



Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way

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## Celebrating a Birthday

September 29  
September 29  
October 1

Dale Harper  
Patricia Frantz  
Tia Quattlebaum

## 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

Jackie Dyches  
Gay Triplett

### Preschool

Karen Walea

## Missions Opportunity

Please consider donating the following items (list has been updated) to go in shoeboxes for children around the world through Operation Christmas Child:

- ❖ 18 small books/picture books
- ❖ 25 stuffed toys
- ❖ 71 combs
- ❖ 11 balls
- ❖ 30 toy cars
- ❖ Adult size toothbrushes
- ❖ Marker sets (we need a lot of these)
- ❖ 25 backpacks (Dollar Tree has these)

## OPPORTUNITIES

*You're Invited to Join Us!*  
**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

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, September 29, 2021**

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

## VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday .....	\$7,938.06
Budget Gifts to Date .....	\$22,568.32

## 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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## LIGHT THE WAY TO JESUS

During each week of our *Difference Maker* teaching series, we've been looking at the truth that God wants to use you to make an eternal difference in people's lives. Having spent a large portion of my life observing and interacting with other followers of Jesus, I have to say that many Christians aren't fulfilling their potential as difference makers.

How can I say that? Because regardless of how often we study God's Word and point out the multiple commands for us to be Christ's ambassadors, witnesses, and messengers, some believers simply lack the confidence to share the message of Jesus or even an invitation to church. I think that's a shame for a couple of reasons:

- God has uniquely shaped *you* to connect and share Jesus with people that I'll never meet.
- If you're not sharing Jesus with others on a regular basis, *you are missing out* on the blessing of seeing God use you in that way.

Telling others about Jesus – by sharing your testimony, laying out the Gospel (good news), or even inviting them to church with you – is your opportunity to make an eternal difference... but it can be awkward to step out of your comfort zone.

In light of that discomfort, remember *how* Jesus presented His Great Commission to us in Matthew 28:

*“Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”*

- Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

The heart of the Great Commission is our call to “light the way” to Jesus: Go, make disciples, baptize them, and teach them what Jesus has taught us. But notice the two promises that Jesus uses to reassure us:

- 1) “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.” Jesus reminds us that HE is in charge. This should help us keep our role in perspective. We are His witnesses, but HE is the One who does the saving. Only He has the power to transform lives.
- 2) “And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Jesus gives us a 2<sup>nd</sup> promise to counter our fears. The promise is that HE will be with us, no matter what.

So, Jesus is calling you and I to “light the way” to Him (our part), knowing that *He* will take care of the hard part (redeeming men and women for Himself) *and* that He will be right there with us as we share.

With that in mind, my prayer for you this week is that you will see the doors God is opening for you to invite someone to church, share your testimony, or even walk someone through the good news of what Jesus has done for them!

Making a Difference Together,



P.S. This weekend we'll wrap up our *Difference Maker* teaching series with a message entitled “My Invitation Can Make a Difference.” Please join us either In-Person on Sunday at 11:00am or for Church Online at [FBCGC.live](http://FBCGC.live) (multiple services on Saturday evening and Sunday).

And you have a great opportunity to invite someone to church with you – our fall teaching series kicks off on Sunday, October 3. Who can you invite to attend with you (either in-person or online)?

DON'T MISS OUR FALL TEACHING SERIES  
WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER!

# THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD:

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

WHO CAN YOU INVITE  
TO THE KICKOFF ON  
**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 3?**

**FBC** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GARDEN CITY  
IN-PERSON, SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM  
OR CHURCH ONLINE AT [FBCGC.LIVE](http://FBCGC.LIVE)  
(MULTIPLE SERVICES ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Want to Help Out? You Can...

- 1) Donate candy.
- 2) Decorate your car.
- 3) Volunteer to serve.
- 4) Make a financial gift.

And we're asking everyone to pray for God to open doors to share Jesus with our neighbors!

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 - 7:30 PM