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Celebrating a Birthday

May 26 Donna Blissett
May 26 Kayman Read Griffin
May 27 Zim Nixon

OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us Sunday!

May 23, 2021

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship

(in-person or at FBCGC.live)

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,486.60
Budget Gifts to Date\$23,939.60

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
- **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)

Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge,
Chris Long, Rob Mucha, Warren Oglesby,
Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer, A. J. Tovar,
Luis Tovar, Tommy Triplett

Counters

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Joe Jackson, Rob Mucha,
Larry Olliff

Nursery

Mary Kay Schaffer
Maggie Hayes

Preschool

Karen Walea



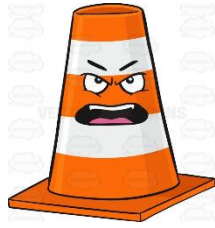
Children's Church

Just a reminder, we have started back Children's Church on Sunday mornings for the 11:00am worship service for children grades 1st-5th.

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ROADBLOCKS

As I am writing I am watching the police department set up traffic cones up and down the street in anticipation for the closing of Highway 21 at the railroad tracks. Traffic will be diverted by our church for four days. I guarantee there will be a lot of traffic and a lot of unhappy people. Even with advanced notice there are not a lot of alternate routes so traffic will be busy. It doesn't take much to upset people these days. Some inconveniences are necessary, but we still don't like to be inconvenienced. I ran across the following story this morning and it is so fitting.



Tonight, I gave each of the girls a rock and a sucker. I had them walk down the road and back with the rock in their shoe and sucker in their mouth....

You should've heard the grumbling. They couldn't walk normal because the rock was uncomfortable... they were limping and staggering just trying to get back to me.

We then came back inside and I asked them what it was like for them to walk around like that.....

The answers varied but most talked about how hard it was to walk around with the rock in their shoe.... no one mentioned how sweet the sucker was in their mouth.

We often fail to realize God's blessings because we put too much focus on the struggles of life.

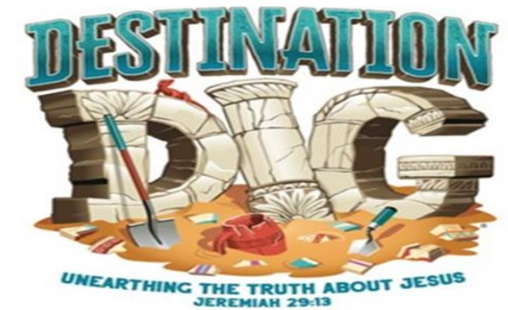
When I first read this, I thought, wow what a great illustration. Then I started thinking about it some more. They were given specific instructions and even given the details of when this task would be done. Many times, in life we are confronted with circumstances and

we see no end in sight. We feel we are facing this overwhelming obstacle that we can do nothing about it. And there are those times we know when it will come to an end and we treat it like it will last for all eternity. In the midst of it all God has not stopped being God and He hasn't quit working. God continues to bless but not always in the ways or in the areas we want. When He does this, we accuse Him of not caring or blessing because it is not how we want it.

I was reminded in my devotional this morning about Jesus' words in Matthew 6:28, "*Consider the lilies of the field, they do not labor nor do they spin thread for cloth.*" Jesus tells us not to worry and uses a couple of illustrations to help us understand. The lilies can do nothing about their circumstances; all they have to do is grow. The rain is there to help them even if the rain is heavy. The water is necessary for them to grow. How it comes and what form it comes in is not up to them. Likewise, the sun is there to help them grow but they do not have control over the amount of light they get.

We too do not always understand our circumstances, but we need to trust Him through it all. Our heavenly Father knows our circumstances, and if we will stay focused on Him, instead of our circumstances, we will grow spiritually. If we only focus on the rock in our shoes, we either miss the blessings or ignore them. God is in charge of helping to grow us and we need not become bitter. If all people see is our complaining then they don't get a good picture of our God. Let your life reflect His glory rather than our situations.

Randall



BLOCK PARTY

June 6

5-7:30pm

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR CHILDREN....

WATER SLIDE,

BOUNCY HOUSE &

GAMES

HAMBURGERS - HOT DOGS

DRINKS - SNO CONES

AND POPCORN!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS June 13th-16th

5:45-8:40pm

VBS Family Night

June 17th

6:00pm

***Lots of opportunities to serve during these events*
Call church office or sign up in the church foyers.**