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## Celebrating a Birthday

April 25 Kinley McCullough  
April 25 Kimberly Kinsaul-Tootle  
April 26 Sue Moore

## OPPORTUNITIES

*Join Us Sunday!*  
April 25, 2021



9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship  
(in-person or at [FBCGC.live](http://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

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

### Nursery

Laurann Mucha  
Autumn & Summer Brinson  
Patricia Frantz

### Preschool

### Disciple Now

Youth Retreat  
April 30-May 2  
See Randall for more information.

## VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$6,994.94  
Budget Gifts to Date .....\$26,908.08

## 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](http://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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## COMING HOME

My family moved around a lot when I was growing up. In fact, my sister and I sometimes still joke as adults about having the “five year itch,” since we seemed to move about every five years when we were young. For better or worse, this is a habit that has repeated itself in my own family as an adult, as God’s calling to ministry has moved us around.

Because of all these moves, I have lived in over 15 different houses and apartments over the years. Pursuing God’s will has led me to live in seven different states, to plant two different churches and serve several others, and to travel and train thousands of church leaders across the United States.

That said, at any given time, I have always known exactly where my home was. My home has always been in one place at a time. As a child it was where my parents were. As an adult, home is where my wife, my kids, and I live. In other words, the old adage holds true, “home is, indeed, where the heart is.”

This past weekend in our *God’s Amazing Promises* teaching series, we looked at “God’s Promises About Heaven,” beginning with Jesus’ words from John 14:

*“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”*

I have always loved how Jesus spoke about heaven. We mentioned in this message how Jesus always discussed heaven in concrete terms, including using the Greek word *topos* for “place” in this passage, which is the root

of our English word “topography.” He also uses concrete terms in this passage for the phrase “my Father’s home.” The abode of His Father was clearly a place that Jesus was familiar with and looking forward to.

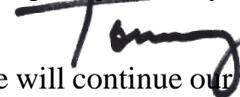
When Jesus says in this passage that we “will always be with” Him where He is, He is promising us that God’s children (those who have believed in Jesus and received Him as Savior) can look forward to eternity in this place He’s preparing for us...

In other words, as followers of Jesus we can walk with confidence that the end of life here on earth is simply an opportunity for us to “come home” to our Heavenly Father’s house.

Speaking of “coming home,” *this Sunday, April 25, is Homecoming Sunday at FBC!* While this Sunday’s celebration will be a little different from the past (ie: no food), we will remember the lives of those members who have “gone home” before us, we’ll celebrate the legacy of our church, and we’ll look forward to what God has in store for the future.

It’s going to be a special Sunday together and if you’re able, I hope you’ll make it a priority to join us in-person for our Homecoming Sunday service, this Sunday at 11:00am.

Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way,



P.S. This weekend, April 24 & 25, we will continue our *God’s Amazing Promises* teaching series, looking at God’s Biblical promise of personal peace and how you can experience it every day. Join us either In-Person (Sunday at 11am) as part of our Homecoming celebration or Online (multiple service times on Saturday and Sunday) at [FBCGC.live](http://FBCGC.live).

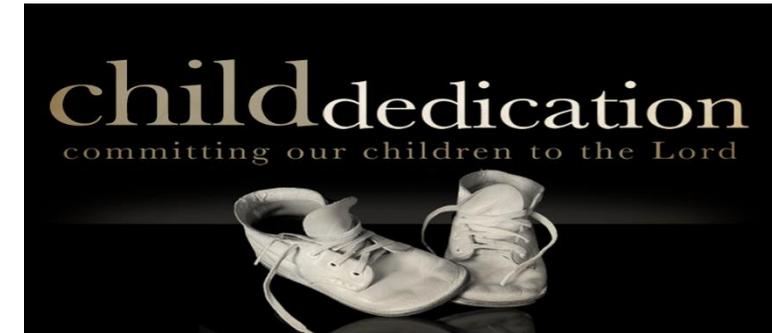


**GET PLUGGED IN** *Start serving today!*

*(Jesus) "The greatest among you must be a servant." - Matthew 23:11 (NLT)*

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM**  
**GC KIDS (Birth - 5th Grade)**  
**GC STUDENTS (Middle/High School)**  
**WORSHIP TEAM**  
**PRODUCTION TEAM**  
**PRAYER & CARE TEAM**  
**OFFICE VOLUNTEER**

*To Learn More or Sign Up, Contact the Office or Use Your Sunday Connection Card*



**child dedication**  
committing our children to the Lord



On Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having as part of our service our annual Parent/Child Dedication. Please join with us as we celebrate this special time. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to be dedicated, please contact the church office.

### **Graduates**

Please notify the church office if you will be or have already graduated either High School or College. The time will be from (May 2020 until May 2021). We are working on our church recognition service and need to know if you will be taking part in this service.