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Celebrating a Birthday

April 25 Kinley McCullough
April 25 Kimberly Kinsaul-Tootle
April 26 Sue Moore

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, April 24, 2022

Homecoming Service

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)

**Following service, we will have our meal
in the Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,949.12
Budget Gifts to Date\$23,003.84

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

David Traywick, Co-Chairman
Luis Tovar, Co-Chairman
Ed Schaffer
David Williford

Nursery

Mary Kay Schaffer

Preschool

Karen Walea



Given to date:
\$2,339.00



Youth Retreat

April 29th

to

May 1st

See Randall to
sign up.

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JESUS IS ALIVE

Wow – I hope you were able to join us this past weekend for Easter at FBC! It was a powerful and memorable celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We welcomed a great group of people both in-person and online and shared with them Jesus’ power to allow us to overcome sin, death, and fear. Thanks to each and every one of you who helped by serving, decorating, setting up, inviting, praying, and fasting.

As we move into our next season of ministry at First Baptist, I wanted to share a few reminders about how we as Christ followers respond to Easter...

First, we sometimes allow repetition and familiarity to numb us to the revolutionary nature of the resurrection. The fact that God sent His only Son to earth to live a sinless life, model what a perfect human life can and should look like and teach us how to live is an amazing part of Jesus’ story.

But the best – and most meaningful part of His role in God’s eternal story – is that He went on to die a sacrificial, substitutionary death to pay for all of our sins, once and for all, and was then raised again from the dead on the third day (as He predicted), defeating death and breaking its stronghold. Don’t ever let the fact that you’ve heard this story over and over again lull you to thinking that it is commonplace or anything less than a radical, earth-shaking, once-in-eternity plan from a loving God to redeem His people to Himself!

Second, if we’re not careful, we may be tempted to think of Easter in a vacuum and now that this “holiday” has passed, put it in the rearview mirror and look toward the next crisis or the next big thing on the calendar.

Instead, I challenge you to ask the Lord to use the power, the message, and the beauty of Easter to inform every aspect of your life throughout the rest of this year.

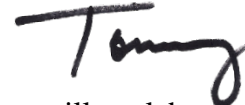
With what’s left of 2022, let’s ask God to give us the mindset of the great song many of us grew up singing – written by Bill & Gloria Gaither, “*Because He Lives:*”

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Because He lives, I am excited about what He has in store for me, our church, and our community. Because He lives, I know He will continue to bring more new people into our church. Because He lives, I know that Jesus will continue to transform lives from death to life and the lost will be found. Because He lives, I know that He will call the right people to serve in the right ministry opportunities. Because He lives, I don’t have to live paralyzed by fear.

Because He lives, I can trust that God will provide for all of our needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus. Because He lives, I know that God is in control. Because He lives, I have no doubt that Jesus will build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail!

Fearing less because He lives,



P.S. This Sunday, April 24, we will celebrate Homecoming, continue our new **FEAR<LESS** teaching series, then enjoy a special covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Join us In-Person, if at all possible (Sunday at 11am) or tune into Church Online (multiple service times), at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.org) if you can’t make it in-person.

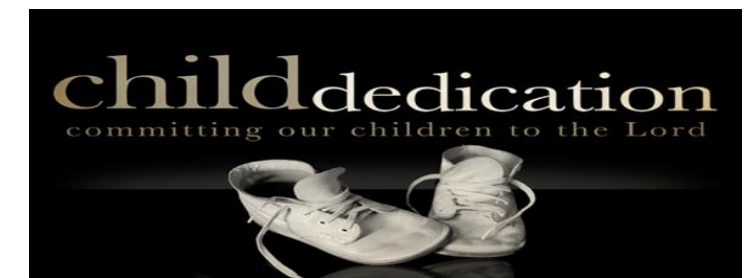
HOMEcoming SERVICE

Sunday, April 24th

Everyone One Is Welcome!!

Tommy Duke will bring the message and we will also have a moment of reflection on members who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year. Come join us as we *reflect* on the past, *celebrate* the present and *look forward* to the future.

Following the Morning Worship everyone is invited to a covered-dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring enough food to feed your family plus a few guests. The church will provide the paper goods and the beverages and meats.



Mother’s Day, Sunday May 8, 2022

Plans are being made for our Child Dedication during our morning worship on May 8, 2022. If you would like to take part in this special event, please call the church office.