

Serving Our Church On Sunday

Ushers

(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)

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Counters

David Traywick, Chmn., Ed Schaffer,
Tommy Triplett, David Williford

Deacons Meeting

January 10, 2021
6pm

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!

OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us Sunday!

January 10

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\$5,199.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$5,199.00



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Given to Date: \$3,583.00

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](text:84321)
- **Mailed-in Giving**
Mail your gift to the church office at:
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SETTING GOALS FOR 2021

In all the celebration at the turn of a new year, it's easy to focus our attention on closing out 2020 (especially in light of all the calamity it contained). Now is the time to leave the past in the past and turn our focus to 2021. Even with the lingering uncertainties of this new season, it's valuable to spend some time praying over and setting goals for the next 12 months.

Just as Luke 2:52 reminds us that *"Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men,"* it's appropriate for us, under God's direction, to plan out objectives and goals to ensure that our spiritual and personal growth doesn't plateau in 2021.

Here are four areas of life where I encourage you to think, pray, and set goals for your development this year, as well as a key question to help you plan them:

1) SPIRITUAL GOALS:

Set goals for your spiritual growth in order to draw near to God. One of the major themes for us as a church in 2021 is to "Draw Near to God" and the goals you set here will help you do just that.

Key Question: What will deepen my connection to God?

"...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever." – 2 Peter 3:18

2) INTELLECTUAL GOALS:

Set intellectual goals to demonstrate how you will love the Lord your God with all of your mind, allowing Him to teach you new things and expand your knowledge.

Key Question: What do I want to learn in 2021?

"He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

– Proverbs 19:8

3) PHYSICAL GOALS:

Goals regarding your physical body are set to avoid the situation where your spirit is willing, but your flesh is weak. Do what you can to increase the strength and health of your body.

Key Question: What will improve my health?

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." – Proverbs 17:22

4) SOCIAL GOALS:

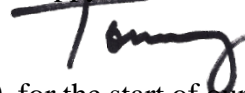
Your social goals will help you grow in your relationships with others. Think about how you can love people, how you can light the way to Jesus for other people, and how you can use your gifts to serve people.

Key Question: What will be my ministry to others?

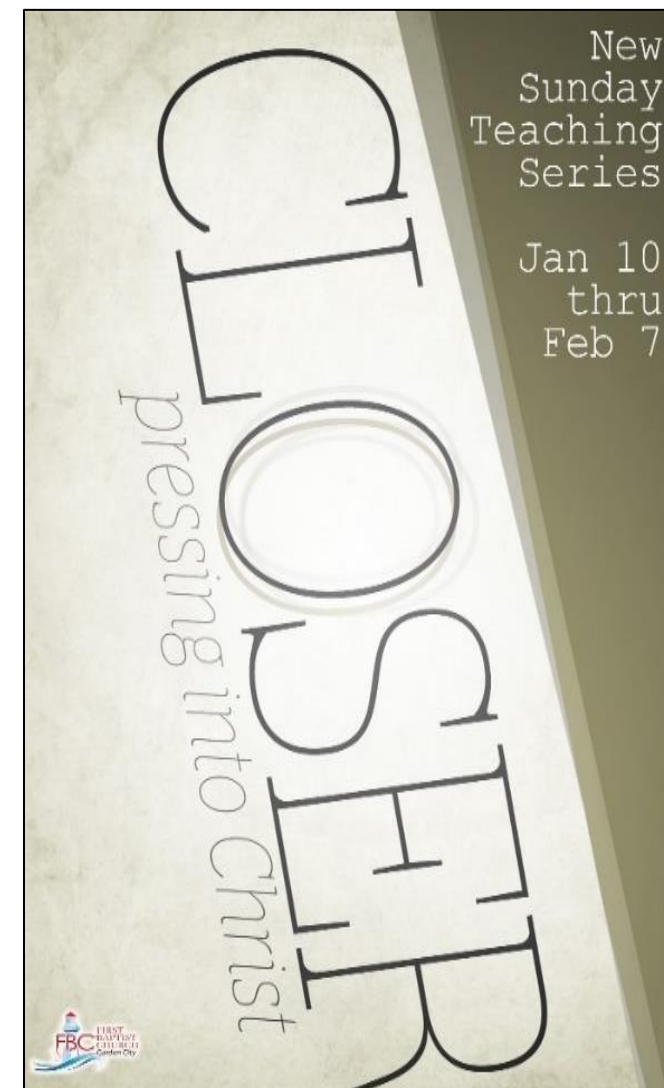
"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." – 1 Peter 4:10

By asking God to direct you in setting goals in these areas for 2021, you'll have a target to aim for and a tool to measure your progress. And together, we'll be able to even better *Love God, Love People, and Light the Way!*

Happy New Year,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, January 10, for the start of our brand-new teaching series, *Closer: Pressing into Christ*. We'll be looking at how you and I can draw near to God in 2021! Join us either In-Person or at FBCGC.live, this Sunday at 11:00am. See you there!



New Sunday Teaching Series:

Closer: Pressing into Christ

Series Messages:

January 10: Drawing Near for Salvation
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