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## Celebrating a Birthday

May 3 Gena Clifton  
May 4 Joseph Johnson  
May 5 Jason McCullough  
May 6 Crawford Leonard  
May 7 Kay Nappier  
May 8 Mary Becton  
May 8 Kelly Newman

## Celebrating an Anniversary

May 3 Mr. & Mrs. David Williford  
May 6 Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Reagan

## OPPORTUNITIES

*Join Us Sunday!*

**May 2, 2021**

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship  
*(in-person or at FBCGC.live)*

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

## VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$9,384.00  
Budget Gifts to Date .....\$36,272.08

## 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](https://text.giving)
- **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

Jason McCullough, Chairman  
Terry Nappier, Warren Oglesby,  
Jay Walea

### Nursery

Jackie Dyches, Gay Triplett  
Rachel Frantz

### Preschool

Marie Austin

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## *Am I Useful?*

I have recently noticed that God has been putting some very familiar scripture passages before me. Ones I could easily quote in my sleep. Then He starts showing me things either I have forgotten, or He shows me something new (I tend to think it is something new because I never forget stuff...lol). For example, last week it was Matthew 5:13,

*“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.”*

Salt helps speed up the curing process in meat and prevents spoilage or decay. Now I know I have never done this, but it has been a very effective way of preserving meat through the centuries. It is also a flavor enhancer. I know people who would regularly put salt on their watermelon and even ice cream. I have never been a big user of salt, but I know what it can do. The absence of its presence leaves a dramatic effect. It can either leave everything bland or useless. I know today we heavily rely on freezers to keep our meat good. We also learned that loosing refrigeration after the hurricanes resulted in a lot of wasted and spoiled food. The first thing we would do when we realized the power was going to be out too long was to get the spoons and finish off the ice cream...lol. Ok, back on track. We are the salt of the earth and if we aren't worth our salt, it has an effect on the world around us. We are seen as ineffective or useless and no one cares to hear the message we have because we don't ever care to live it. Even a greater effect is that everything around us starts to spoil or decay. We see the evidence of a decaying world around us at every turn. We may not be able to stop the decay all over the world, but we can have an effect on those around us.

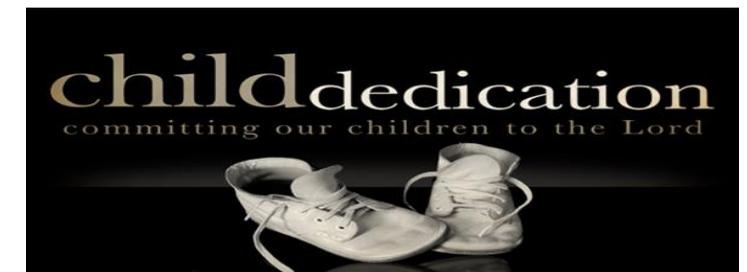
The next part of this passage is verse 14 & 15,

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”*

There are two purposes for the light here which we quickly pass over. One the light from the city is seen by everyone. Second the light on the lampstand is for the people in the house. Our purpose is to share God's love and forgiveness with everyone, and we need to be a witness and encouragement to each other. If we hide our light, we become something other than what God intended. We become self-seeking. We also now are depending on others for light rather than being the light. We are still a light, but we are draining others rather than coming alongside and assisting.

God never intended us to do it all ourselves, but He also expects us to be obedient and be all that He has intended us to be. When we read and study scripture we need to slow down and read each word and see its purpose in the passage. Each word is important just as each of us is important and we have a role to play in this life. We don't need to hide or think we aren't useful. Allow God to change you and use you. In the process we affect those around us, and we end up making a difference.

Randall



Mother's Day, Sunday May 9, 2021  
If you have a child or know of a child that would like to be dedicated, please call the church office.