



The Beacon



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

July 2023

A Summer of Missions!

Please pray for all of our mission trips and outreach opportunities we have going on this summer and for the ones going on missions.

Pray for safety and pray that souls will be saved and lives changed!

1. Moldova - June 29th - July 9th

We have a team of 5 going to continue what we started 7 years ago.

2. Snowbird Camp - July 3rd - July 8th

We have a team of 3 helping out Providence Baptist with their youth missions.

3. Youth FUGE - July 17th - July 22nd

4. Vacation Bible School - July 23rd - July 26th

5. West Virginia - August 3rd - August 6th

A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center if you would like to go.



Vacation Bible School

July 23 - 26 ~ 6:00 - 8:30p

Classes for ALL ages!

IT'S TIME TO LEVEL UP VBS! Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over." It's not just for kids, we have classes for ALL ages! Join in the fun!

A lite dinner will be served Sunday Night through Tuesday Night, with a Hot Dog 'Family Night Dinner' on Wednesday Night at 6:00pm.

REGISTER [HERE](#) OR CHECK OUT THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE TO REGISTER EARLY SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAND IN LINE!



**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

You have probably heard the saying "life is good." As a Christian, life truly is good. Think about all the goodness we have in our life because of our relationship with Jesus Christ. We have forgiveness of our sins, everlasting life, the assurance of heaven, the Holy Spirit living in us, joy, peace, hope, being part of the Body of Christ and so much more. Life is good as a Christian.

But the reality is life can be tough at times as well. We face all sorts of problems and troubles. Sometimes we forget that as Christians we do not have to face these problems and troubles alone. We try to solve, fix and handle these problems and troubles ourselves and in our own way. Let me encourage you with Psalms 28:7. It says, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him." So, as you face the tough issues of life remember that God is your strength and shield. He is there to give you the strength you need to face that problem. He is there to protect you in the midst of troubles. He is there to help you because you have trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. When you remember this and live it out you will have reason to rejoice and praise God because He is the One who helps you through the problems and troubles of life. So, the next time you are discouraged by the troubles of life remember Psalms 28:7 and be encouraged that God is there to help you.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



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The Women and Men's Bible Study Groups are postponed for the summer. Study will resume in September.

You can purchase **RADA Cutlery** and other kitchen products by clicking this link: radafundraising.com/ **All RADA products are proudly made in the USA!** Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, July 20th at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by July 16th. Follow us on **Facebook** for upcoming events.



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✎ Connie Garrett and her family in the death of her mother, Joyce Visconti
- ✎ Tammy Pendergraph and her family in the death of her cousin, Beverly Thompson

Welcome

New Members

Skyler Guzman

(by profession of faith)



**We Received a Thank You
Note From:**

- ✎ The Barry Family
- ✎ Lyndsey Wilson & Zacc Brack
- ✎ Cry Freedom Missions

Congratulations to:

Jordan Goss • Mac MacDonald •
Jiselle Wilkins - Baptized June 4th

Erika Bowers
Skyler Guzman
Baptized June 25th



Congratulations to

Dustin and Megan Reaves on the birth of their daughter, Allie Beck, who was born on June 3rd. Also, congratulations to big sister Elle and big brother Boone.



Nicholas Fuller and Laura Dickerson on their wedding, June 5th.



**Do You Celebrate These 6
Freedoms on Independence Day?**

By Guy Hatcher

The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and announced the separation of the thirteen American colonies from Great Britain. With this, a new nation was formed—the United States of America.

History verifies Thomas Jefferson as the composer of the original draft. Once completed, Jefferson submitted his draft to Benjamin Franklin and John Adams for their changes. Eventually, it made its final destination to Congress where it was amended for the last time.

Today, we see in its detailed wording why Congress was declaring independence from Great Britain.

The most quoted line from the Declaration is "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." Our forefathers were declaring they not only deserved freedom, but were willing to continue fighting for it.

Freedom is a great definition of independence, as it is the result of the choices we make in our life. The power of choice is one of the greatest freedoms we have in our country, and knowing where to find it is important, as we see in **Proverbs 2:6**: "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding."

