



July 2, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

Throughout her history, America has been undeniably blessed by God. Many enemies have come against us, but each time God has been with us and allowed our nation's preservation. America is the world's last bastion of freedom and the liberty we enjoy is a gift of God.

Our God-given liberty offers hope not only to America but to the whole world. America continues to send missionaries to spread the gospel message around the world. And she daily sends her sons and daughters across the globe to fight for the liberty of freedom seeking people.

When speaking of a soldier who died for our freedom, how incomprehensible it would be for an American to say: "I really don't appreciate what he did for me. In fact I reject the whole idea of liberty that the soldier died to possess for me." But people say that to Jesus every day. It was Christ who gave His life and shed His blood that we might win the war over sin and gain our freedom. Hebrews 9:22 says, "Without the shedding of Blood there is no remission for sins". This verse speaks to us of Christ's death on the cross and the battle He fought and won to purchase our soul's salvation. He, who knew no sin, bore our sin, gave His life, His blood that we might be free.

As Christian Americans, may we all embrace the message of liberty that has been written in blood. My prayer today is that all who gather here today will enjoy the liberty that Christ purchased for us all.

Weekly Schedule for July 2 to July 9

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group (postponed until July 11)
 FREEDOM BLAST 2017....begins at 5:30 pm

Wednesday K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall

All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.

The Experience*
 Junior High Small Group*
 (* meets at The Spot)

Church Business Meeting & Adult Prayer & Bible Study

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"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."
 (Psalms 33:12)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Bob TibbleToday!, July 2 Ginger Willis.....Fri., July 7	None this week...

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Lori DeLoach, Hayley Curtis and Janice Cunningham <i>(Alternate: Karen Gillis)</i>	AM - Jenifer Carter, Rachel Ratheal and Deanna Curtis <i>(Alternate: Ashley Bailey)</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"MANIC MONDAYS"

Our summer schedule will continue on **Monday, July 10**, with a trip to **Dinosaur Park** in Bluff City and to **Steele Creek Park**. On **July 17**, a trip to **Mystery Hill** in NC is being planned. (More details later.) Sign-up sheets and flyers are in the foyer with all the information you need.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please remember to update your family data for the directory revisions. Forms are on the foyer table. Give completed forms to **Linda King** or **Lavon Jones**. Need a picture taken for the directory? Call Linda at **948-0079** for more information.

SECOND ANNUAL NEW SALEM CAMPING TRIP

September 29 - October 1 at David Crockett Birthplace.
 Book your site now! See **Lori Davis** for more details.



Freedom Blast 2017



It's time to celebrate and give thanks for our free country! If you are planning to attend, **please sign up. How many will be in your family group?** We need to have an idea of about how many people to expect for supper. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please indicate on the *sign up sheet* what *dessert, side dishes, drinks, or "fixings" you would like to bring.*

Tuesday, July 4th At the New Salem Pavilion

Games and Activities begin at 5:30
Supper will be served at 6:30
Fireworks will start around 9:00

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Donna Bishop
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Pam Bryant
Rovena Bryant
Mike Bush
Jim Byers
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Matthew Cutshall
Steve Cutshall
Mary Davidson
Rusty Edwards
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Daniel Gardner
Jerry Gillis
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Ray Holtsinger
Elizabeth Jones
Bobby Kilgore
Roger Lester
Katrina Mausolf
Sanford McCarty
Jeanene McCurry
Ron Messimer
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Vickie Rust
Joel Shell
Art Simpson
Jordan St. John
Larry & Judy Smith
Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp
Ted Tipton
Doris Townsend
Megan Vess
Bud Wood
Alda Kennedy's
brother: Carlos

Other Requests

Radio Ministry
The Spot
FISH Ministry
Washington County
Jail Ministry
The families of our
community
The young couples of
our church
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Unspoken requests
American Military
Issac Cutshall
Adam Fillers (military)
Barry Myers
Earl Freeman
Michael Hollifield
Bruce Garland
Gene Wilcox's family

Praise the Lord!

Linda King

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris
Rena Hensley
Martha Quinn
Eric Starner
Betty & Elmer Taylor
Millie Yarbor

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note:

If a name needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than one month, just let Pastor Craig or Linda King know.



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