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Celebrating a Birthday

July 13
July 15

Betty Tillman
David Traywick

Celebrating an Anniversary

July 15

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Rowland

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!

Sunday, July 11th

9:30am – Church Library Open
10:00am – Sunday School Groups
11:00am – Morning Worship
6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

(In-Person or multiple Saturday & Sunday opportunities for Church Online at FBCGC.live)

Wednesday, July 14th

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

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$5,918.00
Budget Gifts to Date\$5,918.00

FREEDOM *for the* **FUTURE**

GIVING EMPHASIS

FBCGC.net/future

Goal (now thru September 30): \$22,000
Gifts to Date: \$13,980

(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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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

Steve Britton, Chairman
Joe Jackson, Rob Mucha,
Larry Olliff

Nursery

LaRona Cook

Preschool

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CELEBRATE

We just celebrated 245 years of our nation's independence. Celebrating the 4th of July brings back many memories. As a child we would get excited to go out to the lake outside of town and watch the fireworks the city would put on. At lunch we would also have a family reunion out at the lake. It was always hot but there was a great playground and a cool stream outside the shelter house where the reunion was held. When Patricia and I got married I got to join their celebration at the same lake which was really cool because they had a dock on the lake. For me the best part was the fishing all day and then we would go out on their boats and watch the fireworks from a front row seat. Years later at our first full time church they always held a cookout in the evening and then watched the fireworks from the church which had a great view because it sat on a hill. The cookout was a fundraiser for the youth summer events and was always a great success.

The 4th of July is also a reminder of the beginning of our ministry at that church in Texas. They helped move us in on the 3rd and we joined them for the celebration on the 4th. It has been 29 years now of fulltime youth ministry. It's hard to believe it has been that long because it has become so much a part of our lives and we would have it no other way. This wasn't the beginning of the journey though; God had been preparing me a long time before this. God called me into the ministry back when I was in the 9th grade. Yes, it does seem like an early age, and some might have thought I was just caught up in emotion at some camp or church service. God knew what He was doing because of the way He created me. I would need those years of preparation. I spent those teen years doing anything I could to help out and serve. During this time, I learned the value of setting up, breaking down and moving chairs. I learned there are no small tasks and no

small people. I've learned many lessons through these years, some the hard way. God placed a lot of people to help me along the way and teach me many things.

It was at that same Texas church where I was encouraged to check World Changers out and I've been involved ever since. We are getting ready this week to leave on this year's World Changers trip and it is a reason to celebrate. Last year we thought World Changers was over for good, but God had something else in mind. God had worked in the hearts of many people who saw that God was not done with WC yet and it was restarted under new leadership.

We celebrate many things for many different reasons but there are many more things we probably need to add to our lists. The more we are walking with God the more we become aware of what He is doing and the people He uses along the way. We should be celebrating Him a lot more than we do. Looking back, I can see His hand at work all through my life. We need to do the same. We need to be aware of what He has done and what He is doing and praise Him for it. We also need to be more grateful for the people He has placed in our lives that encourage and assist us. We also need to see how He is using us to help others and to see ourselves the way He does. He sees the value in us and wants to work through us to accomplish His will. This is exciting and worth celebrating.

Spend some time today to really see all the blessings we have and even more important, how great our God is and worthy of our praise.

Randall



Our group will be leaving out on Friday, July 9th. Please be praying for safe travels to and from their destination. Pray that they will touch lives and show God's love as they work with others in the community of Huntington, WV.



JULY 11

ESTHER: A PICTURE OF BOLDNESS

JULY 18

DANIEL: A PICTURE OF INTEGRITY

JULY 25

JESUS: A PICTURE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP