



Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way

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OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, January 30, 2022

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)

Lord's Supper

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$2,200.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$23,505.00

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

January 30	Syndi Bradley
February 1	Chrystal Long
February 2	Mike Durkin
February 2	Jackie Valdez
February 3	Vicki Thornton

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

J. D. Dyches, Co-Chairman
Jay Walea, Co-Chairman
Tony Bragg
Mike Durkin

Nursery

Mary Kay Schaffer
Maggie Hayes

Preschool

Volunteer Needed

Current Teaching Series

UNSTOPPABLE

January 30 - Non-Stop Contribution
February 6 - Non-Stop Cooperation

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BACK TO THE BASICS

As you probably know by now, I thoroughly enjoy watching football as a pastime when I'm able. Now that the college football postseason has run its course (congratulations to the Georgia Bulldogs fans), it's time for the NFL playoffs. I have been dealing with some health issues for the past couple of weeks and not as engaged as I might have been during other years, but by all accounts, it appears that this past weekend's NFL playoffs consisted of 4 games, all decided in the last seconds or overtime.

The intensity of playoff time (in any sport) is that the stakes are higher than the regular season – you win and play again, but if you lose you go home. Very few teams in history have attempted to debut new, fancy plays or exotic approaches to the game during the playoffs. In fact, the teams that typically fare better when the stakes are highest are the teams that remember what they do best and get back to the basics.

This same “back to the basics” approach is wise for us as followers of Jesus this time of year as well. It's a new year, full of promise and possibility, but also full of pitfalls along the way. And as we draw nearer to Christ's return, the stakes are high in God's Kingdom. That's why our current weekend teaching series is all about getting back to what *Jesus* says are the basics. During the first two messages of this series, we've dug into the passage we often call “The Great Commandments:”

"Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. A second

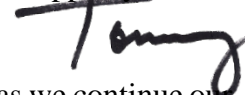
is equally important: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” - Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

In this simple response to one of the Pharisees – an “expert in the law” – Jesus clarifies the basics of obeying God and living His best life. Rather than chasing the 613 laws that the religious elite had identified and classified, Jesus says here are the two most important commandments: 1) Love God with all of your being and 2) Love your neighbor as yourself. Then Jesus explains why those instructions are so important: *the entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.*

This same Jesus who tells us that His “yoke is easy” and His “burden is light” explains how that works. In these few verses, Jesus gives us “the basics:” Love God and Love People!

That's why our church's vision is *to be an authentic and passionate community of Christ followers, loving God, loving people, and lighting the way.* 2022 is already proving to be another year full of ups and downs... choose to get back to the basics and experience the victory only Jesus provides!

Unstoppably Yours,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, January 30, as we continue our *Unstoppable* teaching series. We will shift our focus to The Great Commission and how you and I are called to contribute to the Lord's work. Join us either In-Person on Sunday at 11:00am or Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.live), (multiple service times). Hope you'll join us!



Join us for a baby shower honoring

Allison (Dekle) Crumley

Sunday, February 6, 2022

2:00-3:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Registered at

Target

(Allison Painter & Chance Crumley)

Amazon

(Allison Dekle)



Church Wide Banquet

February 12th @ 6pm

Food, Door prizes, Vow Renewal

\$15 per person

(Child Care Provided)

Mark Your Calendar

(Details to follow)