



Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way

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OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:30am – Breakfast Served

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, March 9, 2022

7:00pm

Business Meeting

Adult, Youth and Children Bible Studies

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$8,041.50
 Budget Gifts to Date\$32,888.08

Serving Opportunity



We have several opportunities for members to help serve in the Nursery and Preschool church during the Sunday morning worship time. This would be a

once-a-month rotation. Please contact the church office 912-964-1448 or Randall @fbcgc.net or Patricia Frantz.

Celebrating a Birthday

March 7 Eddie Gresham
 March 8 Sandra Blissett
 March 9 Lainey Ross
 March 10 Christopher Long, Jr.

Celebrating an Anniversary

March 6 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Austin

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 & Jason McCullough, Co-Chairmen
 Robert Riley

Nursery

Laurann Mucha
 Summer & Autumn Brinson

Preschool

Volunteer Needed

Sunday Breakfast

Starting 9:30am Sunday Morning
 Come early and invite a friend to join you!



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PREPARING FOR EASTER

It seems to me that each year I grow older, and time passes more quickly. As hard as it is for me to accept, we are only about 6 weeks from the biggest day of the year for us as followers of Jesus: EASTER SUNDAY.

That's right, Easter is on Sunday, April 17, and I'm praying for the most impactful Easter in the history of our church. Will you join me in praying for God's will to be done? My prayer is that we will all invite people – some who we haven't seen in a while and others who are completely new to our church – and that God will draw them to Himself on Resurrection Sunday.

Throughout Christian history, this week marks an important time in the Christian calendar. In many traditions (some that date back much further than denominations), Ash Wednesday, March 2, is the beginning of the Lenten season. It's a practice that is recorded as far back as the 2nd Century AD. Lent isn't something that we have always observed in our Baptist tradition, but it can be a powerful tool to prepare our hearts for Easter.

Lent is a time traditionally set aside for fasting, prayer, and reflection in preparation to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. While the methods of observing Lent varies among different groups of Christians, at its core is the idea of "giving up something" for the six weeks or so leading up to Easter. To participate, you can either choose to fast from a certain food or beverage until Easter, or you may choose to pray for God's direction of any area of your life that could use a fast.

I have known people to fast from sweets, from meat, from television, or even to fast from Facebook (that might be a good fit if our current teaching series is revealing anything).

As with any fasting practice, be sure to make a wise health decision, and understand that the goal of *fasting from (food, TV, Facebook, etc.)* is to *feast on God*. Each time you feel that hunger or craving, let that be a reminder to turn your attention to the Lord in prayer, Bible study, or just silent meditation while you listen for His voice.

Here are a few fasting reminders:

1) Focus my extra time and resources on God.

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:30

2) Act normal to avoid drawing attention.

"But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting..."

Matthew 6:16-18

3) Seek God's provision of my desired outcome.

"So, He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

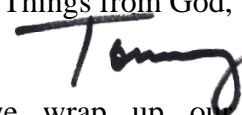
Mark 9:29

4) Trust the Lord to accomplish His purposes.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Anticipating Great Things from God,



P.S. Join us this Sunday as we wrap up our #STRUGGLES teaching series, with a message on finding rest. Join us In-Person on Sunday at 11:00am or Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbccgc.com), (multiple service times).

P.P.S. Spring Growth Groups are just getting started! You can still sign up online at [FBCGC.net](https://www.fbccgc.com), click the "Groups" link, OR on Sunday's Connection Card



March 6-----Rest

Easter Lilies

This Sunday is the deadline to place your order!!

Name _____

I will give _____ lilies at \$13.50 each

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Please Note: We will not be able to deliver Easter Lilies this year due to numerous circumstances, one being we are not allowed to enter some locations to deliver the lilies. So please be sure to take your lilies home after our Easter Sunday service on April 17th and if you would like to deliver yours to a shut-in of your choice, please do so.

Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, March 9th at 7pm