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Celebrating a Birthday

January 19 Christina McCullough
January 20 Michael Ward
January 21 Koty Duke
January 21 Larry Olliff
January 21 Tommy Triplett
January 22 Anne Rowland
January 23 Joyce Mock

Celebrating an Anniversary

January 19 Mr. & Mrs. David Williams

OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us Sunday!
January 17, 2021

9:30am – Church Library Open
10:00am – Sunday School **Fall** Groups
11:00am – Morning Worship
(in-person or at FBCGC.live)
6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Vital Signs

Budget Gifts Sunday\$9,443.59
Budget Gifts to Date\$14,642.59

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Given to date: \$4,208.00

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
- **Text-to-Give**
Using your smartphone, text the Amount You Want to Give to [84321](tel:84321)
- **Mailed-in Giving**
Mail your gift to the church office at:
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Serving Our Church On 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

Zim Nixon, Chairman
Chuck Austin, Mike Durkin,
Corley Zittrouer

Deacons Meeting
January 17th
6:00pm

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WHO ARE YOU?

There are always many things to be thankful for even when we don't realize it. My family's time in quarantine is more of a hassle but we are extremely grateful our symptoms are very mild. We would much rather be seeing friends and serving alongside everyone serving our Lord together but we wait knowing this time will come soon enough.

During this time we have done many things to keep us busy. Patricia has been going through old pictures and organizing them. Rachel and I have been doing some reading though she has read four books to my one. Samuel and Rachel have also been doing some gaming. We have also seen several movies and shows. We do tend to like many of the older shows and movies. For some reason I still love the old black and white TV shows and movies. We started a game many years ago and my family loves playing it. Though we really love card games this has to do with the programs we watch. We see an actor or actress and try to remember what else they have played in. Sometimes it is really easy, other times it is extremely difficult. I use to be the master of this game but the family has gotten really good at it. Many times now they beat me at it and are even faster with their memory, I am sure it has nothing to do with me getting older...lol. I was watching a western the other day and it was so full of well-known stars that it was difficult to follow the story line. One was really easy, it was Allan Hale Jr. better known for his role as the Skipper from Gilligan's Island. One of the hardest was the man who played Sam the Bartender of Gunsmoke, he also played Frankenstein's monster in the old horror movies.

Sometimes we watch things because we want to see the program and other times we watch things because of the stars that play in them. Some are very talented and can

play any role, others can only play one type of role and have become type cast. There are also those who can play a role of someone spectacular and have their life all together and yet in real life they can barely hold it together.

We too can play many different roles. I wear many different hats in life. There are times I run into someone and I have to remember which part of my life they come from. It also works the other way as well. I go to my bank all the time and they know me by name but if I wear a ball cap they don't recognize me right away. All of this has got me to thinking lately, no matter what roles we play or how good we are at putting up a front, our character will always eventually shine through. For many people there is no real change. The image on the inside is the same as the one on the outside. Yet there are others who can do a great job of acting or trying to be something but under pressure their real self surfaces.

God never asks us to change our actions but rather have our heart changed. When the heart is right our actions will naturally follow. When Christ comes into our life we just want to be with Him. We don't have a role to play; we have a God to follow. We love because He first loved us. We forgive because we have been forgiven. We have joy because He is joy. God gives us opportunities to be obedient every day to show our changed heart. Remember we are on a journey with Him not playing a role for Him. Stay strong.

Randall

World Changers 2021

It's time for our teenagers to reserve their spots for this year's trip to Huntington, WV July 10-17. Contact Randall ASAP.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Donation Opportunity

As our 2020 OCC shoeboxes have prayerfully found their way to children around the world, we have an early opportunity for you to support this ongoing mission effort. We're now accepting donations to equip our sewing volunteers for their project of making blankets and dresses for Operation Christmas Child 2021.

Please drop off donations of new or slightly-used pillowcases and sheets (including flannel sheets) to the church office for this project. They will be repurposed to create blankets & pillowcase dresses. Thanks in advance!



New Sunday Teaching Series:

Closer: Pressing into Christ

Series Messages:

January 17:

Drawing Near for Mercy & Grace

January 24:

Drawing Near to Please God

January 31:

Drawing Near for Preparation

February 7:

Drawing Near for Closeness