

The Drumbeat

Relaying the Message of God's
Love Through Our Lives

July 2018



FROM OUR PASTOR...

FREEDOM

This month we celebrate the birthday of our country. Our country's form of government has allowed us many personal freedoms that are unknown in most countries around the world. When I have visited other countries, people tell me how much they wish they had the freedom we enjoy. However, many of these freedoms which we have taken for granted are on the verge of being compromised or lost because of various individuals and groups putting forth their points of view which they say are the only "right" points of view.

I love my country and will do whatever I can to make sure that our freedom stays intact. However, should we lose our freedom, from the inside or the outside, I know not all is lost for my true freedom is not based in the good ole USA. It is based in God. Col. 5:1 says, "it was for freedom that Christ set us free." Christ has set us free from the bonds of sin. We no longer need to be chained to the old ways of living which drags us down day after day. He has set us free to live a life that has meaning, joy, and fulfillment. He has set us free so that we can help others to become free as well. Let us always remember that true freedom comes, not from a form of government, but from God. "The early church did not change the world because of their politics, they changed politics because they changed the world."

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Hymn Sing Unity Service



LAUGH AWHILE!

Independence Jokes

Teacher: What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware?

Johnny: "Get in the boat, men!"

Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War.

Caleb: Wow! They must have been pretty strong, four men defeating a whole army!

Teacher: Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?

Tommy: Yes, ma'am. At the bottom.

Robert: What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?

John: I don't know.

Robert: Tea-shirts.

A book never written: "How to Become President" by Paul O'Ticks.

The teacher was teaching her class all about patriotism. She said to them, "One of the best things about this country is that we are all free." At this, a little boy marched up to her from the back of the class, put his hands on his hips and said anrily. "I'm not free. I'm four."



July Sermons

Series: Jesus is the Answer
(Colossians)

July 1st Celebrate Freedom
 July 8th Our Responsibility
 July 15th I'm With You
 July 22nd & 28th (Pastor & Pattie on vacation) Kenny Adams

Pastor and Pattie On Vacation

Pastor and Pattie will be on vacation July 20-29. We will be in Scotland with Justin & Christy and will not be available for phone calls. If you have an emergency please contact Faye Nusz and she will be able to get in contact with us.



Military Bible Sticks

Throughout the month of July, we will be asking you to support our military by helping to supply Military Bible Sticks to those who help to protect our freedom. In 2018 the requests for Bible Sticks has sky rocketed to over 12,000 per month. For \$25 you can supply one military member and his/her family with a Bible Stick and resources. This Bible Stick is designed to take into the field, so they can listen to it where ever they are at. In addition, for every \$25 you give your gift will be doubled throughout this month, so you can have twice the impact. To donate you can make your check out to the church and write Bible Stick in the memo line.

MISSIONS...

Your support of missions helps God's work go around the world.

GOAL

October 2017 to September 2018 \$5000
 Amount received \$2695

Your Dollars go to support

The Torgeson's - Living Link Missionaries
 The Langford's - Living Link Missionaries
 Tim and Joy Coppess - Living Link Missionaries
 Mid-America Christian University
 Meals on Wheels Help Inc.
 Work Camps Scholarships
 Children of Promise Local Missions Projects
 See an update from Tim and Joy Coppess on the back of this month's calendar.

Wednesday Bible Study

Introducing Jesus (Study on Mark)

Mark was probably the first Gospel written. In this study we will see how Mark presents Jesus to his readers. Come join us on Wednesdays at 7p.m.



This fall the church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. Our next planning meeting will be July 8th at 3p.m.

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