Let's review six freedoms we must all celebrate this July 4th:

1. THE FREEDOM TO BELIEVE

Our country continues to serve as a

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JULY 2023

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:						1 <i>Brenda Owens</i>
2 All Together Sunday Sunday Sch. 10am Worship 11am	3	4  INDEPENDENCE	5 Wed. Night Service 7p	6	7	8
Moldova Mission Trip 6 / 29 - 7 / 9						
		<i>Beth Chambers Sue DeBlanc Phillip Ellis</i>	<i>Leigh Watson</i>		<i>Dawne Lewis</i>	
9 Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a Sunday Sch. 10am	10 Men of Iron 7p	11	12 Missions Night 7p	13	14	15 <i>James Ellis Lane Ellis</i>
16 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	17	18	19 Wed. Night Ser. 7p	20 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p	21	22
Youth FUG E Mission Trip						
	<i>Sheila Compton</i>	<i>Linda Weaver</i>	<i>Traci Humphries</i>		<i>Mutt Jeffries</i>	<i>Ellen Clayton Joe Glenn</i>
23 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	24	25	26 Wed. Night Service 7p	27	28	29
Vacation Bible School						
<i>Chris Turner</i>	<i>Hank Taylor</i>		<i>Greta Parker</i>	<i>Colton Watson</i>	<i>Lori Dunn</i>	<i>Scott Day</i>
30 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Adelynn Glenn</i>	31	Memory Verse “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.” Psalms 28:7				



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magnet for oppressed individuals who come to the USA for an opportunity to capture their dreams. Many dream for a good job, food, and shelter for their family. But our government should not be relied upon as the only resource to replace our [faith](#) in a God "who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" ([1 Timothy 6:17](#)).

2. THE FREEDOM TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH

In some countries, the mention of serving God or his Son means instant death. Our forefathers recognized the Creator through their extension of certain God-given rights in the Declaration of Independence.

Our faith is the most important of all, as it gives us the foundation and assurance that God is in control of a world in chaos. When life seems out of control, seek the source of all creation—God. He will provide peace in the midst of all your life's storms.

3. THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP

We are allowed the choice to worship in any way we desire. God created us for fellowship. Our individual gifts are stronger when they are joined with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Sadly, statistics show worship attendance is in a decline as more people choose a life of independence which ultimately leads to a life of solitude.

Choose today to ask God to direct you to a community in which to be involved. He will direct you to "give and receive" as needed.

4. THE FREEDOM OF PRAYER

Self-reliance is an American lifestyle demanded and respected in numerous circles. Just as this can be seen as a strength, it can also be a tremendous weakness when it leads us to put God on the sidelines of our life, and call upon him only when we need his rescue.

In personal times of self-reliance, I sometimes take on an image of seeing myself as "God-like" which results in my placing other gods before him, namely the god of "Me." By choosing to submit our requests to God in prayer we are making the choice to live out the faith to which he calls us.

5. THE FREEDOM TO VOTE

Tens of millions of professed Christians don't vote. We must recognize in our nation every vote does count, as issues such as racial reconciliation, abortion, social

services, and taxes continue to create further divisiveness. Our nation was founded on God, yet we continue to chip away at God's sovereign place of authority through the decisions continually implemented by the Senate, Congress, and Judicial branches.

As a body of believers, we must call sin what it is, and stand united as we cast our votes through God's divine wisdom and direction.

6. THE FREEDOM OF HAPPINESS

If you notice in the Declaration, one of the rights it defines is "the pursuit of happiness." [Galatians 5:22](#) says we can have real *joy* in our life as we walk in the Holy Spirit. We don't have to pursue happiness; rather we can choose to live it out in the Spirit. This allows us to receive what we richly deserve.

So what about the disease, divorce, death, and disappointment we may receive along life's journey? Paul summarizes our responsibility well:

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. – [1 Peter 4:12-13](#)

The 56 leaders who signed the Declaration of Independence had the foresight to understand things had to change...so the generations who followed them would experience Life, Liberty, and Happiness. They accomplished this for all of us to enjoy by having fortitude, a strong vision, and steadfast faith.

As we celebrate this July 4th holiday, is it possible for us to have the same impact as our forefathers did for future generations? I believe we can, through the manner in which we act upon the six freedoms listed above.

Legacy Planning begins when you realize you will not necessarily complete what you begin in one generation, but rather you become the visionary, understanding the importance of planting strong seeds that may be harvested by many future generations.

As we celebrate this holiday, may we plant well so God will provide a bountiful crop which will be enjoyed by many future generations.

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