

Celebrating a Birthday

February 22
February 23

Debbi Tovar
Luis Tovar

Serving Our Church on Sunday

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Chris Long, Rob Mucha, Warren Oglesby,
Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer, A. J. Tovar,
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Patricia & Rachel Frantz

Preschool

Lisa Bragg



The church office will be closed on Monday,
February 21, 2022, in observance of
Presidents Day.

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, February 20

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)



*The Lord's
Supper*

Wednesday, February 23

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,506.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$17,343.00

SPRING GROWTH GROUPS
*It's time to sign up for Spring
Growth Groups.*

Join a new group to get to know others, study the Bible,
and grow in your faith! Groups begin meeting on
February 27 and will meet through mid- to late-May.

Read more and sign up today at FBCGC.net (click the
Groups link) or reserve your spot at the Sunday service.



Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way

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FALLING

A friend of mine shared a video of his son participating in his martial arts class. I knew his son was taking instruction, but I was curious to see what dad was sharing. At first glance it looked like the instructor was showing the boy how to throw someone down to the ground. It was a very effective throw but what the instructor did next revealed what the real lesson was all about. While the boy was on the ground, she moved his leg and then picked up his hand and slapped the ground with it. I knew exactly what the instructor was doing and why. It was actually one of the first things I also learned in martial arts, how to fall. Whether you fall or get thrown down it is important to not get hurt in the process. You might cause the situation, or it might just happen but either way you need to protect yourself. You need to minimize the fall and injury. Once you learn, you never forget.

Falling down is very much a part of life. A famous quote from the movie “Batman Begins,” Alfred is helping a young Bruce Wayne out of an old well that he has fallen into; Alfred tells him, “Why do we fall? So, we learn how to get back up.” If we don’t learn from the mistakes, we are bound to repeat them over and over. In martial arts, once you are thrown you learn you don’t want to do that again. So, you begin to learn the process that caused the situation so you can keep it from happening again. Falling or going down doesn’t mean a total failure. When fighting once you are down you never just give up. It means you are in danger, and it is time to get out of the situation or turn the tables and gain control.

So many times, in our lives we make mistakes, and we believe we have messed up so bad there is no recovery. We have lost faith in ourselves, and we believe everyone else will want nothing else to do with us. Most

of the time the people that care about us are more loving and forgiving than we give them credit. We also tend to believe that God will give up on us as well. One of the first verses I memorized was 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Sounds like a God who is on our side.

Falling is as much a battle beforehand as it is after we fall. I had some great and very skilled instructors in my martial arts training. Even with all their skill and practice they know it is better to avoid a situation than to walk into a dangerous situation. If you see an uncertain situation, go the other way. The best battle or fight is the one you can avoid. Most of the time we know the situations which will cause us to fall and yet we don’t turn around immediately. We need to be more like Joseph when he fled from Potiphar’s wife. Forget our pride and run. So much of the time we consider it weakness to run from a situation. We believe we are strong enough and mature enough to fight the battle. We know the verse, resist the devil and he will flee from you, yet it is much easier to resist from a distance.



Lastly, we need to remember that God calls us to live a faithful life not a perfect life. We are going to make mistakes, but it is how we deal with it afterwards. We don’t seek to make mistakes, but we need to keep seeking God so that our life becomes a continual journey towards Him in spite of the bumps along the way. Also remember we are not in this journey alone, seek other believers’ help along the way.

Randall



**February 20-----Relationships
(Observance of the Lord’s Supper)**

February 27-----Authenticity

March 6-----Rest



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