



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## GARDEN CITY

### MESSAGE NOTES

## Love & Light: Love People

Sunday, January 11, 2026 | Tommy Duke

First Baptist Church of Garden City

\*\*\*\*\*

Our Mission:

**THE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARDEN CITY IS TO GIVE THE  
PEOPLE OF GARDEN CITY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THE  
TO BECOME FULLY DEVELOPING**

\_\_\_\_\_.

(The Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Vision:

**THE VISION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARDEN CITY IS TO BE AN  
AUTHENTIC AND PASSIONATE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST FOLLOWERS –  
LOVING GOD, \_\_\_\_\_, AND LIGHTING THE WAY!**

*“One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ‘Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?’ Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

– Matthew 22:35-40

*“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”* – Leviticus 19:18

**I LOVE MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF WHEN I:**

• \_\_\_\_\_ **TO EVERYONE I \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Jesus) *“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

– John 13:34-35

(Jesus) *“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”* – Matthew 5:43-45

• **TO PEOPLE FACING \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.*

*So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”*

– 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

• **WHEN THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Jesus) *“So watch yourselves! “If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive.”* – Luke 17:3-4

*“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”* – 1 Peter 3:15

• **THOSE WHO ARE \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Jesus) *“‘When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’”*  
– Matthew 25:39-40

(Jesus) *“The greatest among you must be a servant.”* – Matthew 23:11

(Jesus) *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* – Matthew 20:28

• **TO THOSE WHO HAVE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”* – Ephesians 4:31-32

Memory Verse:

(Jesus) *“A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* – Matthew 22:39

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Matthew 22:39.
- Seek an opportunity this week to “randomly” distribute God’s love.
- Ask the Lord to soften my heart toward my neighbors.
- RSVP for the next Membership Class on Sunday, January 25, 12:15-2:45pm (Lunch Provided).

\* Join us again next Sunday, January 18, at 11:00am, for the next message in our *Love and Light* teaching series, entitled *“Light the Way.”* It’s the perfect Sunday to invite a friend, family member, or co-worker to attend with you!



*Bible verses are from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.*

Scan the QR Code on the left to connect with FBC Garden City on the YouVersion Bible app.

**First Baptist Church of Garden City**

[www.FBCGC.net](http://www.FBCGC.net) | 912-964-1448

35 Nelson Avenue, Garden City, GA 31408

