

Birthday

October 28 Christine Wallace

Anniversary

October 26 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Nappier

Serving Our Church This Sunday

Ushers

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

Counters

Jimmy Walea, Chairman
Chris Long, Luis Tovar, Steve Van Wechel



10:00am
7:00pm

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Welcome!

Sunday, October 25

11:00am Morning Worship
(in-person or at FBCGC.live)
Sunday School Fall Groups
Movie Night on the Grounds



VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,344.47
Budget Gifts to Date\$20,552.82

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

2021 Proposed Budget

Enclosed in your Beams you will find the proposed
budget for next year. Mark your calendar for
Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00pm for our time of
discussion during church conference.

Church Library

The church library has recently added a new book by
Mitch Albom called *Finding Chika*. Which will touch
your heart and open your eyes to the world as seen by a
wonderful little Haitian girl named Chika. Hope you
will come check it out.



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Randall Prantz—Associate Pastor
Debbie Traywick—Worship Leader

Deadline Nov. 1st - 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.

Sympathy

As a church family, we express our deepest Christian
sympathy to the family of Billy Johnson (who died
Sunday afternoon) whose daughter is Kay West and
grandson is Jason McCullough.

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FINISHING WELL

This past Sunday in our *REBUILD* teaching series, we looked at how Nehemiah and the Israelites went about completing the wall of Jerusalem in just 52 days. We examined the distractions they faced and noted that any project God calls us to complete will require two character traits on our part: *Focus* and *Faithfulness*.

I can't speak for you, but for me, 2020 has been one long, repeated exercise in distraction. Way back in January (if you can remember back then?), we were talking about and praying for this to be our best year yet. In fact, I preached a message on the first Sunday of the year about setting goals in various areas of life and seeking to cooperate with God for big, bold things this year.

Little did I know during that message that in a couple of months we would be locked down thanks to the COVID-19 crisis. And I certainly didn't suspect that we would still be limping our way back to some sense of normalcy seven months after that.

I couldn't have predicted that we would be facing high levels of social unrest, economic instability, extreme political polarization, and one of the most active wildfire and hurricane seasons ever seen. Beyond all this, each of us have had to face personal distractions that others may or may not even know about.

Of course, none of us could have seen all of this coming, but I know One who did... *God has not been surprised, afraid, or overwhelmed for one moment.* He instructed us in His Word that we would face trouble at every turn while we're on earth. And He has promised that He will bring good out of *every* situation for His own glory and for the benefit of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

So, what does that mean for how we should look to "finish well" in this unusual year? You and I have to incorporate the same two traits about which I spoke on Sunday: *Focus* and *Faithfulness*.

In fact, our faith in Jesus and the Spirit's power inside each believer gives us what we need to live this way.

Regardless of the distractions you're facing today – or those that are still to come – make every effort to focus on Jesus' example and His finishing work in our lives:

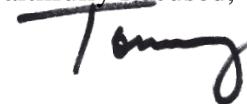
"...And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."
– Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

When it comes to faithfulness, I think about the story of Nehemiah, who pressed through conflict, challenge, and distraction to finish God's appointed task of rebuilding the wall. I'm also reminded of the Apostle Paul's words to the Galatian church:

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." – Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

Through it all, let's continue to look for and cooperate with God's work in bringing about good around us.

Faithfully Focused,



P.S. Join us this **Sunday, October 25**, as we wrap up our *REBUILD* teaching series with a message about what to do when we cross the finish line of God's rebuilding project "**Studying the Results.**" Don't miss it – this Sunday at 11:00am, either In-Person or at FBCGC.live.



This Sunday, October 25
7:00 PM - FBC Garden City

- We'll Provide the Outdoor Movie
- Bring Your Own Blankets or Lawn Chairs
- Bring Your Own Snacks & Drinks
- Come for Fellowship & Encouragement!



Saturday, October 31
6:00 - 7:30 PM
First Baptist Church of Garden City

This is one of our best opportunities to share God's love with the people of our community and plant seeds of the gospel. Here's how you can help:

- **PRAY FOR A GREAT TURNOUT**
- **INVITE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE**
- **DONATE CANDY OR MONEY FOR CANDY**
- **DECORATE YOUR CAR & HAND OUT CANDY**
- **SHOW UP TO SERVE AND MEET PEOPLE**

Ready to Volunteer? Have Questions?
Contact Pastor Randall at 912-964-1448