

Celebrating an Anniversary

October 6

Mr. & Mrs. Bucky Adkins

Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

Chuck Austin, Tony Bragg, Mike Durkin,
J. D. Dyches, Joe Jackson, Crawford Leonard,
Terry Nappier, Larry Olliff, Jay Walea

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Gerald Ethridge, Co-Chmn.
Jason McCullough, Co-Chmn.
Chuck Austin, Robert Riley

Nursery

Patricia Frantz
Rachel Frantz

Preschool

Lisa Bragg

Current Sunday Teaching Series

**THE GREATEST STORIES
EVER TOLD:**

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Great Stories about...

- Oct 3 – God's Kingdom
- Oct 10 – Radical Compassion
- Oct 17 – God's Love
- Oct 24 – Unconditional Forgiveness
- Oct 31 – Wise Living
- Nov 7 – Prayer
- Nov 14 – Money & Possessions
- Nov 21 – Eternal Living

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, October 3, 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, October 6, 2021

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

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](https://www.fbcgc.net/giving)
- **Mailed-in Giving**
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SPEAKING THRU STORIES

This Sunday, October 3, we're kicking off a brand-new teaching series called *The Greatest Stories Ever Told*. During this series, we'll be digging into Jesus' parables to learn the vital lessons He shared in them.

It's gotten me thinking about the impact of speaking through stories. We talked about the power of a story a few Sundays ago as we discussed how God wants to use *your* story (your testimony) of how Jesus has changed your life. You'll encounter people in your life who may not listen or understand your explanation of the Gospel, but they'll latch right on and respond to the story you share with them.

As a father, I remember how certain stories and books we read with our boys when they were little grabbed ahold of their imagination. In fact, Amber and I literally read one specific children's book called *Grandma Lena's Big 'Ol Turnip* so many times that the structure of the book finally gave up and it separated into loose pages.

In over 17 years of preaching, I have incorporated *lots* of different elements in my messages to try to connect Biblical truth to our lives: pictures (like we used last Sunday), videos, songs, and statistics (we pastors *love* to use statistics) ... But over and over more people connect with and remember the lessons taught through the power of a story than anything else (either a story from scripture, a personal testimony from a church member, or even an embarrassing story from my own life experience).

Jesus chose to share the most important, life-altering lessons in history through stories about practical, everyday activities (farming, fishing, family problems, etc.).

That is why we see this note in Matthew 13:

"Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables."

During His time on earth, Jesus was the master of how we are to live this life. He demonstrated how to live without sin, how to approach life with a proper attitude, and how to interact with everyone: those who believed and those who didn't. So it's telling that Jesus chose to speak to the crowds (the larger gatherings) exclusively through parables/stories.

Our new teaching series is all about the great stories Jesus told and the hidden, eternal messages He was teaching. We will begin this series this Sunday and run through November 21, and here is my promise to you: If you will commit to participate in this series as much as possible over the next two months, you will see God bring about spiritual growth in your life.

I hope to see you on Sunday!

Lighting the Way to Jesus together,

Tony

P.S. This Sunday, October 3, is a BIG DAY at FBC Garden City. We are kicking off our fall spiritual growth teaching series called *"The Greatest Stories Ever Told."*

I hope you will participate in three ways: 1) Pray for this Sunday and this series, 2) Attend in-person if you can, online if not, and 3) Invite anyone and everyone you think could benefit from Jesus' powerful, story-based teaching.

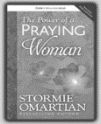
As a reminder, you (and those you are inviting) can worship with us In-Person THIS Sunday at 11:00am, or Church Online at FBCGC.live (Sunday at 9am, 11am, 1pm; Saturday at 5pm, 7pm; and more).

SIGN UP NOW FOR FALL

Growth Groups


FALL GROUPS BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10 AND MEET THROUGH MID-DECEMBER

- CONNECT WITH OTHERS
- STUDY GOD'S WORD
- GROW IN YOUR FAITH



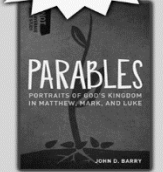
Group #SUN-01
Topic: The Power of a Praying Woman
Leaders: Amber Duke & Mary Lynn Zittrouer
Meeting at: Jackie & J.D. Dyches Home (Rincon)
** This group will also be available Online via Zoom
When: Sundays - 6:00-7:30pm

LADIES GROUP



Group #SUN-02
Topic: Helping to Better Understand Your Child/Grandchild
Leaders: Randall & Patricia Frantz
Meeting at: First Baptist Church (Garden City)
** Childcare will be provided for this group
When: Sundays - 6:00-7:30pm

PARENTING GROUP



Group #TUES-01
Topic: Parables: Portraits of God's Kingdom
Leaders: David & Tracy Williford
Meeting at: Lisa & Tony Bragg Home (Guyton)
When: Tuesdays - 7:00-8:30pm

"FALL FOCUS" GROUPS

Group #THURS-01
Topic: Parables: Portraits of God's Kingdom
Leaders: Rob Mucha & Judy Quinney
Meeting at: Virginia DeLoach Home (Garden City)
When: Thursdays - 7:00-8:30pm

SIGN UP TODAY AT FBCGC.NET OR BY CALLING THE OFFICE, OR ON SUNDAY'S CONNECTION CARD

TRUNK OR TREAT

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