

Serving Our Church This Sunday

Ushers

(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)

Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge,
Chris Long, Rob Mucha, Warren Oglesby,
Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer. A. J. Tovar,
Luis Tovar, Tommy Triplett

Counters

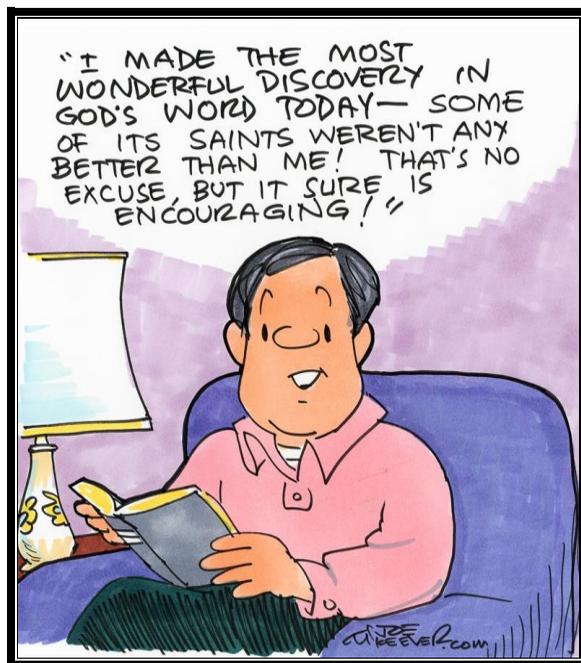
Gerald Ethridge, Chmn., Robert Riley

Birthdays

September 13	Austine Smith
September 14	Brittany Bragg Reagan
September 14	Ann Britton
September 16	Earline Shearouse
September 17	John McMillon
September 19	Joy Vinke

Anniversaries

September 18 Mr. & Mrs. David Thornton



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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK *Welcome!*

Sunday, September 13
11:00am Morning Worship
6:00pm Deacons Meeting

Miscellaneous Wedding Shower

in honor of
Mr. & Mrs. Logan Tovar
today
2:00-3:30 p.m. (Drop-in)
Fellowship Hall

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday	\$5,200.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$5,200.00

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EYES TO SEE & EARS TO HEAR

This past Sunday we started a brand new teaching series called “REBUILD: Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah,” and we looked at 5 steps we can take to prepare for God’s rebuild (whether that’s personally, in our families, our jobs, our communities, or even here in our church).

What perhaps struck me the most about the first chapter of the book of Nehemiah is that there is only one mention of the wall around Jerusalem, which will quickly become the focus of the entire book. Here’s why I find that interesting: *All it took was one mention of the wall in ruins to get Nehemiah’s attention.* The rest of the chapter is about his prayer and response.

Nehemiah had an intense job (King’s cupbearer) and lots to occupy his time and attention, and yet, when God revealed something to him that wasn’t right, he was tuned in, watching and listening, and ready to respond.

I wonder how this story might have been different if it took place in our time... I wonder if Nehemiah would have been equally alarmed by the message about the wall in disrepair. Or would he have been preoccupied or distracted by an “important” text message or social media notification?

Over the years, I’ve met with friends and church members dealing with very difficult situations – families falling apart, unexpected job losses, financial disasters, and more – and I am always surprised when they say, “I never saw it coming.” It’s our human nature to bury our heads in the sand of busyness, distraction, and stress, and miss the clear messages God is sending about areas of life that need work.

So, here’s my question for you today...

Is there anything in your life, your family, your job, your community, or your church that God is revealing to you that isn’t right and needs rebuilding?

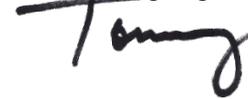
If not, ask Him to keep your eyes and ears open moving forward. If so, what is your next step? It seems I find myself more and more lately praying, “God, align my heart with Your heart,” which is a big element of being part of God’s rebuilding process. Ask God to break your heart for that which isn’t pleasing to Him. Ask God to direct you to what needs to happen.

Beyond that, keep a clean slate with God by confessing of and repenting from the sin that separates us from Him. This helps you strengthen your relationship with Him and be more sensitive to His instructions.

Finally, call on the Lord to rebuild. Ask Him to bring about the changes He wants to make in whatever area of life He has revealed to you. And volunteer yourself to be a part of the solution, however God calls you to step up.

Remember, God is still in the rebuilding business! And along those lines, please join me in praying for God’s rebuilding project here at FBC Garden City. I believe He wants to make us more effective than ever, but it’s going to take every one of us doing our part.

Rebuilding together,



P.S. Don’t miss this Sunday, September 13, as we pick up part 2 of REBUILD: Embarking with Enthusiasm. Service starts at 11:00am and you can join us in-person or at FBCGC.live. Hope to see you!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Needs

Lots more full-size bars of soap
Socks: 11 pair socks, ages 2-4 boys
5 pair socks, ages 10-14 boys
5 pair socks, ages 10-14 girls
We have almost completed our needs list...great job!



We are down to special items that we can use as fillers. (flashlights and batteries, misc. toys, gloves, hats, etc.)

Allowing God to Work through Us

Great illustration I ran across from Joe McKeever,

A pastor was taking a walk to go over his sermon. As he emerged from the woods, in the distance he could see a man standing in the field pumping water furiously. Not once did the guy slow down, but kept pumping away. As the preacher approached, he saw it wasn't a man at all, but a wooden cut-out. The figure had a hinged arm which the artesian well was bubbling up and pumping. The man was not pumping the water; the water was pumping him. And that, my friends, is a picture of the Holy Spirit's work in a believer's life.

Great reminder
Randall

Deacons

Reminder – Your meeting is set for this Sunday evening, September 13 at 6:00pm