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Jay Walea, Co-Chairman
Tony Bragg
Mike Durkin

Nursery

Jackie Dyches

Preschool

Karen Walea

Wednesday, July 20th
Children’s TeamKid

Amber Duke

Membership Class

12:30 to 2:45pm

Learn more about why church membership matters, what it takes to be a member at FBC Garden City, and what you can expect as a member of this spiritual family.

Opportunities

You’re Invited to Join Us!

Sunday, July 17, 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, July 20, 2022

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$5,556.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$11,519.00

Baptism

Go public with your Faith in Jesus Christ.
Sunday, July 24, 2022
(During the 11:00 in-person service)

Nursery

Our growing children’s department is currently looking for volunteers to serve in the Nursery during the 10am Sunday School hour.

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CHARACTER = INTEGRITY

As we continue to move through our *Character Builder* teaching series on Sundays, I thought I'd take a moment to remind you what's at the heart of allowing God to shape and strengthen your character. In short, character is a close synonym of integrity. So far this summer we've looked at the traits of perseverance, commitment, audacity, faithfulness, and responsibility. All of these elements are like ingredients in God's recipe for a life of integrity.

I am reminded and encouraged by King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:17:

"I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously."

Each time I read (and re-read) this prayer, I'm specifically struck by the phrase "examine our hearts" in the context of integrity. Being examined for integrity might be an uncomfortable experience for some of us. In fact, I might dare say that each of us probably has *something* that we don't want everyone to know about us.

This idea of an examination for integrity made me think back to when my family and I bought our house. Part of the home buying process included a "home inspection" to check for any underlying issues with the structure, plumbing, or electrical systems in the house. The inspector also checks throughout the house for signs of mold, mildew, and termite damage. The entire process took place to ensure that the investment that my family (and our mortgage company) was making with this house was "sound." And when our prospective home got a clean bill of health, my family and I were both

relieved and excited. In a similar way, like we have been discussing throughout this *Character Builder* series, God is building something special of you and I. Ephesians 2 tells us that we are His workmanship, or even His masterpiece. Think of the investment that God has already made in each of us – He created us, loved us in spite of our rebellion, and sent His own Son to pay for our redemption.

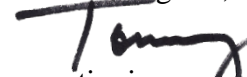
Is it any wonder that He "examines our hearts" to check for integrity? He cares deeply about what we become. He loves us beyond measure. And He has made a tremendous investment in our lives. It only makes sense that He would want to inspect the results.

Here are a few questions for you today:

In God's "home inspection" of your life right now, is He finding anything that isn't sound or solid? Are there any habits that – like termites – are eating you up from the inside out? Is there any unconfessed sin hiding in a closet somewhere that needs to be dragged into His light? Are there any grudges you're holding, refusing to forgive someone?

Ask God to help you with your inspection. Then take time to confess, ask His forgiveness, and repent (turn away) from anything that's limiting your integrity.

A Work in Progress,



P.S. This Sunday, July 17, we are continuing our *Character Builder* teaching series, looking at Boaz and the trait of justice. It's going to be a great day of worship together. We will also have our first Membership Class in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the in-person worship service (from 12:15-2:45pm). If you'd like to explore what it means to be a church member (or get a refresher), be sure to RSVP to the office. If you can't make it in-person, you can also

worship with us through Church Online at FBCGC.live. It's going to be a great weekend at FBC!



JULY 17 – BOAZ: LESSONS ON JUSTICE

JULY 24 – JONATHAN: LESSONS ON LOYALTY

Deacon Election

Deacon Election will be held Sunday, on August 14th during the morning worship service. Included in the July 27th edition of the BEAMS will be a list of all men of our church who are eligible (resident members at least 21 years of age) to serve as deacon. ***If there is any man*** who, after prayer and studying God's Word, feels that he cannot fulfill the qualifications and expectations as a deacon of our church, **he should call the church office and have his name removed from the voting list no later Sunday, July 24th.** *Please note...* if you have asked in previous years that your name be removed from the list, it will be added back only at your request. ***(Please call the office if you are not sure if your name is on the list currently.)***