

Serving Our Church This Sunday

Ushers

(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)

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

Counters

David Traywick, Chmn., Ed Schaffer,
Tommy Triplett, David Williford

Birthdays

June 28	Briar Miller
June 28	Reed Miller
June 29	David Williams, Jr.
July 1	Zac Hayes
July 2	Gerald Ethridge
July 3	David Williford



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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Welcome Back!!

Sunday, June 28
11:00am Morning Worship



VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,072.50
Budget Gifts to Date\$27,504.52

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday 11am and Wednesday 7pm

Join us at fbccg.live

Past Services

*You can now go to the website (fbccg.net) and watch previous services under the **WORSHIP SERVICES** tab

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Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 2:00pm



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LESSONS LEARNED FROM A LIFE WELL LIVED – PART 2

As we just moved through Father's Day, I've been thinking a lot about my father, who died in February. Last week I shared the first of three habits that marked his life, made him unique, and inspired me and many others.

Last week, we looked at **Habit #1:**

My Father Loved Unconditionally

Today, I'd like to move on to the next habit that impressed and impacted me...

Habit #2:

My Father Encouraged Unceasingly

To encourage is one of my favorite concepts from scripture and life in general. Perhaps the easiest way to describe what it means to encourage someone is "to instill courage in them." The opposite, of course, would be to discourage, or remove courage from someone.

My father was a master encourager. He had a gift for seeing, celebrating, and supporting the various gifts, talents, and traits in people... often before they ever saw those attributes in themselves. He looked for how God might work in others' lives and then cast a vision for them.

Over the years, I saw God use my dad to encourage exhausted couples to keep fighting for their marriage, encourage weary church members to lift their eyes to the Lord in trying times, and encourage hurting people to trust Jesus for their healing (physically, emotionally, and spiritually).

Don't get me wrong, my father was a great encourager, but he wasn't an enabler. The difference is about direction and presentation. To encourage doesn't mean ignoring those areas that need to change. Instead, it

means focusing on the best direction forward and how to give a person courage for that journey.

No matter the situation, through the power of the Holy Spirit working inside of him, my father was able to zoom out and see people as God created them – full of potential and objects of grace. This informed his conversations and led him to put the majority of his effort into building up and giving courage, rather than the negative, discouraging words we all slip into from time to time.

On more times than I can count, I personally experienced my dad speaking life, hope, and courage into me when he could see illness, frustration, or uncertainty threatening to steal my courage. I can still hear him quoting this verse to me in tough times:

"...greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." – 1 John 4:4

So, here are my questions for you: Who will you interact with in the next day? week? month? year? How can you be an encourager in their life? What can you do in your next conversation to add a little courage to them for the battle ahead?

Be encouraged,
Tommy

P.S. Be sure to join us this Sunday, June 28, at 11:00am, either on fbcgc.live or in-person, as we continue our BREAKTHRU message series. This week we will look at the Bible's truth for how to experience a breakthrough in your finances!

BRO. TOMMY'S NEW SERMON SERIES

From Breakdown to Breakthru

June 28: **Breaking Thru in My Finances**

July 5: **Breaking Thru in My Fitness**

July 12: **Breaking Thru in My Field**

July 19: **Breaking Thru in My Fruitfulness**

July 26: **Breaking Thru in My Future**

FEELINGS

Sunday God hit me with two major thoughts which actually tie together. It was Father's Day and being a dad is a lot of responsibility. It means we do many things we don't necessarily want to do but have to do. There are times we make some tough decisions that we would rather ignore. There are some jobs we have to do whether we feel like it or not.

The second thing He reminded me of came from a discussion I was having about summer camps. I've been doing a lot of thinking about camps since ours have been cancelled this summer. The camp I grew up going to in Oklahoma as a teenager was called Falls Creek. It is in the mountains of Oklahoma (kind of a sad excuse for mountains but it's the best we had, lol). It was the Oklahoma Baptist state encampment which meant that churches from all over the state used it. It would run 5000 campers a week all summer long. The worship facility was just a huge covered pavilion. It was rough in the heat, but God touched a lot of lives. I can still remember one of messages because it made such a great impression on our group. The point of the message was, "Do what is right because you know it is right and do it until it feels right." He was telling us to rely on God's Word no matter what we felt about it. Feelings come and go but the wisdom God gives does not change.

We all have times in our lives when we don't feel like doing what we know we should, but we can't let our feelings keep us from being faithful or obedient. The consequences of disobedience are never good. It is easier to trust God and His Word. We can be the bigger person. Take a stand for what is right And, act like an adult. God will be honored and we will be blessed.

Randall