

Birthdays

October 20	Marie Austin
October 20	Autumn Brinson
October 20	Carolyn Mann
October 21	J. D. Dyches
October 24	Novie Pritcher

Serving Our Church This Sunday Ushers

(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)

Chuck Austin, Tony Bragg, Mike Durkin,
J. D. Dyches, Joe Jackson, Crawford Leonard,
Terry Nappier, Larry Olliff, Jay Walea

Counters

Jason McCullough, Chmn., Terry Nappier,
Warren Oglesby, Jay Walea

Poinsettia Order

The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary from December 6th-20th. The deadline for placing your order is Sunday, November 1st. The cost of the poinsettias is \$11.00 each and you may order as many as you wish. Just fill in the form below and drop in the offering plate or turn in to the church office with your payment

Name _____

I will buy _____ poinsettias at \$11.00 each

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

_____ I will pick up my Poinsettia after the morning service on December 20th.

_____ I will leave my Poinsettia to be given to a shut-in.



OPPORTUNITIES OF
THE WEEK
Welcome!
Sunday, October 18
11:00am Morning Worship
(in-person or at FBCGC.live)

<p>Fall Groups Begin this Sunday, October 18 Sunday Groups 10:00am in-person Weekday Groups on-line</p>	
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4:45



Operation Christmas Child
“Shoebox” Packing Party
Chili Supper

6:00

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday	\$5,740.35
Budget Gifts to Date	\$13,208.35

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Online Giving

*You can now give online by going to the website (fbcgc.net) and clicking on the **ONLINE GIVING** tab

or **Text** the Amount You Want to Give to 84321

REBUILD SERIES:

Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah

- Sunday, Oct 18 - Drawing a Conclusion
- Sunday, Oct 25 - Studying the Results



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LIVING (AND LEARNING) THROUGH LIMITATIONS

As we work toward the culmination of our *REBUILD* Sunday teaching series on the book of Nehemiah, we have been taking a closer look at the difficulties that we're likely to face as we move through God-ordained projects.

Last week we talked specifically about dealing with conflict and this past Sunday we were examining how unforeseen challenges, obstacles, and limitations *will arise* in any project to which God calls you.

In Nehemiah's case (in Chapter 5), well over halfway through the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall, he was made aware of how poorly many of his fellow Israelites were being treated by their leaders. These nobles and rulers were making loans to their countrymen and charging interest (in violation of God's law), leaving them in ruins and even forcing some to sell their children into slavery to satisfy their overwhelming debts.

I would imagine that Nehemiah had no desire to shift gears from "project manager" of a massive construction effort to deal with this crisis in the banking sector, but he recognized that his role as governor made him responsible for making sure his people were being treated in a way that honored God.


We're told in Nehemiah 5:6 that he became very angry... a feeling most of us can relate to when we learn about injustice. The rest of Nehemiah's response is something that each of us can learn from when unexpected challenges come our way:

- Nehemiah took a moment to back off in "serious thought," rather than acting in his anger (Nehemiah 5:7a).
- He recognized what was right by God's Word and stood up for it (Nehemiah 5:7-9).
- He was willing to acknowledge that which was wrong and give into righteous criticism (Nehemiah 5:10-11).
- He reached out to his brothers and sisters to address this challenge together (Nehemiah 5:12-13).

I have a confession to make: Unfortunately, when challenges have come my way over the years, I have sometimes found myself oscillating between feeling frustrated by the interruption and feeling sorry for myself. Neither of these responses are productive or mature, nor do they lead to the growth that God desires to bring about in our life. I am trying to follow Paul's teaching to the church at Ephesus, learning to:

"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace" – Ephesians 4:2-3 (NLT)

Humble and gentle... Those are traits of men and women who are allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our responses. My prayer is that you and I will both allow God to bring about more humility and gentleness in our lives, even as we stand up for what is right in His eyes.

Humbly and Gently,


P.S. Join us this Sunday, October 18, as we learn to finish strong in God's *REBUILD*, with a message about "Drawing a Conclusion." That's Sunday at 11:00am, either In-Person or at FBCGC.live.

OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH OUT

Trunk or Treat

October 31 – 6:00 to 7:30pm

Use your connection card to sign up to help.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes

Sunday, October 18

Packing Party 4:45pm

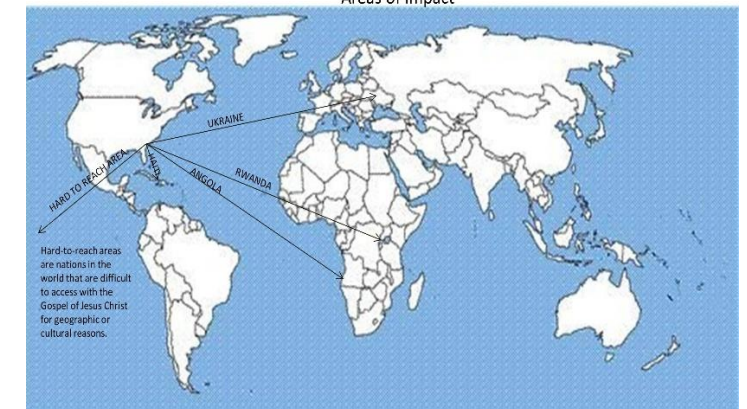
Chili Supper 6:00pm



Sign-up to help and /or eat on your Connection Cards or by calling the church office.

Reminder: Postage is \$9.00 per box and we are accepting donations now as well as the night of the Chili Supper.

2019 First Baptist Church
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
Areas of impact



Location where our Christmas boxes went in 2019: Ukraine, Haiti, Rwanda, Angola and hard to reach areas are nations in the world that are difficult to access with the Gospel of Jesus Christ for geographic or cultural reasons.