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Celebrating a Birthday

December 13 Jackie Dyches
December 14 Niesha Green
December 15 Jay Walea
December 17 Doug Burkhalter

Celebrating an Anniversary

December 15 Mr. & Mrs. Luis Tovar

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

Jimmy Walea, Chmn., Chris Long,
Luis Tovar, Steve VanWechel



Special Christmas Music Celebration

Sunday, December 20th at 11:00am

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24th at 6:00pm

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEKEND

Join Us this Sunday!

December 13

9:30am – Church Library Open
10:00am – Sunday School Fall Groups
11:00am – Morning Worship
(in-person or at FBCGC.live)
12:30pm Youth Christmas Party
6:00pm Christmas Movie Night

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$4,468.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$4,468.00



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Given to Date: \$615.00

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

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NEVER ALONE

We just kicked off a brand-new teaching series on Sundays, called “God with Us.” In this series, we are looking at Jesus’ name from Matthew 1:23, Immanuel, which means “God with us.” Over the next few weeks, we are digging into several times, situations, and circumstances in life when the Bible promises us that God will be with us.

This past Sunday we looked at how God is with us in the valleys of life. The big takeaway for me from the message was:

We enjoy God on the mountaintops of life, but we get to know Him intimately in the valleys.

Valleys come in many shapes and sizes, some devastating (when you unexpectedly lose a loved one), others depressing (a tough season in your career or finances), and still others are just discouraging (conflict with a friend or family member).

These valleys are simply low points and each of us will face several of them over the course of our lives. If you’re not careful, the deep, dark, desolate nature of the valley can make you feel alone, hopeless, and disconnected from the Lord.

So I thought I’d give a quick recap today of the main points of Sunday’s message. Here are five keys to experience “God with Us” when you’re in the valleys of life:

1. Remember that my strength is in the Lord.

When the desolate seasons of life come, the natural human tendency is to try to “be strong” and shoulder the load. Scripture reminds us over and over that when we are weak, He is strong!

2. Refocus my mind on the things of God.

Again, in the valleys of life we all tend to become myopic, seeing only the mess that surrounds us. Take every thought captive and remember to look up at the One who can help.

3. Remind myself that I’m just passing through.

Crises can feel never-ending (take 2020 for example), but the Bible teaches us that even the most difficult situations are temporary. We are passing “through” the valleys of life, not just entering into them.

4. Respond with faith and trust in God’s faithfulness.

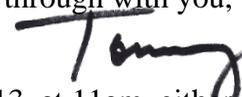
While God’s love is unconditional, He does include several conditional statements in the Bible. Ask and it will be given; Seek and you will find; Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you. Your act of faith enables God’s faithful response. What can you do today?

5. Rest in the fact that I am never alone.

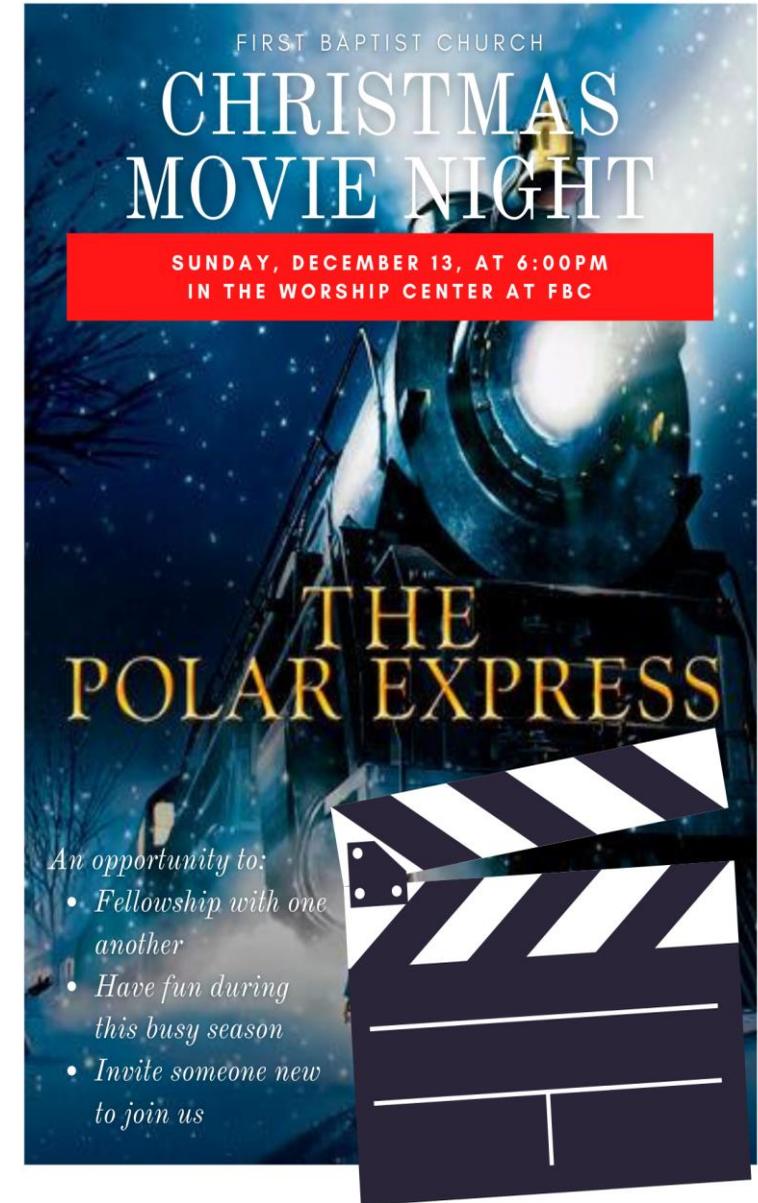
For the Christ follower, we can rest in knowing that God will never leave us or forsake us. Jesus promised to be with us always, even to the ends of the earth. Lean into the Lord when you’re in the valley. You don’t have to go it alone.

Take heart when facing life’s valleys... we serve the Good Shepherd and He will lead you through to the other side!

Passing through with you,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, December 13, at 11am, either In-Person or at FBCGC.live. We’ll look at *God with Us... In the Wilderness*. And join us for Movie Night that evening at 6:00pm. Hope to see you Sunday!



Who Can You Invite to Movie Night?