

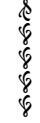


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Celebrating a Birthday

May 22	Judy Adkins
May 22	A. J. Tovar
May 26	Donna Blissett
May 26	Kayman (Read) Griffin
May 27	Zim Nixon



Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge,
 Chris Long, Warren Oglesby,
 Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer, A. J. Tovar,
 Luis Tovar, Tommy Triplett

Counters

David Traywick, Luis Tovar,
 Ed Schaffer, David Williford

Nursery

Mary Kay Schaffer

Preschool

Volunteer



Wednesday, May 25th
Children's TeamKid

Laurann Mucha



VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,378.40
 Budget Gifts to Date\$17,378.40

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, May 22, 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)

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

7:00pm
 Adult and Youth Bible Study
 &
 Children's TeamKid



BLOCK PARTY

June 5th
 5:00-7:00pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12th-15th
 5:45-8:40pm



VBS FAMILY NIGHT

June 16th
 6:00pm

You can help FBC Garden City make a difference in the lives of children & families this Summer!
 Call Church Office or
 Sign-Up on your Connection Card at church.

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WORRY-FREE LIFE?

When I started my first business as a junior in college, I became a student of advertising. That meant observing, evaluating, and learning what I could from TV & radio commercials, newspaper ads, direct mail, and ads on the internet. I still find myself watching a commercial and trying to break down what the company intended vs. what I am actually feeling.

These learnings have been useful in selling websites, planting churches, and sharing Jesus with people. There are a few all-to-common advertising tropes that show up again and again. One that will never go away is selling something that is “worry-free.”

Just this week, I have seen companies advertising themselves using the phrases: *Worry-Free Real Estate*, *Worry-Free Business Software*, *Worry-Free Furniture*, *Worry-Free Carpet Cleaning*, and a half-dozen *Worry-Free Car Sales*.

I’m sure some corporate advertising writer probably gets credit for pioneering this phrase decades ago. But the reason it shows up so frequently in advertising is because ad executives know that for most of us, life is *anything but* worry-free.

Jesus knew this long before Madison Avenue. That’s why He spoke boldly and clearly about worry. In Matthew 6, He has been talking about money and possessions – how we are to hold them loosely and focus on those things that will last for eternity – then He says...

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ... Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?”

Matthew 6:25, 27 (NLT)

In this passage, Jesus reminds us of how wasteful and futile worry really is: It burns a lot of mental energy, takes a lot of time, but it can’t even add a moment to your life. He also lets us know in verse 33 how we are to live a “worry-free life”:

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

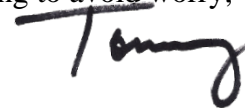
When we allow our focus to drift over to worrying about what happened yesterday or what might happen tomorrow, we have to take our eyes off of Jesus, His Kingdom, and what He has prepared for us today. God wired our minds to worship Him and walk by faith. As a result, we cannot live by faith in Jesus *and* worry at the same time. A classic quote has been shared here in America since the 1800’s:

“Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.”

– Henry Ward Beecher
American Pastor & Abolitionist

My prayer for you this week is that you grab the “handle of faith” with both hands and embrace Jesus’ promise of a worry-free life.

Working to avoid worry,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, May 22, as our *FEAR<LESS* teaching series addresses fears about the future, *and* we celebrate our church’s graduates. Join us In-Person, on campus, if you can (Sunday at 11:00am) or tune into Church Online at FBCGC.live if you can’t make it in-person.





Teaching Series:
CHOOSING FAITH IN FRIGHTENING TIMES

Sunday, May 22 –Living Fearlessly Facing the Future

NURSERY

As we continue to invite and as people join us, we are having more opportunities to minister to families. We have openings to minister in the nursery during the Sunday School hour. Please contact Randall or the office to be a part of this vital ministry.