

## VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$2,925.00  
Budget Gifts to Date .....\$12,833.00  
Annie Armstrong to Date.....\$1,186.00

## **Birthdays**

April 19 Bucky Adkins  
April 19 Mary Lynn Zittrouer  
April 21 Warren Oglesby  
April 21 Madison Rowland  
April 21 Linda Taylor  
April 23 Christopher Zittrouer  
April 25 Kinley McCullough  
April 25 Kimberly Kinsaul-Tootle

## **Anniversary**

April 22 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Schaffer



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## NEW ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday 11am and Wednesday 7pm

Join us at

[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchGardenCity](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchGardenCity)

### Past Services

\*You can now go to the website ([fbcg.net](http://fbcg.net)) and watch previous services under the **WORSHIP SERVICES** tab

### Online Giving

\*You can now give online by going to the website ([fbcg.net](http://fbcg.net)) and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** tab

## **Office Hours during COVID-19**

Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 2:00pm

### Homecoming

We will be planning to have Homecoming once all this is over with COVID-19. We will keep you updated with details.

### **Thank You**

We would like to thank all of you for the phone calls, cards and other acts of kindness shown to us during Ann's' recovery. We are truly blessed to have a church family.

Warren & Ann Oglesby

You can also find the church streaming services even easier just type [fbcg.live](http://fbcg.live) into your web browser.



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912-964-1448 or [fbcg@yahoo.com](mailto:fbcg@yahoo.com)  
[www.fbcg.net](http://www.fbcg.net)

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm Monday - Thursday  
Closed on Fridays

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Randall Frantz—Minister of Ed/Youth  
Debbie Traywick—Director of Music

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## EMBRACE THE HOPE OF JESUS

There's a strange sound echoing through our society lately and it's gotten almost deafening over the past month or so... It's the sound of **hopelessness** and I bet you hear it too. Not sure? Let me help you identify it.

Hopeless sometimes sounds like:

- A conversation about how to pay the bills this month (or which ones will get paid).
- The announcement that [company] is letting go of [number] employees.
- The disappointment of not being able to worship together or mourn the loss of a loved one with others because it's not safe.
- A social media post longing for the end of this crisis so things can get "back to normal."
- The lump in the throat that shows up when looking at checking, savings, investment and retirement account balances.
- The daily reports of how many thousands are confirmed sick and dead as a result of the Coronavirus.
- The spoken and unspoken thoughts that say, "What are we supposed to do now?"

Rarely in our lifetimes has the entire world been gripped by hopelessness all at once like it is right now. It's definitely challenging, frustrating and at times downright disheartening. But as followers of Christ, we have something that the world needs right now...

### **The HOPE that comes in Jesus Christ!**

This past Sunday, as we celebrated Easter online together, I kicked off a **brand new, seven-week message series** called **"HOPE: Jesus is the Answer."**

In this series, we're digging into the person of Jesus Christ by looking at the seven "I Am" statements that He makes about Himself in the gospel of John. We'll look at how each of these statements brings a powerful and unique remedy to the hopelessness in our world today.

The topic last Sunday was "Hope... When It All Goes Wrong," and we looked at how Jesus' declaration that He is the Resurrection and the Life gives us the remedy to when it all goes wrong in this fallen world.

Over the remaining six weeks, I hope you'll join us (digitally) each Sunday as we learn how **Jesus Christ is the only cure that will silence the hopelessness that's running rampant right now.**

Here's a sneak peek at our topics:

- Sunday, April 19  
**Hope... When I Need Direction**
- Sunday, April 26  
**Hope... When Darkness Closes In**
- Sunday, May 3  
**Hope... When I Can't Find the Way**
- Sunday, May 10  
**Hope... When I Don't Have Enough**
- Sunday, May 17  
**Hope... When the System Seems Broken**
- Sunday, May 24  
**Hope... When I Feel Disconnected**

With Hope in Christ,

Tommy

## GLOOM AND DESPAIR

Sunday night after the online youth fellowship and the Names of God study group on Zoom, I turned on the TV to have something on while getting supper ready. I ran across a channel that had changed and they were running an episode of Hee Haw. It quickly brought back a bunch of memories from my childhood. We watched it because Roy Clark lived in Oklahoma and it was like supporting a fellow Okie. I loved the instrumentals that they played and especially the humorous skits. Patricia's favorite came on and we stopped everything to watch it. How do we know it was her favorite, because she sings the theme song to the sketch from time to time? It's called, "Gloom Despair and Agony on me." It goes like this,

Gloom, despair, and agony on me  
Deep, dark depression, excessive misery  
If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all  
Gloom, despair, and agony on me.

The end of the song would always be the joke part and they would over exaggerate as they sang the song. It was really funny. It is easy today to get discouraged if we are looking at all that is going on around us. If you are just looking at all the bad stuff you are missing all that God is doing in our country and around the world. There is a lot of pain and suffering and even now some persecution of the church but in spite of it all God is on the move. With all of this happening around Easter it has helped to spread the Good News of our Savior. That is something to rejoice about. It's easy to look at the negative but we don't need to sit around in pity and sing a sad song. We can still reach out and encourage someone. The more we help others the more our attitude changes. So what song will you sing today?

Randall