



Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way

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OPPORTUNITIES
Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship
“Budget Vote this Sunday”

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$12,830.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$12,830.00



Deacon Family Ministry
October 2021 – September 2022
Deacons, Back-up Deacons, & Family Groups

- 1) Jason McCullough Bucky Adkins – Syndi Bradley
Luis Tovar
- 2) Larry Olliff..... David Bragg – LaRona Cook
Gerald Ethridge
- 3) Jay Walea Lucille Danielson – Randall Frantz
David Traywick
- 4) Zim Nixon..... Kyle French – Margie Hodges
Steve Britton
- 5) J. D. Dyches..... Joe Jackson – Billy Mitchell
Zim Nixon
- 6) Steve Britton Joyce Mock – Tyler Reagan
J. D. Dyches
- 7) David Traywick..... Robert Riley – David Thornton
Jay Walea
- 8) Gerald Ethridge Betty Tillman – Jimmy Walea
Larry Olliff
- 9) Luis Tovar Jason Wallace – Kayla Zittrouer
Jason McCullough

Celebrating a Birthday

November 15 Corley Zittrouer
November 16 Lucille Danielson
November 19 Terry Nappier
November 19 Blondean Wells

Celebrating an Anniversary

November 18 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Jackson
November 20 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ward



Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge,
Chris Long, Rob Mucha, Warren Oglesby,
Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer, A. J. Tovar,
Luis Tovar, Tommy Triplett

Counters

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

Nursery

Laurann Mucha
Autumn & Summer Brinson

Preschool

Tia Quattlebaum



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 11, 2021
IN THE HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

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“BE REAL” WITH GOD

During last weekend’s message, we looked at six principles the Bible reveals to experience a powerful prayer life. In our parables teaching series, “*The Greatest Stories Ever Told*,” we dug into the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14).

In this story, Jesus describes for us two characters who have different reputations *and* approaches to prayer.

The first character, the Pharisee, was a well-respected and honored leader of the Jewish society that Jesus was speaking about. He would have been better educated, more well-behaved, and generally considered to be closer to God than the common folk Jesus was addressing. Much of a Pharisee’s life was focused on maintaining this image and ensuring that no one saw his flaws and shortcomings.

On the other hand, the second character Jesus talks about is the “despised” tax collector. This person would have been considered a sell-out (even a traitor) to his Jewish brothers and sisters. The tax collector was a Jew that was employed by the Roman oppressors to go around and collect the taxes owed to the Roman government (plus a little extra for himself). The tax collector was of low social standing and Jesus’ audience would have immediately felt disgust.

However, Jesus’ parable does what Jesus did over and over again... it turned people’s perceptions upside down in the light of the truth He revealed, reinforcing what the Lord told Samuel in the Old Testament:

“...*The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*” – 1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

The Pharisee in the story approaches God with pride in his heart, focusing on all the things he’s doing right and how thankful he is that he’s not like the tax collector. Can’t you just see him standing in the most prominent spot, looking toward heaven with his chest poked out? For the Pharisee, prayer time at the Temple was part of the show.

The tax collector, however, approached God with a different posture. Jesus describes him standing at a distance with his eyes low. His prayer is one of humility (he beat his chest), honesty (I am a sinner), and boldness (O God, be merciful to me).

After finishing this story, Jesus reveals the powerful truth: the sinner (tax collector), *not* the Pharisee, was justified in God’s eyes. Then he wraps up by saying:

“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
Luke 18:14 (NLT)

What’s your approach to God? Are you wearing a mask as if everything is going well? Pretending in the presence of the all-knowing God? Or are you approaching Him with humility, honesty, and boldness?

Praying boldly together,



P.S. This Sunday, November 14, we’ll continue our teaching series, “*The Greatest Stories Ever Told*.” This week we will look at “Great Stories about Money and Possessions,” and learn about the mindset shift Jesus teaches us to make in terms of material goods.

As usual, you can either worship with us In-Person THIS Sunday at 11:00am, or Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcbgc.com) (Sunday at 9am, 11am, 1pm; Saturday at 5pm, 7pm; and more). Hope to see you there!



Great Stories about...

Nov 14 – Money & Possessions
Nov 21 – Eternal Living



Church Family Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 21, 2021
(Following Morning Worship Service)

We are asking you to prepare side dishes/desserts to share with your family and others. The church will be providing the meat and beverages, all paper goods.