

Celebrating a Birthday

November 3	Rachel Frantz
November 3	Gary Tootle
November 6	Flo McRae

Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

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

Counters

Steve Britton, Co-Chairman
Larry Olliff, Co-Chairman
Joe Jackson, Rob Mucha

Nursery

Patricia Frantz
Rachel Frantz

Preschool

Worker needed

Dates to remember on your calendar:

Next Week look for the *2022 Proposed Budget* in the Beams and remember we will have conference on *November 10* and will have a time to discuss the Proposed Budget at that time. We will vote on the 2022 Budget on Sunday morning, *November 14*.

Church Library

In "When Crickets Cry" Charles Martin shows that matters of the heart are also matters of faith, forgiveness, and fortitude.
Come check it out in our Church Library.

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, October 31, 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, November 3, 2021

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday	\$9,744.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$29,360.50



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THE POWER OF A GIFT

This year is quickly passing by and before you know it, we will be in the holiday season. In two weeks, we will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child which is another reminder that Christmas is just around the corner. Gifts have been on my mind this past week. We have been studying the Five Love Languages in our growth group on Sunday nights and this week we looked at one of the languages which is gifts, both giving and receiving. One of the questions I asked is what is one of the best gifts you have received? So, let's stop a minute before I go on and ask yourself that question. What pops in your mind? The first thing that always pops in my mind is a gift my father gave me when I was a teenager. It wasn't any special occasion at all. It was my first gun. It was a pistol that one of the police officers in our town was selling because he needed some extra money. To this day I am still unsure why he gave it to me, the younger son and not my brother (he later got him one too). But it meant a lot because he thought of me, and it was kind of a rite of passage moment too. Though we didn't always get along it is still something I treasure. Another gift also comes to mind of a picture collage Patricia made me for the office on our 10-year anniversary. It includes pictures from when we were dating, our marriage and our growing family. It means more to me each year.

So, what did you think of? So much of the time it is as much about the person giving the gift as it is the actual gift. The gifts my kids give me also mean so much because they know me so well and it usually has to do with something we enjoy together. When someone takes time to think of you and either spend time creating something or search out something to express their love for you. It is a physical or tangible representation of love.

The English word for *gift* comes from the Greek word *Charis*, meaning "grace or an undeserved gift. A gift isn't something we work for because then it is just a payment. When we start to look at the gifts that mean the most to us and the reasons why, it starts to give us a better understanding of God's gift of grace to us. It is definitely not something we can earn for ourselves no matter how hard we try or want to try. It is something given freely, that we accept; realizing the love, the sacrifice in what is being given. We know we don't deserve it and yet when we understand the true value of what He offers we treasure it with all that we have. We also get a better understanding of the heart of our Savior by the gift He gives.

When we get a treasured gift, what do we do? We want to show everyone. Let's continue to show others the greatest gift we have received.

Randall



- Great Stories about...
- Oct 31 – Wise Living
 - Nov 7 – Prayer
 - Nov 14 – Money & Possessions
 - Nov 21 – Eternal Living

Deadline – November 1st

Poinsettia Order

You can be a part of decorating our sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing poinsettias. The cost of the poinsettias is \$13.00 each and you may order as many as you wish. Just fill in the form below and drop in the offering plate or turn in to the church office with your payment. The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary from December 5th-19th. **The deadline for placing your order is Monday, November 1st.**

Name _____

I will buy _____ poinsettias at \$13.00 each

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

_____ I will pick up my Poinsettia after the morning service on December 19th.

_____ I will leave my Poinsettia to be given to a shut-in.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Chili Supper November 7th

**Packing boxes at 5:15pm
(Adults & Children needed)
&
Chili Supper at 6:00pm**