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## Celebrating a Birthday

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

## OPPORTUNITIES

*You're Invited to Join Us!*

### Sunday, June 27th

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](http://FBCGC.live))*

### Wednesday, June 30th

7:00pm – Adult, Youth and Children Bible Studies

## VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday .....\$10,748.75  
Budget Gifts to Date .....\$25,575.65

## MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:

- **In-Person on Sundays**  
You can give using the offering plates at each Sunday service.
- **Online Giving**  
Give easily and securely at any time on our website: [www.FBCGC.net/giving](http://www.FBCGC.net/giving)
- **Text-to-Give**  
Using your smartphone, text the Amount You Want to Give to [84321](tel:84321)
- **Mailed-in Giving**  
Mail your gift to the church office at:  
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## Serving Our Church on 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

Jimmy Walea, Chairman  
Chris Long, Luis Tovar,  
Steve VanWechel

### Nursery

Laurann Mucha  
Autumn/Summer Brinson  
Patricia Frantz (if needed)

### Preschool

Karen Walea

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## FOLLOWING JESUS?

Last Sunday, we continued our weekend teaching series, *Character Builder: Lessons from the Men & Women of the Old Testament*, by looking at and learning from “Abraham: A Picture of Obedience.”

We talked about the three steps toward obeying God like Abraham:

- 1) Discovering God’s will.
- 2) Joining in God’s work.
- 3) Experiencing God’s best.

Obedience makes some people uncomfortable. To many, it implies a lack of personal fortitude or a willingness to blindly do what you’re told to do.

To the Christ follower, however, obedience is at the core of our response to God’s love for us, as shown through His Son Jesus. Our salvation comes by trusting Jesus. The demonstration of that trust is our obedience to Him. Here’s how 1 John 2:5 explains it:

*“And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, ‘I know God,’ but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.*

*But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.”*

In this passage – and in the half dozen times Jesus mentions the same idea – we are shown the clear connection between *loving God* and *living for Him by keeping His commands*. The concept includes more than just the strict moral instructions from the Bible. The word that Jesus uses in John 14:21 (and elsewhere)

for “commands” encompasses *all* of Jesus’ words and teachings.

Likewise, it is important to discuss *how* we are to obey His commands.

Even as believers, our lingering sinful nature leads to a tendency within us toward two dangerous approaches to God’s commands (that any parent will recognize): *Delayed Obedience* and *Partial Obedience*.

Obeying God always leads us to leave our comfort zone. It’s tempting to try to wait or put off doing what He calls us to do until it’s more convenient or in the hope that something might change. It’s helpful to remember that *delayed obedience is disobedience*.

Similarly, obedience to God’s leadership requires trusting Him fully. Occasionally, it seems easier to us to take His instructions and do *just enough* to feel like we’re obeying, but not so much that we lose our sense of control. However, *partial obedience is also disobedience*.

So, here’s my question for you today: *Is there anything that the Lord has revealed to you (through His Word, the Holy Spirit, the Church, or your circumstances) that He is calling you to do that hasn’t yet been done? Is there an area of your life where you’re not living in obedience to God? Remember, following Jesus means actually following Him: responding to His love by obeying His commands!*

Obeying Jesus Together,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, June 27, In-Person (Sunday at 11am) or online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.org/live) (multiple services on Saturday evening & all-day Sunday), as we look at “Abigail: A Picture of Wisdom.”



JUNE 27

ABIGAIL: A PICTURE OF WISDOM

JULY 4

MORDECAI: A PICTURE OF FAITHFUL ENCOURAGEMENT

JULY 11

ESTHER: A PICTURE OF BOLDNESS

JULY 18

DANIEL: A PICTURE OF INTEGRITY

JULY 25

JESUS: A PICTURE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP



**Encourage-O-Grams for  
World Changers**

This is your opportunity to encourage our youth group who will be traveling on July 9<sup>th</sup> thru July 17<sup>th</sup> to work in Huntington, WV. We will have forms available to send encouragement notes and prayers to all our participants in the foyers of the church. We will also send forms out by email as well. The deadline to turn them in is July 7<sup>th</sup>.