

Celebrating an Anniversary

July 23

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Wallace

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

J. D. Dyches, Chairman
Tony Bragg, Jack Newman

Nursery

Mary Kay Schaffer
Maggie Hayes

Preschool

Theresa Nixon

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!

Sunday, July 18

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship

*(In-Person or multiple Saturday & Sunday
opportunities for Church Online at FBCGC.live)*

Wednesday, July 21

7:00pm – Adult, Youth and Children Bible Studies

The Lord's Supper

July 25, 2021

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$8,763.90
Budget Gifts to Date\$14,681.90

FREEDOM FOR THE FUTURE

Gifts Sunday\$22,000.00
Gifts to Date\$14,535.00

MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:

- **In-Person on Sundays**
You can give using the offering plates at each Sunday service.
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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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Randall Frantz—Associate Pastor
Debbie Traywick—Worship Leader



JULY 18

DANIEL: A PICTURE OF INTEGRITY

JULY 25

JESUS: A PICTURE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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AS BOLD AS LIONS

In last Sunday's message, I continued our *Character Builder* teaching series with a message called "Esther: A Picture of Boldness." In case you missed it, you can still catch the replay on FBCGC.live.

We discussed the steps that you and I can take to cooperate with God to develop the character trait of "holy boldness," like Esther displayed. In fact, our memory verse for this week is:

*"The wicked run away when no one is chasing them,
but the godly are as bold as lions."*
- Proverbs 28:1 (NLT)

What does it look like for us to exhibit this trait? How might God use you to be "as bold as a lion"?

One of the points from Sunday was the idea that in preparation to take bold action we must ask God to break our hearts for that which breaks His.

Even a quick glance around our community reveals plenty of issues that are heart-breaking: poverty, division, confusion, oppression, discrimination, pain, and suffering, just to mention a few.

At the core of all these issues (and I might argue *all* of the issues that break God's heart) is *sin*. Because God knows what's best for us, it breaks His heart when we choose to live outside of His commands.

Jesus gives us a great insight into what breaks His heart in Matthew 9:36:

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

This issue – people living like sheep without a shepherd – breaks Jesus' heart. Why? Because He has made a way for us to live a *new life* in Him! He has paid off the debt of sin for each of us and it's heart-breaking that so many choose to continue to wander through this life, weary and scattered.

How do we respond to this with boldness? The next two verses of Matthew 9 give us clarity:

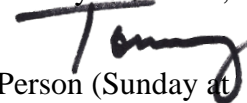
"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" – Matthew 9:37-38

How should you and I respond to the issue of people living without a Shepherd? First, we should ask God to give us the same compassion that Jesus felt. Second, we should pray like Jesus tells us: for the Lord to send laborers into the harvest. Third (and finally), you and I should determine to take action, because even today God is giving us opportunities to *be* the laborers that He will use to bring in the harvest.

Is there anyone in your sphere of influence today who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus? Someone in your family? Your neighborhood? Your workplace?

Are you willing to boldly risk inviting them to church? How about sharing your testimony? Will you allow God to boldly use you to light their way to Jesus?

Living Boldly for Christ,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, July 18, In-Person (Sunday at 11:00am) or Online at FBCGC.live (multiple services on Saturday evening & all day Sunday), as we look at "**Daniel: A Picture of Integrity.**"

Deacon Election – Sunday, August 8th

This year's Deacon election will be held on Sunday, August 8, during the in-person worship service. To facilitate this election, your July 28th edition of the Beams Newsletter will include a list of all men in our church who are eligible to serve as a Deacon. Please join us in praying for this important activity.

According to Acts 6, those serving in the role of Deacon are to be the lead servants of the church. This election is for us to collectively identify and select the men that God has already been preparing to serve. Here are the qualifications (from the church by-laws):

Qualifications: Deacons shall be males at least 21 years of age who have been actively involved in the life of the church during at least the past two years. Biblical qualification shall guide the church in electing all Deacons. 1 Timothy 3:8-11 (NKJV) presents the following guidelines:

"Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

If there is any man who, after careful prayer and consideration, feels that he cannot fulfill the qualifications and expectations as a Deacon of our church, he should contact the church office (at 912-964-1448 or office@fbcgc.net) to have his name removed from the voting list no later than noon on Monday, July 26th.

Please note: Due to several factors (revised by-laws, Covid-19, changes in church leadership), we will be starting with a list of *all* eligible men, including those who may have requested to be removed in the past. Please contact the church office if you do not wish to be considered in this election.