



## NEWSLETTER 2026

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. Hello,

This month is July which is also our nation's birthday month.

This country will be 250 years old this year.

This nation was founded by a bunch of people who understood the importance of freedom and sacrifice.

They took a bunch of farmers with pitch forks and beat, what was then, probably the most powerful nation in the world. That does not happen without extreme sacrifice.

Because of that sacrifice, we and many others before us received freedom. Unfortunately, many today take for granted and even abuse that freedom.

We as Christians have freedom today. Not only in government and society, but through Jesus Christ, we have spiritual freedom.

There are many in Christendom that take their freedom in Christ for granted, just like those that take their physical freedom for granted. When they take it for granted, they indulge their pride and they indulge in their flesh (there is a sermon somewhere in there).

But Christians in North America aren't the first to abuse their freedoms or indulge in their pride and flesh. Paul wrote to the church in Galatia:

*"13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." (Galatians 5:13-16, ESV)*

Here the Apostle Paul is warning the church in Galatia not to use their freedoms to hurt one another. Not to serve oneself. But he tells them to use their freedom and love their neighbor.

So as the fireworks are going, as cookouts are happening, I want to also encourage you to look out for ways to love one another and love strangers.

Also, take care to walk by the Holy Spirit daily. This is how you will be able to set aside and not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Chris



URBANA YOKE PARISH  
Box 8 Urbana, IN 46990

**Worship Service**

10:00 AM

**Sunday School**

9:00—9:45 AM

**Pastor:**

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**Church Secretary**

Rend' Warnock

Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



*Christ Jesus*  
OUR LORD.

ROMANS 6:23, NIV

Our Mission Statement



To glorify God through our actions, words and deeds as a daily way of life by the leading of the Holy Spirit and commitment to sharing the love of Jesus Christ to others.



# HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## A Soldier's Prayer

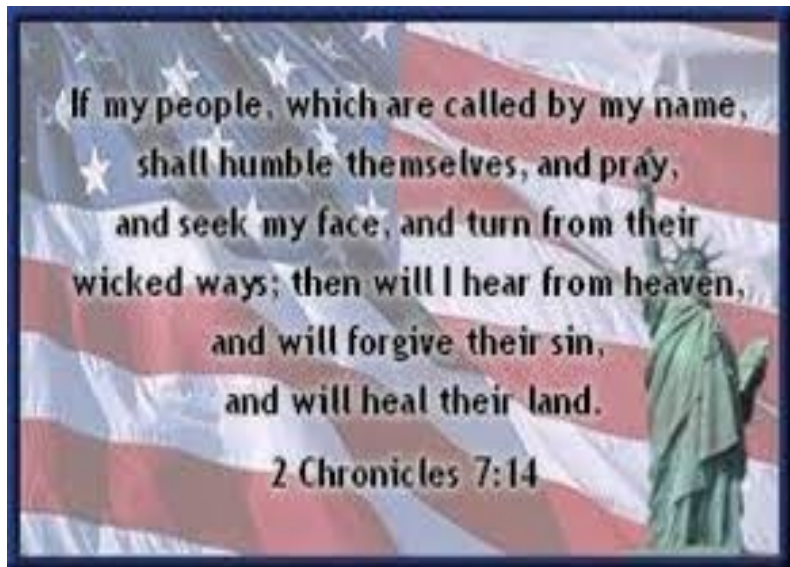
Lord, wrap Your arms around me  
 In this hostile, brutal place;  
 Let me draw peace and comfort  
 From Your restful, sweet embrace.

Help me do my duty  
 To uphold what is right;  
 Give me strength and courage  
 Each day and every night.

Lord, hear this soldier's prayer  
 To You in heaven above;  
 Protect me with Your power,  
 And sustain me with Your love.

**"The legacy of brave men and women who have fought and died for their country is the freedom we enjoy as Americans".**

**Lucian Adams**





**MEETINGS THIS MONTH:**

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please remember the following in prayer:**

Eli Mattern, Marvin Mast Family, Family of Donna Yentes, Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, Ron & Rhonda Baer, Jim Hartley, Jerry & Nancy McColley, Janene & Wendel Dawes, Nancy Miller, Ray Terrell Family, Vi Miller & Family, Janice Miller, Coy Eads and his parents and sisters. Also those of loved ones, friends and families. Please pray for continued healing.



## OTHER CHURCH NEWS

The Access Youth Center will begin its backpack drive in June. They are collecting school supplies to be given out July 25th from 9:00 am—1:00 pm at the Wabash High School gym. They will need: backpacks, glue sticks, pink erasers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, folders, notebooks, pencil boxes, scissors and rulers. Supplies or packed backpacks can be dropped off at: The Access, Modoc's Market or local churches. There is a tote at the front of the sanctuary, by the Prayer Room door for your donations. Let's fill our tote to overflowing to help the school children in our community!



The Outreach Committee will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 29th 1:30—6:00 pm in the Urbana Community Building. The need for blood is always high during the summer months, please give if you are able.



I will not be in the office the week of July 13th until Saturday, July 18th. It is fair week and I will be at the fairgrounds every day cheering on my grandkids. If you are able get out and visit the fair, it is a great way to support the youth in our community. (Rena')



Planning Ahead: Church in the Grove will be held on Sunday, August 30th. Watch the bulletin and the August newsletter for more details.



The Pastor's office hours have changed for the summer months. He will only be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you have an emergency he will be available to you.



# THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

**Head Usher: Need a Volunteer**

**Liturgist: Carla Krom**

**Acolyte: Usher's Choice**

**Lay Leader: Need a Volunteer**

**If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday mornings you can now watch the service LIVE on Facebook. Service begins at 10:00 am.**

# JULY 2026

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

			1 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	2	3	4 No Secretary Hours
5 Communion	6 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	7	8 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	9	10	11 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
12	13 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	14	15 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	16	17	18 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
19	20 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	21	22 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	23	24	25 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
26	27 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	28	29 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	30	31	
		Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Secretary Hours: Wednesday Evening 5:30-7:00 pm	8 Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Bible Study, Wednesdays @ 7:00 am	Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tues @ 6:00 pm

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*One Nation Without God*

*America, the beautiful. Home of the brave and free,  
Is threatened by an evil that we don't seem to see.*

*We are "One nation, under God". Guided by His loving light,  
But we'll be a nation "without" God if we don't stand and fight.*

*We, the vast majority, must join hand in hand  
Before the small minority takes God's name from our land.*

*No matter our religion, we have a job to do;  
We must band together to defeat the ungodly few.*

*God gave us freedom in this land to worship and to pray.  
How can we idly just sit by watching it be taken away.*

*There is a God in Heaven. Let's not let His light go dim.  
How can He bless us from above if we won't acknowledge Him?*