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Celebrating a Birthday

August 8 Johnny Hearn
August 9 Summer Brinson
August 10 Kelsea Moore

Celebrating an Anniversary

August 10 Mr. & Mrs. David Bragg
August 14 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hinely

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!

Sunday, August 8

9:30am – Church Library Open
10:00am – Sunday School Groups
11:00am – Morning Worship
Deacon Election

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

Wednesday, August 11

7pm

Business Meeting

Youth and Children Bible Studies

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$8,152.35
Budget Gifts to Date\$8,152.35

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

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

Nursery

Allie Moore
Kayley Moore
Patricia Frantz

Preschool

Tia Quattlebaum

Don't forget Deacon Election this Sunday, so fill out your voting ballot (sent in beams) and bring with you. We will have some on hand this Sunday-if you need a ballot, please see an Usher.

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I LOVE OUR CHURCH

Last Sunday, we started a brand-new teaching series called *Lies Smart People Believe... and God's Honest Truth*. The message countered the lie, "I Love Jesus, but I Don't Like the Church." If you missed it, you could still see the message at FBCGC.live.

In this message I shared seven choices each of us can make to support the bride of Christ, the church. One of these choices was:

I PRIORITIZE MY CHURCH & FELLOW BELIEVERS, CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Just like anything else that's important to us, we need to intentionally make church a priority in our lives. This is *not* easy because life is busy. Even more so, the last 18 months have been so chaotic and unusual that Christians everywhere have experience dramatic changes to their routines.

This has left many believers "cut out from the herd," separated from the loving fellowship of the church (like the calf below):



The unique nature of this season has affected even church members who were previously fully engaged with the church. Maybe that's you today. Or perhaps you know someone who is in this situation. My heart aches for those who haven't yet reconnected to church.

This week I read an article from another church leader who pointed out:

When it comes to church, drift leads to distance and distance leads to disconnection.

The point of weekly worship is not attendance; it's participation in the body of Christ.

Christianity was never designed to be an independent endeavor. God created us to be in relationship with Him and each other. He made us on purpose with a purpose, and we live that out best together.

(Courtesy of www.DanReiland.com)

Disconnected from the body of Christ is a lonely, difficult place for a Christian to live. The good news is that the kind of disconnection mentioned above isn't terminal. According to Psalm 68:6, we serve a God who is known for repairing just such a situation:

*"God sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;"*

Your Fellow Member in the Body,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony".

P.S. This Sunday, August 8, I hope you'll participate as we continue our *Lies Smart People Believe* series, looking at "God Just Wants Me to be Happy." Join us In-Person at 11am Sunday or for Church Online at FBCGC.live (multiple services on Saturday evening and all day on Sunday).



August 8

God Just Wants Me to be Happy

August 15

God Doesn't Care about the Small Things

August 22

God Won't Give Me More than I Can Handle

August 29

God Could Never Use Someone Like Me

Mark Your Calendar

August 15, 2021

6pm

Youth Summer Share Time

Our youth will be sharing their experiences with us on August 15th at 6pm. This includes both Ridgecrest and World Changers.

7pm

Peanut Boil

We are planning to have a Peanut Boil. This is a church wide event, so mark your calendar to come join this time of fellowship.

