

Birthdays

October 12	Chuck Austin
October 13	Tony Austin
October 14	Kayley Moore
October 14	Logan Tovar
October 14	Sarah Williams

Anniversaries

October 13	Mr. & Mrs. Zac Hayes
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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

Zim Nixon, Chmn., Chuck Austin,
Mike Durkin, Corley Zittrouer

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 11
11:00am Morning Worship
(in-person or at FBCGC.live)



VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday	\$7,468.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$7,468.00

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday 11am and Wednesday 7pm

Join us at fbcgc.live

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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PRESSING THRU CONFLICT

Last Sunday morning, we continued our *REBUILD* teaching series on the book of Nehemiah by looking at how Nehemiah handled conflict in the midst of God's rebuilding project. Nehemiah faced both external opposition (from onlookers and neighbors) *and* internal opposition (from the Israelites who were supposed to be helping them build).

Through these difficulties, I was struck again by the realization that anything worth doing will encounter opposition at some point. Jesus Himself reminded us of this in John 16:33:

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

In my own recreational reading, I've recently been working through a non-fiction book about the American Revolution. It's a powerful account of not only the victories and triumphs, but of all the various types and sources of opposition that were faced in the founding of this new nation.

England, her military allies and trade partners, and a great number of the colonists themselves were drastically opposed to American independence. But the cause of freedom was right and just, so those early Americans took the steps we talked about Sunday:

- They stood boldly in the face of conflict.
- They sought to make mid-course corrections as needed.
- They steadfastly kept doing the right thing.
- They sent and received encouragement.

This playbook is what Nehemiah used, what the early American freedom fighters used, and what God calls you to use, no matter the conflict you're facing today.

Maybe you're in the midst of a personal rebuild – changing habits, assessing the health of relationships, and adjusting your priorities and goals. In the midst of this process, our enemy (the devil) will use everything at his disposal to oppose you, including societal messages, well-meaning friends and family, and even personal doubt. Evaluate this opposition to see if you need to make "half-time adjustments," and then keep pressing forward toward God's purposes and His best.

Perhaps you – like many people right now – are working on a career rebuild. Whether you're changing jobs, studying for a new vocation, or even starting a new business, I can assure you that conflict is coming (if it hasn't already arrived). Be sure that you're on the path that the Lord has confirmed for you, then keep on keeping on toward what He has in store for you!

And finally, if you're reading this, you are involved in God's exciting rebuild of our church, moving us toward the FBC He wants us to be for years to come. I can tell you from experience that we will face opposition. My encouragement to you is to remember that God has called us to this, so He will lead us through it.

No matter what, let's stay focused on keeping the main thing, the main thing – reaching lost people, making disciples, and bringing God glory in everything we do!

Pressing forward together,



P.S. Don't miss this Sunday, October 11, at FBC, as we continue our *REBUILD* series with a message on "Living with Limitations." That's this Sunday at 11:00am, either In-Person or at FBCGC.live.



Fall Groups
Begin Sunday, October 18
Sunday Groups 10:00am in-person
Weekday Groups on-line

OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH OUT

Trunk or Treat

October 31 – 6:00 to 7:30pm

We will need lots of help this year as we make plans to make this event as safe as possible for everyone.

We will need a lot of people to host cars. We will also need volunteers to help greet and give instructions to help everyone have a good time and try to keep everyone safe. And as always we will need lots of candy.

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.

*Children, look in your packets this week for the coloring sheets we send in the boxes. Please color, fill out & turn back in.