

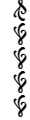


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OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, December 5, 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)

6:00PM – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$6,984.77
Budget Gifts to Date\$32,284.54

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:
35 Nelson Ave, Garden City, GA 31408

Celebrating a Birthday

December 5
December 7
December 11

Charlotte Bragg
Vernon Wingate
Gay Triplett

Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

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

Counters

Gerald Ethridge, Co-Chairman
Jason McCullough, Co-Chairman
Robert Riley

Nursery

MaryKay Schaffer
Maggie Hayes

Preschool

LaRona Cook

LOTTIE MOON

Together,

We transform lives through prayer.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports missionaries overseas. To give, please use the envelopes provided (near the offering plates on Sunday) or select “Lottie Moon” when giving online.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I hope you and your loved ones had a special Thanksgiving celebration last week. And now the month of December is upon us, swiftly moving toward Christmas. As we all prepare for that most important holiday, this weekend we're kicking off a new teaching series entitled *"His Name Will Be Called..."*

As I've been preparing for this series it got me thinking about the importance of a name. Some names are given to honor family or carry on a legacy. For example, my parents named me Thomas Lamar Duke: "Thomas" after my maternal grandfather and "Lamar" after my father. This is especially common in certain cultures.

Others are named after famous figures that they hope their children may emulate. Still others are named something different or new, giving them the freedom to "make a name for themselves."

I was curious about how common specific names were and how that changes over time. I looked back at popular baby names in the U.S. from different periods of time over the past century:

1940: The top-3 girls' names from the year our church was started were: *Mary, Barbara, & Patricia*. For boys, the top-3 were: *James, Robert, & John*.

1978: The top-3 girls' names from the year I was born were: *Jennifer, Melissa, & Jessica*. The top boys' names were: *Michael, Jason, & Christopher*. My name, *Thomas*, barely made it in the top-25. 😊

2021: So far this year, the top-3 names given to girls are: *Olivia, Emma, & Amelia*. The top-3 boys' names are: *Liam, Noah, & Oliver*.
(lists courtesy of BabyCenter.com)

It's interesting to see how these names change over time, but we worship a God who never changes. And the names for God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all included in the Bible to help our limited, human minds to better understand the traits and characteristics of our eternal, infinite God.

In our new series, we'll be looking at the names of Jesus prophesied seven centuries before He "took on flesh and moved into the neighborhood." Isaiah 9 shares these names as part of a prophecy of hope and encouragement to the Jewish people:

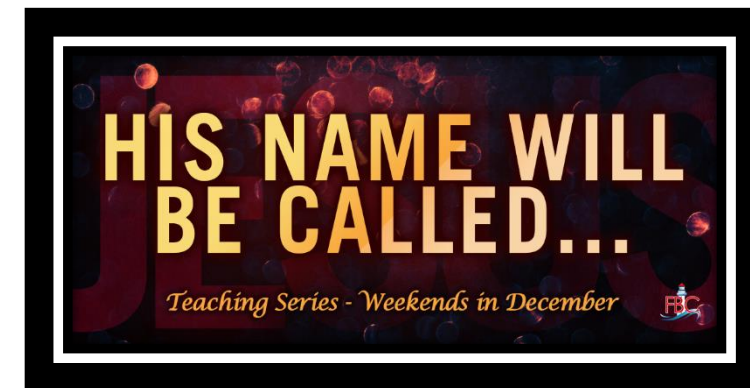
*"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And
His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
– Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)*

Each of these names give us insight into the nature of who Jesus really is and the roles He fulfills for us. I hope you'll make it a priority to worship with us each Sunday in December *and* plan to attend our Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24.

And consider bringing a friend (no matter what their name is), as people are often open to learning about Jesus during this Christmas season!

God Bless,
Tommy

P.S. Join us this Sunday, December 5, for the start of our new series, *"His Name Will Be Called..."* We'll be looking at the first of Jesus' names from Isaiah 9:6, "Wonderful Counselor." You can worship In-Person this Sunday at 11:00am, or Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.live) (multiple service times on Saturday evening and all-day Sunday).



December 5 - Wonderful Counselor
December 12 - Mighty God
December 19 - Everlasting Father
December 24 – Jesus
(Christmas Eve Service)
December 26 - Prince of Peace

