



Loving God, Loving People, and Lighting the Way

35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408
912-964-1448 | office@fbcgc.net
www.fbcgc.net

Office Hours: 10:00am to 2:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Vol. 62 No. 31 July 27, 2022

Tommy Duke—Senior Pastor
Randall Frantz—Associate Pastor
Debbie Traywick—Worship Leader



OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, July 31, 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)

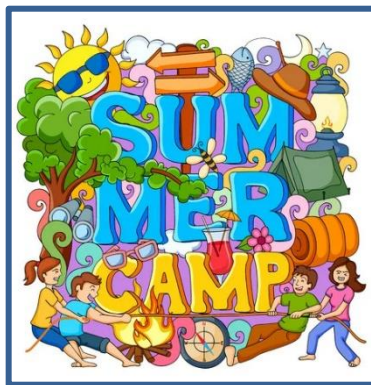
6:00pm – Youth Summer Share Service

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$4,341.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$22,827.79



Youth Summer Share Service

**Sunday Evening
July 31 at 6pm**

Our youth will be sharing about Camp and World Changers.

**Ice Cream Social following in Fellowship Hall.
Youth will be providing homemade ice cream and you are welcome to bring your favorite ice cream to share as well.**

Celebrating a Birthday

July 31
July 31

David Bragg
T. J. Duke

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

Gerald Ethridge, Co-Chairman
Jason McCullough, Co-Chairman
Robert Riley
Corley Zittrouer

Nursery

Jackie Dyches
Gay Triplett

Preschool

Volunteer

Wednesday, August 3rd **Children's TeamKid**

Amber Duke

GARDEN CITY BEAMS (USPS #213560) is published weekly, except one week in December, at no charge, by First Baptist Church, 35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408-1748. Periodicals postage paid at Savannah, GA. POSTMASTER: send address changes to GARDEN CITY BEAMS, 35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408-1748. Church phone (912) 964-1448 or 964-0355.

Small Things Matter

You will probably hear a lot from me not only about the different opportunities we were able to be a part of this summer but also what God taught us while we were serving Him and others. We served in many different locations and many different cultures. Sometimes we dealt with different languages, and we also had to put aside how we saw things in order to understand how they viewed the world in order to speak to them. One super big lesson was that no job is too small or insignificant.

Part of my family was able to go to Romania to work alongside Ross and Kasey and their team as they serve the Ukrainian refugees as well as the Romanians. It was a much different trip than I have done with our missionaries in the past. Usually, we are the driving force and center stage in working with people. This time a good part of our work was behind the scenes and assisting those out in front. Little did we realize the difference it would make? The churches and volunteers we came alongside have been organizing and serving refugees since February 24th. That is a long-time day in and day out. It would be easy for us to grow weary after a week or two, so coming alongside them and bearing the load for a few days meant a lot.

We meet a lot of different people both Ukrainian and Romanian. We heard lots of stories how God worked in their lives to bring them and equip them to the place they are serving. Also, if we don't take time for people, we either miss a blessing or a testimony of how great our God is. Let me share one of these.

Ross had set up for us to travel outside Bucharest to a home which was housing several families of women and children, 15 in total. Our driver was the church leader who oversaw the day to day running of this

home. It was owned by an orphanage which no longer used the facility and was trying to sell it. It had sat vacant for some time so when the church asked if they could use it, they agreed with no hesitation. We had spent the day with the children and moms, and we were getting ready to leave when the leader noticed Patricia's Operation Christmas Child shoebox shirt. He quickly



began to tell us he came from a very large family, and they were very poor. They were doing good just to get by each day. Then one day he (and his siblings) received shoeboxes. He went on to tell us it was the first gift he ever received. He was both thrilled and amazed. He then told us it changed the trajectory of his life. That stopped us in our tracks for a minute. We hear stories all the time, but we were standing face to face with a shoebox recipient, and he was telling us how God used it to shape his life. He now serves in a church plant in the city and has a heart and ministry for orphans because of what God has done. He even met his wife who had left the states to serve in that same orphanage. A changed heart continues to change hearts and God used a box of toys and supplies and the people who packed it.

So many times, we think we don't make a difference or that our meager abilities and gifts can't do anything. But in the hands and by the direction of Jesus, it makes an eternal impact. Don't grow weary or think it doesn't matter.

Randall

SAVANNAH BAPTIST CENTER

****Food Pantry Needs****

- Breakfast Items (Cereal, Poptarts, Granola bars, etc.)
- Peanut Butter, Jelly, Jams
- Canned Mixed Vegetables, Carrots, Baked Beans, etc.
- Canned Meats (Chicken, Vienna sausage, Spam, etc.)
- Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti o's, etc.)
- Chicken and Beef broths

****You may bring your donations to church and place in box located at side foyer. We will make plans to deliver to center. Thanks for helping those in need.**



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Now is the best time to purchase the following items as Shoeboxes. We would like to collect as many of each item listed.

- | | |
|------------|--|
| (130) | Spiral Notebooks |
| (90 plus) | Markers |
| (50 plus) | Toothbrushes (small) |
| (90 plus) | Water Bottles (small) |
| (100 plus) | Stuffed Toys |
| (90 plus) | Colored Pencils |
| (10) | Story books (ages 2-4) |
| (150) | Pencils |
| (10) | Boy Shirts: sizes 10-12 & 14-16 |

Lots of: Toys (cars, balls, etc.), Combs.

School supplies are on sale at most retail store now