

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$9,248.55
Budget Gifts to Date\$22,081.55
Annie Armstrong to Date.....\$1,318.00

Birthdays

April 26

Sue Moore



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Graduates – Class of 2020

Graduates you need to notify the church office if you will be graduating from *high school or college* this year or have graduated during the past year. Since our last recognition service in (May, 2019), date and details to follow.

Parent & Child Dedication

Parents if you plan to participate in our child dedication service, please call the church office, date and details to follow.

QUARANTINE

As Governor Kemp makes changes to his orders and starts to open the state from restrictions, *please be patient.* We are closely following the situation and our Georgia Baptist Mission Board is keeping us informed on how the changes affect the churches. We continue to be part of webinars with the Governor and his staff to answer questions of what we can do and what we need to do to be safe as well. We all want things to go back to normal quickly, but also need to be wise in what we do. We will continue to keep everyone informed and updated.

NEW ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday 11am and Wednesday 7pm

Join us at fbcgc.live

Past Services

*You can now go to the website (fbcgc.net) and watch previous services under the **WORSHIP SERVICES** tab

Online Giving

*You can now give online by going to the website (fbcgc.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.



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Closed on Fridays

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STORMS?

It has been strange the past two weeks. Besides the quarantine we have had two thunderstorms during the night which are never good. I grew up with tons of thunderstorms and learned a lot about how to watch and read storms growing up in tornado alley. We had the only storm cellar in the neighborhood and all the neighbors would come and join us during the bad storms. I can remember when I was younger waking up in the middle of the night surrounded by my neighbors in the cellar and not having a clue of when or how we got down there.

We have been doing the Names of God study the past few weeks and it has been amazing. This last week we learned about the name Jehova Tsaba which means the Lord our Warrior. David uses it when he is facing Goliath. It has a lot to do with our perspective. If we are focused on the size of our problem or enemy we fail to see that it has no divine protection on its side. The Lord was on David's side and from that confidence he went boldly into battle knowing the Lord was fighting for Him. The Lord didn't take David out of the situation but rather was David's protection. It's like an umbrella in a storm. It doesn't stop the storm but keeps the storm off of us. Let that sink in a minute.....God is fighting for us and at times without realizing it we are trying to get out from under his protection rather than relying on it. If He isn't taking us out of the situation, then He is protecting us in the midst of the storm. The battle can rage on around us but we don't have to lose heart if our focus is on the Warrior (who doesn't need an army) who is fighting for us. The giant is already defeated so gain strength from our God.

Randall

LET TOUGH TIMES LEAD YOU TO GREATER HOPE

If you would have told me on January 1, 2020, that we would spend a couple of months "quarantining" and "distancing" from one another, I'm not sure I would have believed it.

This has been a difficult season, not just as a church, but as individuals designed by God to live in relationships with one another.

Even as it looks like our community is beginning to turn back toward a sense of "normalcy," I want to take a look at a passage of scripture from the book of Romans that has served as a great reminder for me:

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

– Romans 5:1-6 (NKJV)

This passage reminds me of a few truths that are especially poignant in times like these:

- Our faith in Jesus brings us peace with God and allows us to live in His grace – His unearned favor. (vs. 1-2)

- With the Lord's perspective, we can even celebrate the tough times, as they produce perseverance, character, and hope (vs. 3-4)
- As believers, hope doesn't disappoint because we have experienced God's love through the Holy Spirit and Jesus' death for us (vs. 5-6).

In short, this passage reminds me that times like these should deepen our hope in Christ. Remember how this scripture lays out the process for us:

1. Tribulations, then
2. Perseverance, then
3. Character, then
4. **HOPE**

Where are you in this process? Have you seen God developing *more perseverance* in you? Is He *strengthening & shaping your character*? Or maybe you've seen an *increase in hope* through all this.

My prayer is that you'll allow Jesus to strengthen your **faith**, show you His **love**, and drastically expand your **hope** in Him through this time.

Join us each Sunday as we find HOPE in Jesus:

- 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

Tommy