023, the church family saw approximately \$7,200 more in revenue than in total spending.

God continues to bless our church family! The 2024 budget reflects an increase of \$87,291 over the 2023 budget. The increase is 20% over the 2023 budget and will require a \$1,679 weekly increase in giving to meet the new budget.

The new budget is the largest in our church history. In 2023, our giving increased by \$24,000, which is fantastic. The new budget for 2024 will require an increase of \$59000 in giving to cover the 2024 approved budget.

In review 2024 could be a challenging year for our giving to meet our approved budget. As mentioned earlier God has and continues to bless the Alexandria First Baptist Church family. We are stepping out in faith as we start this new year.

If you have any questions about the church finances, reports are available each month on the table as you enter the church or you can contact the Finance Board.

## SERVICES



### Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

### Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch

S.A.L.T. Society meets on the third Tuesday of every month

### Wednesday

6:30pm: Prayer Meeting (first Wed. of month), Bible Study (remaining Wednesdays)

6:30pm: High Point (K-3rd), Crew 456 (4th-6th), Impact (7th-12th)



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