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Celebrating a Birthday

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Serving Our Church on Sunday

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(Ushers, please arrive 20 minutes before service)

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Marie Austin



Encourage-O-Grams for World Changers

This is your opportunity to encourage our youth group who will be traveling on July 9th thru July 17th 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 7th.

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
"Happy Independence Day"

Sunday, July 4th

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)

Wednesday, July 7th

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$4,832.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$30,407.65

FREEDOM *for the* **FUTURE**

GIVING EMPHASIS

FBCGC.net/future

Goal (now thru September 30): \$22,000

Gifts to Date: \$7,000

*(Just as a reminder be sure to designate your gift for
"Buildings & Grounds")*

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
- **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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CELEBRATING FREEDOM

This past Sunday we continued our *Character Builder* teaching series, looking at “Abigail: A Picture of Wisdom.” We examined the story of Abigail, her husband Nabal, and David, to learn how we can cooperate with God to grow in wisdom. If you missed last Sunday’s message, you can watch it anytime at FBCGC.live.

As we approach this Sunday and the 4th day of July, it’s natural for all of us Americans to celebrate Independence Day – the day we commemorate our nation’s freedom from foreign rule. This holiday serves as an opportunity for the United States of America to celebrate her birthday each year.

In thinking about **freedom**, I can’t help but think of the various types of freedom that are discussed in the Bible. God’s Word addresses:

- **Political Freedom** – specifically for the nation of Israel (Genesis 15:18; Exodus 19:5-6)
- **Social Freedom** – as opposed to slavery (Exodus 21; Leviticus 25:39-43; Philemon)
- **Freedom from Guilt** – there is no condemnation to those in Christ (Romans 8:1-2)
- **Freedom from Confinement** – our God sets prisoners free (Psalm 146:7; Isaiah 58:6, 61:1; Luke 4:18)
- **Freedom from Sin** – the ability to deny one’s self through the indwelling power of Christ (Romans 6:7-22; Galatians 4:1-7)

This final freedom is the one I’d like to focus on, as I propose that this is the quintessential Christian freedom. In Christ, not only is the payment fulfilled for my sin, but He enables me to deny the natural desires in the interest of pleasing and bringing glory to God. Here

is the Apostle Paul’s encouragement from Romans 6:12-14:

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

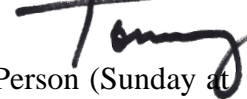
For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

This passage gives three clear instructions that we can only fulfill through the power of the Holy Spirit living inside of us:

- 1) Don’t let sin reign (you don’t have to give in to your sinful desires).
- 2) Present yourself to God as an instrument of righteousness.
- 3) Sin does not have dominion over you!

My prayer for each of us as we approach July 4th is – even as we celebrate our nation’s independence – that we would thank God that we are *dependent* on Him for all of our freedoms. And that we would seek to embrace our *freedom from sin* by giving Jesus Christ alone dominion over us!

Free by my Dependence on Christ,



P.S. Join us this Sunday, July 4, In-Person (Sunday at 11:00am) or Online at FBCGC.live (multiple services on Saturday evening & all day Sunday), as we turn our attention to “*Mordecai: A Picture of Faithful Encouragement.*”



FYI – Church Office closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.



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