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Tommy Duke—Senior Pastor
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Celebrating a Birthday

February 1 Chrystal Long
February 2 Mike Durkin
February 2 Jackie Valdez
February 3 Vicki Thornton
February 6 Bill Simmons

Opportunities

Join Us Sunday!
January 31, 2021

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

Serving Our Church on 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, Chairman
Chris Long, Luis Tovar

Contribution Records

Anyone who would like to receive a copy of your contributions from the previous year, you need to fill out an offering envelope with **your name and amount given written on the envelope**. This way we can keep a record through the year and print you a copy. Please contact the church office if you have any question. ***If you used your offering envelopes during 2020, then your contribution records are ready and can be picked up from the church office Monday-Thursday 10 to 2. If you are not attending in person and would like them mailed you will need to call the church office.***

Vital Signs

Budget Gifts Sunday\$3,010.47
Budget Gifts to Date\$21,955.36

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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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

Recently through personal study and preparing for the Sunday School lesson I noticed something very simple but very profound. See if you pick it up.

Exodus 19:5-6, “Now if you will carefully listen to me and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession out of all the peoples, although the whole earth is mine, and you will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’

Luke 6:29, If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don’t hold back your shirt either.

John 15:7, If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.

2 Chronicles 7:14, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Did you catch it? It’s that word “if”. This simple conjunction here becomes very powerful and these are only a few examples. We also need to make sure we are correctly reading and interpreting these passages. God is definitely making either a promise to the people He is speaking to or to us. Many people will take passages like this and use it as a tool or bargaining chip to force God to do something. So we need to be very careful. God never intended us to hold Him hostage or force Him to do something He doesn’t want to do (or would go against His nature). So what is God really saying when He says, if?

Most of these have to do with us first listening - if you listen. God is telling us something important or He is

saying something about us that He wants us to change. In Exodus He is getting ready to give the Ten Commandments. If you follow these - you will show that you have a heart for Me and will truly be My people. If we listen to Him our actions will naturally show where our hearts are. When times of testing arise - we will naturally do what Jesus would do.

Are we really willing to listen? Sometimes it is more of do we really know what He is saying because we aren’t in His Word. If we are listening - we will want to be obedient because nothing else matters. We will have put ourselves aside along with our pride. The “if” has more to do with us and our choice to listen and obey. God doesn’t change for us rather we change because of who He is. So the real question is:

- if we are willing to listen
- if we are willing to obey
- if we are willing to act and react as He would.

So how are we going to answer this question of
“IF”

Randall



It’s time to reserve your spot for Youth camp, June 7-12th at Ridgecrest NC. This is for those that have completed 6th grade through completed 12th. Please see Randall to sign up.

Sympathy

As a church family, we express our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Cathie VanWechel who passed away last week.



New Sunday Teaching Series:

Closer: Pressing into Christ

Series Messages:

January 31:

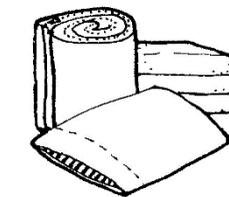
Drawing Near for Preparation

February 7

Drawing Near for Mercy & Grace

February 14:

Drawing Near for Closeness



Operation Christmas Child Donation Opportunity

We are 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!