

## Celebrating a Birthday

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|-------------|------------------|
| December 28 | Joy Austin       |
| December 29 | Laura Wallace    |
| December 31 | Robert Riley     |
| January 2   | Elaine Barnard   |
| January 3   | Lisa Bragg       |
| January 6   | Nick Wallace     |
| January 7   | Patsy Burkhalter |
| January 8   | Steve Britton    |

## Serving Our Church On Sunday

### Ushers

*(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)*

#### December 27

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

#### January 3

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

### Counters

#### December 27

Steve Britton, Chmn., Joe Jackson,  
Rob Mucha, Larry Olliff

#### January 3

J. D. Dyches, Chmn.,  
Tony Bragg, Jack Newman

### **Deacons Meeting**

January 10, 2021  
6pm

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

*Join Us on Sunday!*

**December 27 & January 3**

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Fall Groups

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

*Please note:*

*No Wednesday Night Bible Study*

*December 23 & 30, 2020*

## **VITAL SIGNS**

Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$4,202.00  
Budget Gifts to Date .....\$21,530.05



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**Given to Date: \$1,973.00**

## **MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:**

- **In-Person on Sundays**  
You can give using the offering plates at each Sunday service.
- **Online Giving**  
Give easily and securely at any time on our website: [www.FBCGC.net/giving](http://www.FBCGC.net/giving)
- **Text-to-Give**  
Using your smartphone, text the Amount You Want to Give to [84321](https://text.84321.com)
- **Mailed-in Giving**  
Mail your gift to the church office at:  
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## GOD WITH US... BUT WHERE?

This Christmas season, we've been looking at how powerful it is that Jesus was sent to earth to become Immanuel, God with us, and some of difficult seasons of life that He promises to walk us through.

Interestingly, it's in these tough times that we are drawn nearer and gain a deeper appreciation for the presence of God. As we've been discussing:

- We enjoy God on the mountaintops of life.
- We get to know Him intimately in the valleys.
- We experience God's presence in the wilderness.
- We feel God's peace during the storm.

Where is Immanuel's place in your life? Maybe you've felt Him in the valleys, in the wilderness, and even in the storms of life, but how can you be sure to experience His power, presence, and peace in the meantime?

Perhaps the best illustration I can share about Jesus's rightful place our lives comes from a seasonal experience that I've had repeatedly over the years... When I was growing up, my mother was the driving force for our Christmas preparation and decoration around the house. She was the one who directed the rest of us when and where to place things and what took priority.

One of my favorite learnings over years of Christmas prep dealt with how to unpack and setup the nativity scene. Over the years, I've set up quite a few, but perhaps the most memorable one to me was a shiny white ceramic set, similar to this:



First, I learned to be very careful unpacking the pieces (sometimes great value is contained in ordinary packaging). Second, I learned to look for any chips or cracks. And third, and most importantly, I learned to always place the baby Jesus in the center of the display (no matter how large or small the set).

This same idea – be sure that Jesus is in the center – is true in your life and mine. The best way to ensure that you can experience “God with us” in your everyday life is to place Him at the center of everything you do. Remember what He told us:

*“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” – Matthew 6:33 (NLT)*

Centering my life on Jesus,

P.S. Don't miss this Sunday, December 27, at 11am, for the conclusion of our *God with Us* teaching series. We'll look at this very concept – how to experience God every day. Join us either In-Person or at FBCGC.live. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Eve Service

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Thursday, December 24  
6:00 - 6:45 PM

CAROLS • CHRISTMAS STORY • CANDLES

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New Year's Eve Service

ONLINE AT FBCGC.LIVE WITH #1 BILLBOARD WORSHIP LEADER BRYAN POPIN

Thursday, December 31  
5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, or 11:00pm

CHOOSE A TIME - ONLINE ONLY AT FBCGC.LIVE

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