

Celebrating a Birthday

February 14	Lynn Newman
February 16	Yolanda Foster
February 18	Lauri Edwards
February 19	Susanne Ross

Opportunities

Join Us Sunday! **February 14, 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

Steve Britton, Chairman
 Joe Jackson, Rob Mucha, Larry Olliff



The church office will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents Day.

Vital Signs

Budget Gifts Sunday	\$7,540.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$7,540.00

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:
35 Nelson Ave, Garden City, GA 31408



35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408
 912-964-1448 | office@fbcc.net
www.fbcc.net
 Office Hours: 10:00am to 2:00pm Monday - Thursday
 Closed on Fridays

Vol. 61 No. 6 February 10, 2021

Tommy Duke—Senior Pastor
 Randall Prantz—Associate Pastor
 Debbie Traywick—Worship Leader

GARDEN CITY BEAMS (USPS #213560) is published weekly, except one week in December, at no charge, by First Baptist Church, 35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408-1748. Periodicals postage paid at Savannah, GA. POSTMASTER: send address changes to GARDEN CITY BEAMS, 35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408-1748. Church phone (912) 964-1448 or 964-0355.

Just a shoebox?

Update from "Operation Christmas Child"

2020 caught everyone by surprise. But not God. He's known about COVID-19 and the trials and challenges of this unprecedented year since before the beginning of time. He's always had 2020 vision. And we are thankful that part of that vision included using Samaritan's Purse to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth through Operation Christmas Child, even in a pandemic year!

With the novel coronavirus spreading sickness and fear, children needed hope now more than ever. Were there challenges? Yes. Over 100 of the countries we worked in this year were locked down in March. "But with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), and we saw God work time and again all around the world opening doors wide to usher in Good News and great joy!

Last year in a Tanzanian village, local elders became angry when the Gospel was shared, and they took all of The Greatest Journey materials and burned them. But later they saw how blessed the children in the village were by the shoebox gifts so they allowed another distribution to take place this year. At the event, the elders listened to the Gospel message and gave their overwhelming approval to Operation Christmas Child. Now, the elders are reading the discipleship materials themselves!

In Thailand, there was a mandatory lockdown, and it looked like shoeboxes weren't going to be delivered. But over 4,000 of God's people in that country prayed for doors to be opened for Operation Christmas Child. And they were! Circumstances changed and the government was able to cancel the lockdown so that outreach events could be held. The result? Over 8,000

children responded to the Gospel and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior!

In other places, like Paraguay, where large gatherings weren't permitted, our national leadership teams and volunteers found creative ways to minister, including wearing masks and going door-to-door to share the Gospel and hand out shoeboxes in a safe way. In one difficult-to-access country, a large outreach event was planned, but it was canceled when the government restricted public gatherings. "I was so disappointed," a ministry partner said. "But God had a better plan, because we now had a chance to have socially distanced visits with the children right in their homes, tell them the Good News, get to know them better, and talk with their parents."

The pandemic didn't impede the efforts to disciple children in 2020. The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson Bible course for shoebox recipients was used to teach kids how to become faithful followers of Jesus and how to share Him with others. In all, over 3.5 million children participated in The Greatest Journey in 2020 and over 1.3 million came to faith in Jesus!

God moves in ways we cannot imagine. We need to stay faithful and trust Him in all things.

Randall



It's time to reserve your spot for Youth camp held at Ridgecrest NC on June 7-12th. This is for those youth who will have completed grades 6th through 12th. Please see Randall to sign up.

Easter Lilies



Orders are now being received from those who wish to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please fill out the form below and return it with cash or check payable to First Baptist Church. The lilies may be placed in Honor or Memory of a loved one.

Sunday, February 28, is the deadline for placing orders. A list will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Name _____

I will give _____ lilies at \$13.00 each.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will pick up my Easter lily after Morning Service.

I will leave my Easter lily for a Shut in.



February 14, 2021