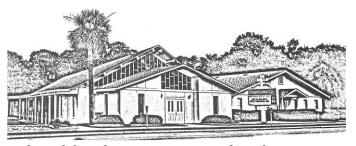
# Church Newsletter July 2024

### **Weekly Services**

Bible Study
Worship
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9:00 AM Sunday
10:00 AM Sunday
6:30 PM Sunday
6:30 PM Wednesday



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**Pastor's Pen...**Will we remain a free people? That all depends upon our willingness to receive truth. In our day truth has been somewhat a missing element in all areas of our culture – that includes the church. It is truth that sets people free whether it is spiritual freedom or personal freedom.

One truth that is clearly needed in our time is the truth that our independence depends upon our dependence upon God. The patriot's creed during the time of the founding of our country was, "Resistance to tyranny and Obedience to God." Our founders realized that a people dependent upon God becomes a people independent of the tyranny of men.

During the time of the American Revolution there was great involvement of the clergy who helped prepare the colonies for the trials and tribulations that would come with their struggle for independence. The pulpits were as hot in words as the battlefield was in bullets. The message that would help to mold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights came from the truth that God is the Author of Liberty. Those who would bow before God would stand free before men.

The Liberty Bell is inscribed with the words of Leviticus 25:10 –

### "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

To know the truth and to follow truth is the key to freedom for both the individual and the nation. In 1774 Gad Hitchcock preached a message urging a spirit of strength and resistance for the Colonies. His text was Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice but when the wicked bear rule the people mourn." When a people lose the ability to know and follow truth that same people will fall for the lies from those who would rule over them in a wicked manner.

Satan is the Father of Lies. He does all in his power to shield men from the truth that would set them free. Our Lord Jesus Christ declares, "If the Son therefore shall make you free you shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

If we continue to turn away from the Author of Truth and the Word of Truth we will be a people who have thrown away the greatest gift that God can give to us – OUR FREEDOM!

\*\*Bro. David Laughner\*\* (reprint from July 2014)

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## Happy Birthday, America!

## God Bless our Troops because Freedom Is Not free!

This idiom that we hear so often was first coined by retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, Walter Hitchcock, of New Mexico Military Institute. The idiom expresses gratitude for the service of members of our military, implicitly stating that the freedoms enjoyed by many citizens in many democracies are only possible through the voluntary risks taken and sacrifices made by those in the military. The saying is often used to convey respect specifically to those who gave their lives in defense of freedom.



"Freedom Is Not Free" is engraved into one wall at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Thursday this year, Chapel is planning on having all our regularly scheduled services – Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm, Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and 6:30pm. If traffic conditions on the island warrant a change to the schedule, email notices and test messages will be sent out.

Have a safe and happy holiday.



Sunday Morning Worship Service – "The Life of Isaac"
Sunday Evening Worship Service – "The Book of Revelations"
Wednesday Evening Service – "The Beatitudes of Revelations"

## Why We Celebrate The Fourth of July

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States of America. Independence Day is the *national day* for the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee

of Virginia (a second cousin of Robert E. Lee's grandfather). After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4th.

From the onset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4th, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than July 2nd, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

One of the most enduring myths about Independence Day is that Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Most of the delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776. In a remarkable series of events, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States of America and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence and went on to become president, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.

## Special Summer Children's Program



We will be offering a new Wednesday evening program for our children during the summer months. On the last Wednesday of the month during the months of **July**, **August** and **September**, we ask that our parents drop their children off at Memorial Park at 6:00 pm and then join us for our Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study. Our "Chapel Crew" will

have a program for our children on these special services.

The Ladies Fellowship Prayer Brunch and WMU is taking a summer break. There will be no meetings during to months of July and August. Please be ready to return on September 7th as we will begin planning for our October Mission Month.

Let us be Faithful Stewards.

Financial Report thru June 23, 2024

Yearly Required \$213,651.37

Received \$119,964.60

Weekly \$ 4,108.68 \$ 4,534.74 (Wkly Avg.)

A Giving Church is a Living Church!

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Eason 7/3, Josiah Fields 7/5, Martha Fulton 7/11, Leah Wilson 7/15, J.B. Riffle 7/26, David Higgs, Chad Eason 7/30

During the next few months don't let the elephants and the donkeys make you forget you belong to the Lamb!