



IF:2023

IF:Gathering Women's Conference

(Live Broadcast)

Friday, March 3rd: 6:00 - 9:30 PM

Saturday, March 4th: 9:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: FLC

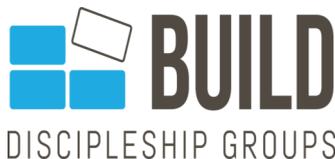
*Join us as we gather for two days of worship, with our Bibles,
and we will ask God to move.*

Cost: \$25 per person including Saturday lunch

*Speakers include: Jennie Allen, Christine Caine, Sadie Robertson Huff, David
Platt, Lauren Chandler, and more!*

Sign up via Connection Card this Sunday!

Contact: Susan Kimmel, keenerthanyou@gmail.com



**Mark Your Calendar
SPRING 2023 BUILD CLASSES**

New BUILD Classes start after Spring Break

- 40 Days of Prayer
- GriefShare (start anytime)

- Friendship Evangelism
- Parenting Adult Children



Seeing so many of our church at the basketball game Friday made me incredibly happy. As an inter-generational church, it makes me happy to see the generations supporting our kids in their endeavors. Getting to watch a couple of exciting games was an excellent bonus. I saw some things from our teams that I believe are important lessons for all of us to learn. The JV boys were behind by 12 points going into the fourth quarter. They battled back and lost by two on a last second shot. Those boys played hard and never gave up hope. The varsity girls showed class in not going for the 100-point mark. They could have reached 150 if they had wanted, but their coaches helped them learn an important lesson. There is no reason to pour on misery when your opponent is terribly over-matched. The girls played hard within their system. They never coasted but chose instead to not take the fast-break opportunities and work on their offense instead of just taking the first chance to score. While scoring 100 would be something amazing to achieve, they chose class over humiliating their opponent. The varsity boys demonstrated improvement over the course of the season. Gainesville beat them by 10 earlier in the season. Our boys have struggled this year, but they are coming together and seeing the result of continued hard work. The lessons learned last Friday were don't give up on a single game, or a season, and play and win with class. Thank you, Sanger basketball, for those lessons.

After we finish our look at the Jerusalem Conference from the book of Acts this Sunday, we will begin looking towards Easter. Starting February 19, we will begin a series focused on Jesus' last week. We will examine how Jesus prepared His disciples for His death and resurrection. As a church we don't observe Lent, but the idea of preparing our hearts for the celebration of Good Friday and Easter is something we can all get behind.

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor

Wet Feet or Cold Feet

An older couple was asking for a room with a king, queen or double bed. The clerk apologized and said that the only rooms available had twin beds. Disappointed, the man remarked, "I don't know. We've been sharing the same bed for 44 years." "Could you possibly put them close together?" the wife asked. Several people nearby smiled, and someone commented, "How romantic." Then the woman finished her request with, "Because if he snores, I want him close enough to be able to punch him."

"Look, the Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! The priests will carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall." So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho." Joshua 3:11; 13-16 NLT

I love this story! They had to believe in God's Word, they had to trust God to do what he asked them to do: enter the Promised Land. This was not punishment! This was a blessing, a gift from God! It was also their purpose, which would bring them fulfillment and joy! Still they had to obey Him and trust God to receive the gift and purpose! Notice when the faith had to kick in: "as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge." It's never easy! God is going to hold off the waters, He is going to take care of you. BUT, you have trust Him when you step in the water!

I feel like our church is on the edge of the bank. What is our purpose, our Promised Land? Making disciples! What is it going to take to get our feet wet? We have been disciplining our members for years through BUILD with the purpose of preparing us to disciple others. We are on the edge of the bank! Are you ready to jump in and obey His command to make disciples? What is keeping us from jumping in? Cold feet? Our doubts are giving us cold feet! We don't think we're good enough, or we are not ready, or someone else should do it, or I'm too busy.

We need to be very careful or we will miss the opportunity, the blessing, the purpose, the fulfilling life God has for us because we choose to disobey Him for one of our excuses. Sometimes, we wonder what purpose God has for us. Here it is! Go make disciples. Your church staff is committed to equip you to do it, but you must decide to get off the bank and get your feet wet!

Pastor John Guerra - Executive Pastor

For the Record

Feb 5 Receipts	\$27,927
YTD Budget Receipts	\$134,476
YTD Budget.....	\$105,974

Administrative Financial Secretary



The church is seeking to fill an administrative financial secretary position. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact John Guerra at john@fbsanger.com

WELCOME



**Mariatu Hendricks,
Sia Moikoa,
Joab Hendricks
(by statement)**

**Joshua & Kelli Gattis
(by statement)**



Marriage Retreat

Friday, Feb 17- Saturday, Feb 18

Camp Copass Tally Retreat
Center & Hotel in Denton



This year's topic:
The Crazy Cycle in Marriage
Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

Retreat Schedule

- ★ Friday, Feb 17:
Check in anytime between
4:00 - 7:00 PM.
Retreat begins at 7:30 PM
- ★ Saturday, Feb 18: Retreat ends
at 4:00 PM. We will have dinner
as a group at 4:30 PM.

Contact: Frank Wardlow
frank@fbsanger.com



Children's BUILD Class
Sundays at 6:00 PM



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings: CBS, 9:15 AM
Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Doors open at 4:00 PM

YOUTH BUILD CLASS
Sundays at 6:00 PM, FLC

Mission Trip Opportunities

We have two mission trips coming up



- ★ **Portland Oregon:** A mission trip to Portland, Oregon is scheduled for the first week in June. We will be serving Northwest Collegiate Ministries and our mission partner and former member, Turner Barnes. We will serve an appreciation brunch to all of the volunteers, supporting churches, students, and their parents.

Interest Meeting: This Sunday (Feb 12), 11:40 PM, Conference Room.

Contact - John Guerra, john@fbcsanger.com

- ★ **Honduras:** Mid July, we will be serving with Two-Hands Ministries and 61 Isaiah Ministries mid July. If you are interested in going, we need to know no later than the end of February in order to purchase flights.

Contact - Frank Wardlow, frank@fbcsanger.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, Feb 9, 6:30 PM: Women on Mission (Nelson home)

Friday, Feb 10, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)

Saturday, Feb 11, 9:00 AM: Women's Coffee Chat (*Jus a Cup*)

Friday, Feb 17 - Saturday, Feb 18: Couples Retreat (Camp Copass)

Tuesday, Feb 21, 9:00 AM: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry (FH)

Friday, Feb 24, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH)

Sunday, Feb 26, 11:30 AM: All-Church Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)

Friday, Mar 3 - Saturday, Mar 4: Women's IF Gathering (FLC)

Contribution Statements 2022 Available

You may pick up your contribution statements in the church office during office hours.