



A Declaration of Dependence!

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Every year, on July 4th, we, as Americans, celebrate Independence Day. On this day, 242 years ago, we declared our Independence from Great Britain. No longer were we going to be British Colonies. We became our own country!

As special as this event is in our political history, I believe that we, as a body of Believers in Christ, need to make a different kind of declaration. We need to make a declaration of Dependence on the Lord! The best way to do this is by constant prayer.

July is an important month for us. We are hosting a large-scale **Vacation Bible School** from July 9th-13th. I want to express my gratitude to the sub-committee that has put hours of preparation into this wonderful event. But I must remind all of us that we are dependent on the Lord to take our efforts and make them useful for His Kingdom. Please pray for V.B.S.!

In addition to V.B.S. we are launching a new series of Sunday morning messages called "**Basic Questions.**" We will be addressing questions like "Why V.B.S.?" (July 8th), "Have You Heard the Good News?" (July 15th), "What is Baptism?" (July 22nd), "What is Church Membership?" (July 29th) and "What Next?" (Aug. 5th). Please pray for me as I prepare and deliver these messages.

After V.B.S. we enter into an important phase of follow-up. We want to encourage those who came to V.B.S. to also get involved in our Church family. Please pray for this follow up process.

On July 25th we have a "Family Meeting" to discuss some important Church business. Please pray for the discussions we need to have and the decisions we need to make.

In all of these areas of ministry, V.B.S., Sunday School, Mission work, Worship services, Church business etc. we need to recognize our dependence on the Lord.

Please remember what Solomon wrote,

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

Beginning on Wednesday, July 25th, a weekly Bible study for women will be held at the church at 10:30am. The group will be using a study guide by Joe Stowell entitled 'When the Going Gets Tough'. Each of the five lessons will consist of several pages of reading material and scripture, followed by questions requiring written answers and discussion. This study should help us gain a new perspective when we face difficult times and develop better ways for dealing with them.

If you are interested in joining the group, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact *Linda Hughes* at (209) 324-8026. All women are encouraged to join us.

It is important to sign-up so that each woman can be assured of having a study guide prior to the first meeting.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Every Sunday: <i>(Nursery Care Provided)</i> 8:45am Sunday school in English 10:00am Worship Service in English 6:00pm Evening Service <i>(Unless otherwise noted)</i>					Support our Youth by purchasing fireworks at their booth on Merced & 33	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lord's Supper Mission Committee Planning Mtg. – 4:30pm Youth Fireworks Booth open from 1pm to 10pm Evening Worship – 6pm	 Youth Fireworks Booth open from 9am to 10:00pm	Youth Fireworks Booth open from 9am to 10:00pm	Independence Day Parade & VBS Sign-up @ Henry Miller Park, Gustine NO Eve Service Youth Fireworks Booth open from 9am to 11:00pm	Men's Group – 7pm	Help us decorate the church for VBS next week from 9am – 1pm	Papering Newman for Promotion of Vacation Bible School – 9am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
VBS Kick-off & BBQ in Pioneer Park – 5pm – 7pm NO Eve Programs at the church	 Vacation Bible School 6pm – 8:20pm FREE EVENT	 Vacation Bible School 6pm – 8:20pm FREE EVENT	 Vacation Bible School 6pm – 8:20pm FREE EVENT	 Vacation Bible School 6pm – 8:20pm FREE EVENT	 Vacation Bible School 6pm – 8:20pm FREE EVENT	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Youth Leader Meeting at CVBA Office in Turlock at 6:30pm		Bible Study & Youth – 7pm	Men's Group – 7pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mission Emphasis Night – 6pm Finalizing FTWUFU			Quarterly Church Family Meeting – 7pm	Men's Group – 7pm		<i>Celebration of Life Service for Piilani Kinimaka here at 10:30am & Reception to follow at Yolo Middle School</i>
29	30	31				
Service at San Luis Care Center – 2pm						Greeter: <i>April Horton</i>