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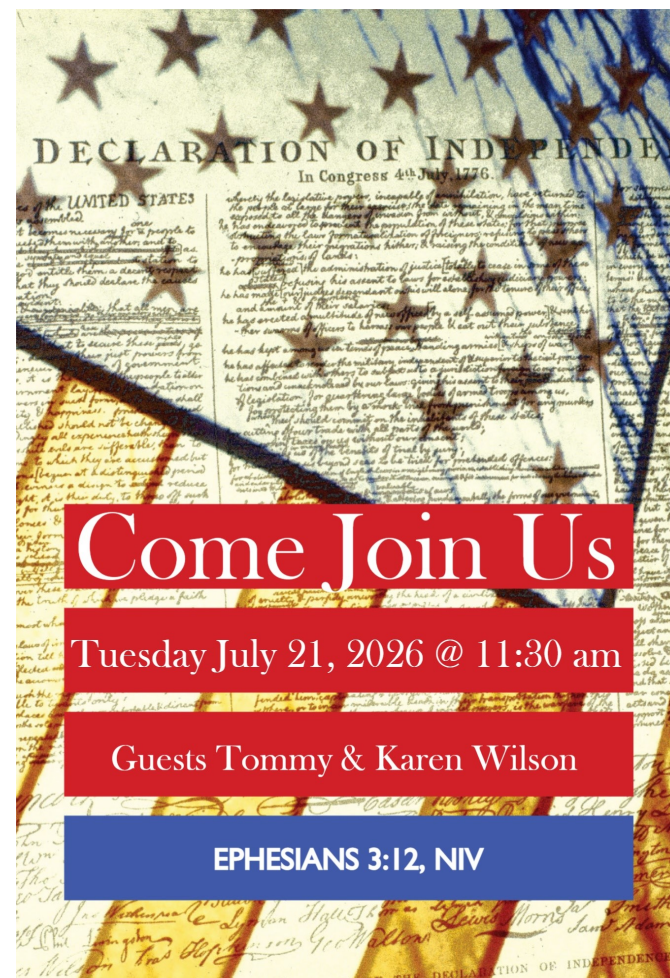
Grilled chicken breast, pasta salad,
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Mission work is not just about where we go but also about the heart we bring. Reflecting on Mark 10:45, Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve." True ministry means stepping into our neighborhoods or the wider world, laying down our own agendas, and reflecting Christ's love through humble, intentional action. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." — Mark 10:45 (NIV)

When we think of mission work, we often picture traveling to distant lands or packing up for a mission trip. But our primary mission field is exactly where our feet take us every single day—our workplaces, homes, and local communities.

Jesus modeled the ultimate example of a missionary. He crossed boundaries to reach the sick, the marginalized, and the broken. He didn't come demanding to be waited on; instead, He washed feet and fed the hungry. When we engage in mission work—whether building homes, serving food, or simply praying for our neighbors—we are called to adopt that same mindset.

It's easy to focus on the tasks we accomplish or the impact we hope to make. Yet, mission work is fundamentally about being an ambassador for Christ. It's about looking past our own desires, emptying ourselves of pride, and seeing people through the lens of God's grace. When we serve with a selfless and humble heart, we stop just doing mission work and start living it.

We hope you'll make plans to join us as we welcome (DFBC's own) Tommy & Karen Wilson on behalf of the TN Baptist Disaster Relief as they share stories and their work in missions locally, across the states & internationally. Tommy Moore will lead our devotion.

J.O.Y. Report for June 2026
Enrollment—114
Attendance—35
Offering—28.00
March—June offering given to OCC \$158.21
July—Sept offering will go to Dresden PreK snacks

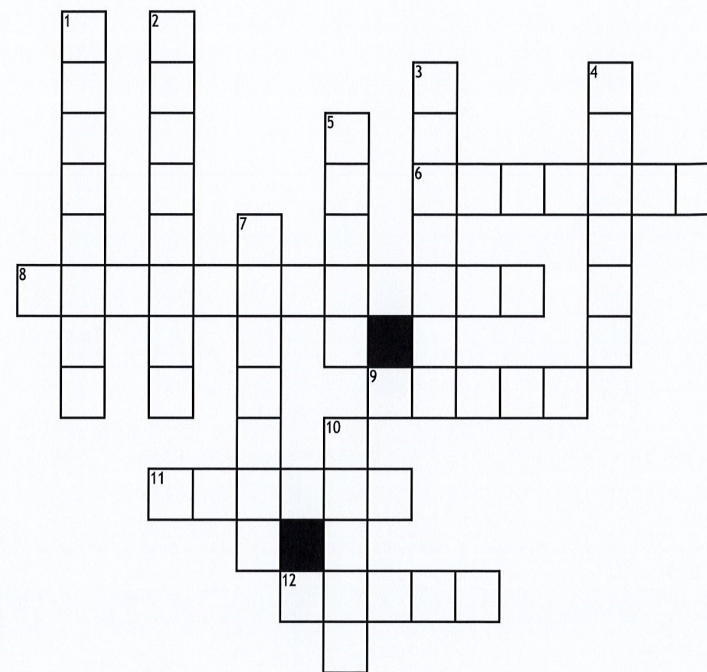
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd Helen Nevil
10th Jean Ainley
21st Tommy Moore
24th Kelley Swearingen
29th Sherryl McCulley
31st Sheila Swearingen



Have a blessed day!

Missions Trip Crossword Puzzle



Across

6. What is the first book of the Bible?
8. On what continent is Guyana located?
9. Most populated country in the world?
11. The Equator passes through the land of how many countries of the world?

12. Go ye therefore, and _____ all nations

Down

1. Who is responsible for the Great Commission?
2. ...that He gave his only _____ son...
3. What is the most spoken language in the world?

4. Largest country in the world?

5. For God so _____ the world...

7. What book of the Bible has the Great Commission?

10. There are _____ continents in the world.

GOOD OLD GOSPEL SINGING—JULY 31 @ 7:00 PM—DON'T MISS IT!

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