

¡Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

My friends, today I want to recognize all those who helped us out during our July 4th event. To all those who helped to supply us with equipment, inflate and monitor the bouncy houses, bake cookies and brownies, make bracelets, popcorn, signs and so forth, I thank you on behalf of a grateful church. You sat for hours in a blazing sun with smiles on your faces, and your efforts paid off. Through all our efforts, we raised \$327 for LPPC's building fund. But more importantly, we got to introduce our church to a lot of Placitans who may never have known much about who we are until now. In my opinion, that's not something we can put a price on!

On a personal note, Tuesday was an exciting time for me because it was my first time watching the Placitas Independence Day Parade. The parade reminded me of my childhood living in what I like to call the "other" Roswell, not Roswell, New Mexico, but Roswell, Georgia. Back then, Roswell was a small town with so many of those small-town traditions that the entire town would come out for. Among these traditions were Friday night high school football games, annual chili cooking contents, and of course, the annual Independence Day parade. Sadly, due to Atlanta's urban sprawl, Roswell has lost most of its small-town culture. So, it is good for my soul to see reminders of what used to be.

For our worship this Sunday, our scripture readings will be Zechariah 9: 9-12 and Romans 7: 15-25a. My sermon is titled "Do Intentions Matter?". I look forward to being with you at 9:30am either in the sanctuary or over Zoom.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich