



TRUE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105

July 3, 2022

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

FOUR WAYS JULY 4TH CAN BE LIKE FREEDOM IN CHRIST

July 4th reminds me of freedom in Christ. I promise, this isn't some smelly mixture of patriotism and Christianity. I just think there's some powerful imagery in Independence Day. Let me explain.

First, why does America celebrate the 4th of July? Something about apple pie, explosions in the sky, baseball games, and BBQ flames, right? No. On July 4, 1776, thirteen colonies in North America decided they were done paying their taxes and over their allegiance to the King of England. Colonial leaders got together to write the Declaration of Independence and then sign it into being. The Revolutionary War had already begun, but this was a statement of unity and determination to gain freedom from England's rule. You might recognize this portion:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

- The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

So, here are four reasons July 4th reminds me of freedom in Christ:

1. It's a gift. For all living Americans, July 4 is a gift. We didn't earn it - we received it from the people who lived, led, and died to fight for it. Everyone who gets a gift has two questions. First, "Who is it from?" Second, "What does it do?" My freedom in Christ is from Jesus. I didn't earn it. He died for it. That's who it's from, but what does it do? Galatians 5:1 reminds me, it's *for freedom* we've been set free. What does my freedom do? Give more freedom. It's freedom for me, my marriage, my kids, my friends, my co-workers, and my neighbors. I was given this gift to share.
2. It's a mid-war declaration. July 4, 1776 came only about a year after the revolutionary war began and about six years before it would finally end. Yet, it's the single most revered day of American history. This reminds me of battles we face. You may be fighting for your marriage, struggling financially, or just trying to raise godly kids. Either way, it may be time to make a mid-war declaration of your freedom in Christ.
3. It's a celebration of restoration. Remember apple pie, explosions in the sky, baseball games, and BBQ flames? All to celebrate liberty once lost - but now found. Humans love to celebrate finding lost things because we were made in God's image, and God parties big for restoration. Jesus told a story about this called the Prodigal Son. When the son came home, the father killed his best cow and threw a party (Luke 15:11-24). Jesus even suggests angels celebrate in heaven when someone discovers freedom in Christ (Luke 15:10). And what happens when we all meet Jesus? A glorious supper (Revelation 19:16-17).
4. It's united. The Declaration of Independence was written by thirteen different colonies, but within the document, they are called "we." "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." Jesus set you and me free as individuals, but we live out this freedom as His Church. One body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12:1-27). When your "I" becomes "we," it's amazing what we can accomplish.

Jason Inman, Grace Fellowship



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 3 - Jeff Martin
 July 5 - Sam Garner
 Vickie McClard
 July 7 - Jason & Casey Karnes (A)
 Sylvia Mayberry
 July 9 - Louella Akers
 Chloe Collier



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Lasagna Noodles * Sweetened Condensed Milk * Sugar * Deodorant (non-aerosol) * Hair Gel/Mousse * Salad Dressings (Ranch, French etc)
 Pick-up date: October 3, 2022

Attendance for June 26: 114
 Contribution for June 26: \$5018

WILLING TO SERVE

July 3, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Opening Prayer.....David Burleson
 Scripture.....Justin Allen
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....David Carson
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Justin Allen

July 10, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes
 Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers
 Closing Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

FOOD THAT SAYS, "I LOVE YOU"

I attended a family birthday gathering where the hostess wove the theme of "favorite things" into the décor, the gifts, and - best of all - the food. Because the birthday girl loved steak and salad - and white chocolate raspberry Bundt cake - the hostess grilled steak, spun spinach, and ordered that favorite cake. Favorite foods say, "I love you."

The Bible contains many references to banquets, feasts, and festivals, pairing the physical act of eating with celebrations of God's faithfulness. Feasting was a part of the sacrificial system of worship practiced by the Israelites (see Numbers 28: 11-31), with Passover, the festival of weeks, and new moon feasts held every month. And in Psalm 23:5, God prepares a table with an abundant meal and cups overflow with mercy and love. Perhaps the most lavish pairing of food and wine ever expressed was when Jesus broke a piece of bread and took a cup of wine, illustrating the gift of His death on a cross for our salvation. He then challenged us to *do this in remembrance of me* (Luke 22:19).

As you partake of food today, take a moment to consider the God who made both mouth and stomach and offers food to you as a language of His love in celebration of His faithfulness. Ours is a God who feasts with the faithful, pairing His perfect provision with our great need, saying, "I love you."

Elisa Morgan

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DeeDee Burch got good news from her eye doctor appointment * **Dixie Billingsley** (LaRhonda's mother in law) on hospice care * **Ruth Dauck** back at home following hip surgery * **Marty Howard** is having back issues and will be seeing his doctor July 12 * **Jack McGowan** waiting for hip replacement surgery * **Kathy Caudle** had a bit of a setback from hip replacement surgery * **Woody Wood**, being treated for lung cancer * **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Kevin Mickey * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Waynetta Rodgers * Jane Smith * Leon Smith * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Gunner Townsend * Marty Watson * Sharlette Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Chastity Beard * Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Chris Daley * Bill Fitzpatrick * Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe (not doing well) * Kim Goins * Ronnie Goins * Patricia Greninger * Neal Halford * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson Kristin Meadows * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Linda Morgan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Tammy Telker * Bobby Thornton * Paula Walls

Other health issues (non-congregational):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Jodi Claeys * Ruth Dauck * Jerry Grimes * Katie Hicks * Grant Howard * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Eva Latham * Nikki Lawrence * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * Brenda Robinson * Gene Rowland * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Heather Whitehead *

Our Shut Ins

Louella Akers * Fern Botsch * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Reba Owens * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson *

Looking Ahead

TODAY: Potluck meal following morning worship followed by an early, 1 p.m. evening worship. Please make plans to stay for the potluck.

Our Summer Speaker Series speaker this week will be Austin Holiman. There is a schedule of speakers on the table in the foyer.

Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp begins next Sunday. Applications are available on the table in the foyer.

Our pies and cobblers for camp are due at the building by 9 a.m. July 13. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help.

Ladies Lunch Out will be July 19 at 11:30 at the Lunch Box in Dexter. **Note** this is the third Tuesday of the month, due to conflicting schedules with camp.

Birthday celebration for June Mothersbaugh Wednesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. Please bring sandwiches and finger foods and help us celebrate our newest sister in Christ on the happy occasion of her 91st birthday.

Mark your calendar now for VBS July 24-27. Our theme is, "A Royal Adventure." We will need lots of help.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A TEACHER FOR THE 2s AND 3s CLASS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. IF YOU CAN HELP FILL THIS NEED, PLEASE SEE GINGER