

Celebrating a Birthday

December 7
December 11

Vernon Wingate
Gay Triplett

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

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

Online Giving

*You can now give your tithes & offerings online
by going to the church website
(FBCGC.net) and clicking
on the **GIVING** tab

or

Text the Amount You Want to Give to 84321

Church Library

Please know that the church library is up and running again every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 9:55. A recent addition to our Christian Fiction collection is a new book by Karen Kingsbury entitled, "Someone Like You." We also have Christmas books for every reader as well as craft books and cookbooks to inspire. Come check us out!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEKEND

Join Us this Sunday! **December 6**

10:00am – Sunday School Fall Groups

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,376.80
Budget Gifts to Date\$35,358.00

NOTE: 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2021 is just around the corner! In preparation, new Offering Envelopes are available in the front foyer of the Worship Center, Senior Adult Building, and upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. FYI: If you changed to giving monthly (rather than weekly) in 2020 and wish to continue, you can continue to use the same envelopes. Please record your name and envelope number on the sheet that is available when you pick up a new set of envelopes.

Remember: In order to receive a Contribution Record in January for the prior year, you must record your name and the amount given on your envelope. We will let you know when your 2020 Contribution Records are available for pickup from the church office. Thanks again for your faithful giving to honor God and support the ministry of First Baptist Church!



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ADVICE

I found these on Facebook and these are my favorites. It came from an article called, "Advice from a Farmer."

- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

I didn't grow up on a farm but we were surrounded by farming and I had relatives that farmed and ranched in West Texas. I have heard some of these before and some are just common sense. Sometimes you need to have just a little understanding of the situation and surroundings for it to be really understood. Once you do, you realize that some of these come from personal experience (which makes some of them really funny).

Sometimes advice or information is just something we should already know and other times it is new information of great importance. The Christmas season is about both.

Luke 2:10-11, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Christmas is all about news which will bring great joy. Joy is something we are in desperate need these days. It's not happiness which is based on our feelings and our circumstances. It is not something we try to create to make us feel good. Joy comes from God, from who He is and what He does. When He is our Savior this joy becomes part of us. Be sure that we too are a messenger of this great news this Christmas season. This is also part of the reason we focus on missions during this time because it is all about sharing the news throughout the world to everyone. It is meant for all people. We can do our part both in the people around us and also to the people in countries where we won't be able to go by supporting those that have been called to go.

Don't let your relationship with the Savior get lost this year but rather let the joy overflow out of our relationship with Him.

Randall



New Sermon Series
Begins
December 6
11:00am
(In Person & On Line)

"God with Us"

Opportunities to Reach Out

New Bible Study Opportunity

Starting this Sunday, December 6th our Sunday School groups will start studying the book of Luke. We will be studying Luke for the next three months. This is a great time to get started in one of these groups. Please contact the church office or sign up through your connection card on Sunday to join.

Randall



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Given to Date: \$290.00

Shoebboxes

We collected and packed 150 shoeboxes. The day of our packing party and chili supper we collected enough money to send all these boxes. We have delivered them to the drop off location in Pooler and they were delivered to the processing center in Atlanta.

Over the weekend the boxes were checked and processed to be shipped out. As of today some of our boxes are heading out for Cameroon, Mali and a hard to reach area (which means that there is some conflict in the region which makes it difficult to deliver). We will keep you posted if they are sent to more locations. Continue to pray for those that will receive the boxes that lives will be eternally changed,