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OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!

Sunday, July 25

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship / *Lord's Supper*

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

Wednesday, July 28

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

Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)

Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge,
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Laurann Mucha
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Allie Moore (if needed)

Preschool

Karen Walea

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$9,177.37
Budget Gifts to Date\$23,859.27

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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JULY 25

JESUS: A PICTURE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY

This past Sunday, in the latest message from our *Character Builder* series, I talked about “Daniel: A Picture of Integrity.” We dug into four practical steps you and I can take to live a life of integrity, based on the life of Daniel. If you missed the message, you can still catch a replay on [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.com/live).

Our memory verse for the week came from 1 Chronicles 29:17, when King David prays...

“I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.”

As I was preparing for that message, I kept thinking about the phrase “examine our hearts” in the context of integrity. Being examined for integrity might be an uncomfortable experience for some of us. In fact, I might dare say that each of us probably has *something* that we don’t want everyone to know about us.

This idea of an examination to look for integrity made me think back to last fall when my family and I bought a new house. Part of the home buying process includes a “home inspection” to check for any underlying issues with the structure, plumbing, or electrical systems of the house. The inspector also checks throughout the house for signs of mold, mildew, and termite damage. The entire process took place to insure that the investment that my family (and our mortgage company) was making with this house was “sound.” And when our prospective home got a clean bill of health, my family and I were both relieved and excited.

In a similar way, like we have been discussing throughout this *Character Builder* series, God is

making something special of you and I. Ephesians 2 tells us that we are His workmanship, or even His masterpiece. Think of the investment that God has already made in each of us – He created us, loved us in spite of our rebellion, and sent His own Son to pay for our redemption.

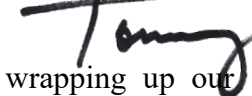
Is it any wonder that He “examines our hearts” to check for integrity? He cares deeply about what we become. He loves us beyond measure. And He has a tremendous investment in our lives. It only makes sense that He would want to inspect the results.

Here are a few questions for you today:

In God’s “home inspection” of your life right now, is He finding anything that isn’t sound? Are there any habits that – like termites – are eating you up from the inside out? Is there any unconfessed sin hiding in a closet somewhere that needs to be dragged into His light? Are there any grudges you’re holding, refusing to forgive someone?

Ask God to help you with your inspection. Then take time to confess, ask His forgiveness, and repent (turn away) from anything that’s limiting your integrity.

Integrally Yours,



P.S. This Sunday, July 25, we’re wrapping up our *Character Builder* teaching series AND celebrating the Lord’s Supper together during our In-Person worship service (Sunday at 11:00am). You can also join us for Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.com/live) during any one of our multiple services on Saturday and Sunday. It’s going to be a great weekend at FBC!

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.