

Jeremiah 29:4-14 | ⁴ “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in My name; I did not send them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ “For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you My promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

God's plan for your _____ starts right _____.

Ecclesiastes 8:7 | For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be?

FOUR FACTS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE:

1. You can't _____ it.
2. You don't _____ it.
3. The rest of your _____ is in your future.
4. _____ is already there.

Isaiah 46:10 | I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’
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WHAT DOES GOD ASK OF ME FOR MY FUTURE?

- ✓ Bloom where you're _____. (v. 5-6)
- ✓ Pray into God's _____ for your place. (v. 7)
- ✓ Ignore the falsehoods of _____. (v. 8-9)
- ✓ Faithfulness always leads to _____. (v. 10-14)

Jeremiah 29:11 | For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. NKJV

God doesn't just think of you, He thinks _____ you.

ANSWERS: (1) future (2) now (3) control (4) know (5) life (6) God (7) planted (8) potential (9) discontentment (10) fruitfulness (11) towards

what's happening

It's Baptism Sunday!

Water Baptism is an important next step for anyone who believes in Jesus. Through immersion in water, we follow the lead of Jesus, and demonstrate His death as we are lowered into the water and ultimate resurrection to new life as we are raised from the water. We are instructed to be baptized when we believe to publicly declare our belief in Jesus Christ. There will be a **mandatory** class prior to today's service at 9:45am in the Lower Level.

50th Anniversary of Freedom Church

Join us for a cook out after the 10:45AM service as we're celebrating our 50th year anniversary! Please pack a picnic blanket or lawn chairs, your favorite drink (water/pop/juice/seltzer) and lawn games. We'll be providing the following; Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Mexican Chicken, Hot Dogs and a side or two. Mr. Softee's ice cream truck is arriving at 12:30. Ice cream & popsicles for PURCHASE. Regular cones \$3, Waffle cones \$5. *cash preferred, card accepted with a processing fee.

We hope you'll stay after service and join us as we thank God for all He's done and continues to do!!

ADVENTURE KIDS - END OF YEAR BASH MAY 21, 2025 | Skateland | 7-8:30 PM

We're celebrating the end of an amazing year with a night of skating and fun just for kids ages 4yrs old - 5th grade! This is NOT a drop-off event. Kids are free, Parents are not required to skate but if you choose to skate, it will cost \$10. Mandatory registration ends Monday May 19th.

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CONNECT "SOUP and SANDWICHES" MAY 25, 2025 | SOUTH | 12:30 PM

Those 60 years old and better are welcome to join us for Soup and Sandwiches at 12:30pm in the youth sanctuary. Soup will be provided. Please sign up online, or use the QR code here to register. You will be prompted to sign up to bring a sandwich filling, type of bread or a dessert.

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LADIE'S RETREAT - PSALM 23

MAY 29-MAY 31, 2025 | CAMP LI-LO-LI

Our Ladies' Retreat is just around the corner! If you've registered but haven't yet submitted your payment, please note that payments are now overdue and must be submitted by May 23rd. For updates and important details, stay connected through our Ladies' Retreat Facebook group. Have questions? Reach out to the church office — we're happy to help! Let's get ready for a powerful and refreshing time together!

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**BABY BOTTLE
CAMPAIGN**

From April 27th to Father's Day
Collect spare change and bills to support Lockport CareNet
Pregnancy Center & return the bottles

CHANGE FOR LIFE
2025
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Help us continue to offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and the Hope of Christ. With your support, we are able to provide diapers, coats, formula, clothing, and practical parenting classes all at no cost to the women.

• Help show them they CAN do this!
• Just add more help than WEL do this!

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Our mission is to deliver the value of life by providing comprehensive prenatal, medical, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support, and the hope of Christ to women in need, pregnancy-related assistance.

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We offer condolences to the family and friends of Tracy Steen for the loss of her fiancé, Carl Martin, who passed away.

with deepest

Sympathy

welcome.

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 | Freedom Church

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LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE



For the Kids:

Newborn - 4th Graders may be checked in to the Freedom Kids check-in hub located in the foyer.

Check in begins at 10:30AM. Freedom Kids meet in the Youth Sanctuary, and Nexus Teenagers, 5th - 8th grade, meet upstairs in the lounge.



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor Craig Campbell | Lead Pastor
Peggy Belfield | Seniors Pastor | Ext. 100
Jennie Campbell | Worship Director | Ext. 100
Kerith McDonald | Office Administrator | Ext. 100
Lou Mead | Youth Director | Ext. 201
Michael Peacock | Ministry Assistant | Ext. 206
Curt Waugaman | Ministry Assistant | Ext. 205

CHURCH ELDERS:

Ron (Doris) Campbell
Jim (Ann) Hood
Bill Nimetz
Mark (Linda) Rathke
Matt (Kerith) McDonald
Jim (Debbie) Randle
Adam (Steph) Schifferle

*If you'd like to contact an Elder, please call the church office.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM 9AM - 4PM | 716-434-5451 *please ring doorbell or call the church office to be admitted into the building.

Reach the Lost.

Disciple the Found.

See Lives Set Free and
Stay Free in Jesus Christ.

Current Sermon Series



Worship

We Bring A Sacrifice Of Praise
You Are Good
Praise Him Forever
Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)
Whole Heart

This Week

Nexus | Wednesday | 7pm

End of Year Celebration | Skateland | 7PM

TODAY

Golden Anniversary

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SOUTH CAMPUS 9:15AM SOUTH CAMPUS 10:45AM

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COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE!



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