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### Celebrating a Birthday

August 22 Leigh Anne Tovar  
August 25 Jo Cole  
August 25 Jeanette Collins  
August 25 Carol Durkin  
August 26 Kristy Ward

### Celebrating an Anniversary

August 28 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ethridge

### 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

Gerald Ethridge, Chairman  
Robert Riley

#### Nursery

Laurann Mucha  
Autumn Brinson  
Summer Brinson

#### Preschool

Karen Walea



*Honoring Anna DeLoach*  
*(Virginia DeLoach's granddaughter)*

*Hosted by the Joy Class*  
*August 22*

*2:00 to 4:00 Fellowship Hall*

*Registered at:*

*Williams and Sonoma*  
*Crate & Barrel & Bloomingdales*

### OPPORTUNITIES

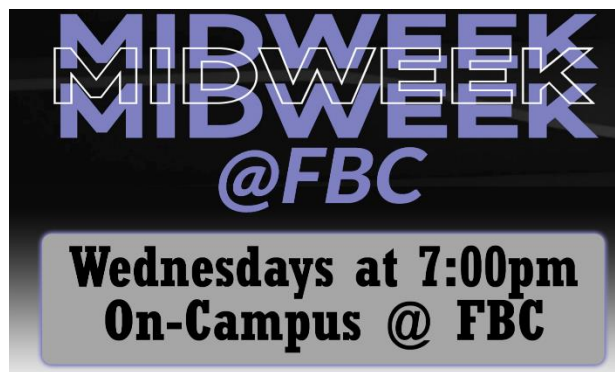
*You're Invited to Join Us!*

#### Sunday, August 22

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)*



### VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$8,456.80  
Budget Gifts to Date .....\$19,820.15

### 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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# BUILDING UP THE CHURCH TOGETHER (PART 1)

I read an article recently that was helpful to me and I wanted to share it with you over the next few weeks. It was written by Chopo Mwanza, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church Riverside in Kitwe, Zambia:

Every local church is comprised of a diverse group of people who have been radically transformed by the power of God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. These diverse people have no reason to live and work together, let alone care for each other—and yet, they choose to live in love and unity together, to the praise and glory of the Lord’s name.

Healthy local churches make a powerful and attractive testimony to a watching world. This means that every member has to be devoted to building others up ... This article discusses six types of members that do build up the church.

## 1. THE MEMBER WHO ATTENDS

Attending is the most basic way members build each other up. It’s the most obvious way to show commitment to the body. There’s something encouraging about knowing a brother or sister is simply going to be present at a church service, and you are going to worship God together.

The writer of Hebrews tells the believers to “*stir one another up to love and good deeds*” and to “*encourage one another.*” How are they to do this? By “*not forsaking the assembling of the believers*” (Heb. 10:23–25). You cannot build others up if you’re not meeting with them regularly and faithfully. It’s therefore no wonder that those who are regularly absent from the gathering often stagnate in their faith

or become members who primarily grumble and complain.

Dear church member, church meetings are not about you or your convenience. Build others up by faithful attendance.

## 2. THE MEMBER WHO ENCOURAGES

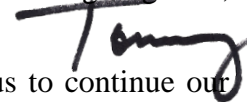
Consider Paul’s words about Tychicus in Colossians 4: “*I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts*” (Col. 4:8). Why does he send his friend? To encourage the Colossians. We should follow Paul’s model.

The encouraging member commends, recommends, praises, thanks, comforts, urges, supports, and compliments other members. We often think of encouraging as merely giving praise, like a spectator in the terraces. However, biblical encouragement is more than that; it’s a fellow teammate urging you to get to work.

Furthermore, encouragement is not mere flattery. It’s not just being nice or telling people what they want to hear. Rather, true encouragement is honest and sincere. It commends those who serve well, and it also urges those who are struggling in their walk with the Lord. Such kind of member is a great blessing to the body. Strive to be one.

(Full article available at: <https://www.9marks.org/article/6-kinds-of-church-members-that-build-up-the-church/>)

Building Together,



P.S. This Sunday, August 22, join us to continue our *Lies* series, looking at “God Won’t Give Me More Than I Can Handle.” In-Person at 11am Sunday or for Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.live) (multiple services on Saturday evening and all day on Sunday).



August 22

God Won't Give Me More than I Can Handle

August 29

God Could Never Use Someone Like Me



## Operation Christmas Child

### Shoebox Items

We have enough crayons, pencils, and notebooks, but if you have already purchased them still bring to the church.

Items needed:

- Erasers
- Combs
- Stuffed Animals
- Bead Necklaces
- Toothbrushes-Especially for Small Mouths
- Toys (Remember-Unused Fast-Food Toys Are Great!)
- Balls-Tennis Balls Are Great!