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OPPORTUNITIES
You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, December 12, 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, December 15, 2021

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$8,030.51
 Budget Gifts to Date\$8,030.51

Offering Envelopes

2022 is just around the corner. Offering Envelopes are available in the front foyer of sanctuary, Senior Adult Building and upstairs in Fellowship Hall for 2022. (Just for information - If you changed to monthly (instead of weekly) giving in previous years and want to continue, you can use the same envelopes. Your envelope number can simply be continued rather than changed to a new set for 2022.) Please record your name & the number on the sheet that is available when you pick up a new set of envelopes.

Also, as a reminder: in order to receive a Contribution Record at the end of the year, it is necessary for you to record your name and the amount given on the envelope. We'll let you know when your 2021 Contribution Records are available for pick up from the church office.

Celebrating a Birthday

December 13 Jackie Dyches
 December 14 Niesha Green
 December 15 Jay Walea
 December 17 Doug Burkhalter

Celebrating an Anniversary

December 15 Mr. & Mrs. Luis Tovar

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

Food Collection

It is that time of the year when we bring food items to help those in need. The collection baskets are around the Christmas tree located in the fellowship hall. These items will be taken to the Baptist Center. Especially needing:

- ❖ Snack Bags of Chips
- ❖ Small Packs of Crackers
- ❖ Canned Pasta Sauce
- ❖ Pasta Noodles (small boxes)

Please do not donate glass containers, opened items and/or expired items.

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THE GREATEST GIFT

This past weekend we officially entered the Christmas season at FBC. Thanks to our decorating team, the inside of the worship center looks beautiful and festive. It is truly beginning to look a lot like Christmas! It's also beginning to *sound* a lot like Christmas, as we started singing Christmas worship songs and began a new teaching series: "*His Name Will Be Called...*"

With Christmas comes an emphasis on giving and receiving gifts, and that got me thinking back to the most memorable gift I ever received. Although I've gotten several great Christmas gifts over the years, one year as a boy sticks out in my mind...

I was excited about and interested in BMX bikes, designed for racing (but mostly, they looked *really* cool), but I knew those bicycles were really expensive. Honestly, I'm not even sure that I directly asked for one because I didn't think it was a possibility.

So my sister and I woke up early, opened everything under the tree, and went on with the excitement and fun of Christmas with our family. A little later in the day, my parents were insistent that I go and get something for them from the laundry room. I've always been pretty purpose-driven, so I pushed the door open, focused on the task at hand, avoided the clutter in the laundry room, and came back with the whatever it was they asked me to retrieve. And they waited for my reaction... But I didn't have one. So they told me to go back in that room again and look around.

Upon a second look, in the middle of the laundry room, I realized what the "clutter" was all along... it was a brand new, silver and black Hutch BMX bicycle! Somehow, in my haste to "get something done," I had walked right past the best, most unimaginable gift I

could have asked for at eight years old. I still have fond memories of riding that bike all over the neighborhood!

That story takes me back to something I shared this past weekend and we all *should* remember:

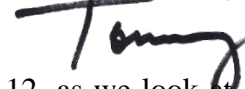
**God's gift of
Jesus Christ, the Messiah,
is the greatest gift of all time!**

Hopefully, if you're reading this you have already unwrapped and accepted the gift of eternal life through Jesus. Be sure to thank God this week for *giving* His Son to cleanse and redeem us of our sin. Thank Him for giving us abundant life, now and forever with Him.

And keep in mind this Christmas season that the offer still stands; Jesus is still in the redeeming business. Is there anyone in your life (family, friends, co-workers, neighbors) who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus? Just as I walked right past that bicycle as a boy, maybe you know someone who is so busy "doing life" that they keep walking past the greatest gift of all time, Jesus Christ and the new life He offers!

Will you invite them to join us for one of the Sundays of this "*His Name Will Be Called...*" teaching series? Or better yet, invite them to *Christmas Eve @ FBC* – *Friday, December 24, from 6:00-6:45pm*. It will be a casual and fun time, plus I can assure you that they will hear a clear presentation about this greatest gift and have an opportunity to respond!

God Bless,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, December 12, as we look at Jesus, the "Mighty God." You can worship In-Person this Sunday at 11:00am, or Church Online at FBCGC.live (multiple service times on Saturday evening and all day Sunday).



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

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*Together,
We transform lives through
our prayers & gifts.*
Given to date: \$1,650.00

