



What's Happening!

Freedom - it happened in July in 1776 for us Americans. Men of honor and conscience gathered together to provide us with a Constitution and foundation for a nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all people - regardless of race, nationality or background. Derogatory remarks have been made over the years about these brave men for whatever reason, who knows. Whether they were perfect or not (and we all know none of us is perfect), they did stand up for what they believed and most all lost their wealth and lives as a sacrifice to serve in a new nation that was not yet even a nation. None of us living today had anything to do with this event, but we sure do enjoy the benefits, many times to the point that we certainly don't deserve the sacrifices of those men in 1776.

Freedom and sacrifice. Does the above scenario sound familiar? Our Savior came many years before our nation was formed. He was present before anyone was even born, but He knew us. He knew the things we would do, the things we would think. He knew the evil that would be our downfall, and yet He considered it not worth our dying eternally and being without Him forever. His solution? Trading His life for ours. Taking our sins and covering us with His blood that He shed on the cross at Calvary. Giving us the honor of being His sons and daughters. Did we deserve His grace, forgiveness and salvation? Do we?

Grace. Redemption. Unconditional Love. Freedom. Thank God!

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SUNDAY MORNINGS
8:00 & 10:45 AM - in Sanctuary
10:45 AM - Zoom

9:30 AM - Bible Study/Sunday School
9:45 AM - Missional Outreach Regency

MONDAY EVENINGS
6:00 PM - in Sanctuary



Breaking News!

By the time you read this, VBS for summer 2022 will be a thing of the past. I want to thank all those who stepped up and helped with staffing – whether young or old.

We are well underway with the summer program. The theme for this summer is “Fun in the Sun,” and we certainly have been having our share of sun! We are taking field trips three times a week with the Pre-kindergarten and school age kids – to the public library, movies, and splash pad. Thank you to **Ms. Judy** for so graciously driving her van along on our field trips, so we can get all the kids where they need to be without using a shuttle system. During the month of July, we will have to use the shuttle system as the youth take the bus to Houston for the National Youth Gathering.

We will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29 for professional development. We will begin our new school year on August 1. We are still waiting for our Department of Human Resources annual inspection. It was to happen on or before May 30.

We are still (always) looking for paid staff for the CDC, and volunteer staff for Sunday School. We plan to start fall Sunday School with a kick-off day of Sunday, August 14. We will be using CPH materials entitled “Enduring Faith.” **Sharon Damron and Sue Ellen Smith** have stepped down from teaching, and **Jennifer and John Hartwig** have volunteered to teach the Preschool class.

The Importance of Independence Day.....

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (James 1:17)

What comes to your mind when you think of Independence Day?

For many Americans, the Fourth of July serves as a day to watch fireworks, barbeque, and have a good time with friends and family. While there is nothing wrong with having these traditions, it is important to remember the reason behind why we celebrate this holiday.

Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, was bold in proclaiming his faith. To him, signing the Declaration of Independence meant no longer submitting to Great Britain, but rather, submitting to the Lord (Crowe, 2008). As a result, America would be free from the power of man and able to serve Christ. What a significant day in history!

It is important to remember what our duties are as Christians. We are called to serve Christ and Christ alone, and it is such a blessing

that we can live in a country where we have the freedom to do so.

Oftentimes, the enemy will use distractions to keep us from fulfilling our duties as Christians. Being distracted by all that happens on the Fourth of July can cause us to lose sight of the true meaning of the holiday. This is dangerous, as it can ultimately cause us to stray away from Christ.

So, why is it important to acknowledge the significance of Independence Day, and how can we do so in today’s world?



*Blessed is the
Nation whose God
is the Lord.*
Psalms 33:12



The Importance of Independence Day

American liberty is a blessing from God. Because of our freedom, we can express our faith and boldly share it with others. It is important to recognize that in many other parts of the world, this is not the case. The cost of following Christ is much greater for our brothers and sisters across the globe.

Let us not lose sight of why we celebrate Independence Day. Take time to reflect on the ways God has blessed you in your life, and make it a goal to not take the freedom we have for granted. As you spend this day with family and friends, be encouraged to celebrate the blessing of freedom that was given to us by Christ.



Songs of Freedom

Just for Fun

The Top 10 Popular Songs of the Civil War

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yst1hxQm_Xk

- #10 Soldier Boy
- #09 Battle Hymn of the Republic
- #08 St. Patrick's Day in the Morning
- #07 Goober Peas
- #06 Old 1812
- #05 Gary Owen
- #04 Kingdom Coming
- #03 Dixie
- #02 When Johnny Comes Marching Home
- #01 Bonnie Blue Flag

Honorable Mention:

The Song of the Confederate Irish Briade

There are a couple of ads during this video, so just click out of it after 5 seconds is counted down.

Found on one of History Boy youtube channels.

Some facts/trivia:

The most famous of the boy soldiers during the Civil War was **Johnny Clem**. Johnny first tried to join the Union Army at the age of 9, but was rejected because of his age and size.

Drummer boys during the Civil War were given the job of walking around the battlefield and taking wounded soldiers on stretchers for medical treatment. Known as stretcher bearers, little drummer boys got more than they bargained for.

Dear Jesus, another day has begun. Help us rise to meet the challenges You have put before us, eager to serve You with gladness in our daily calling. We know there will be obstacles we would rather avoid, but we know You will be with us, dear Lord. Hold our hands through the trials and troubles of this world. Help us to remember that Your good hands are in everything that happens, today and always. You are our support and our guide in all that follows this day. May Your love and forgiveness, won for us on the cross, shield and sustain us unto eternity. Amen.

"For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles..." Ephesians 3:1

Paul was under house arrest in Rome for preaching about Christ. The religious leader in Jerusalem who felt threatened by Christ's teaching and didn't believe he was the Messiah pressured the Romans to arrest Paul and bring him to trial for treason and for causing rebellion among the Jews. Paul appealed for his case to be heard by the emperor and he was awaiting trial. Even though under arrest, Paul maintained his firm belief that God was in control of all that happened to him. Do circumstances make you wonder if God has lost control of the world. Like Paul, remember that no matter what happens, God directs the world's affairs.

"Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly." Ephesians 3:2-3

A mystery is something that is unknown, as hidden from view. A mystery novel keeps readers in suspense as they try to find out who did it. Paul reveals a mystery that had been hidden from the Jews for generations. Once in a while, though, as the Old Testament records, God would give people a clue. And as the mystery was revealed, it baffled many people. God actually cared for the Gentiles.



The administration of God's grace means the special stewardship, trust and commitment that Paul had been given. He had been assigned the special work of preaching the Good News to the Gentiles. God's great plan shown is Paul in revelation.

Jesus came to be the Savior of all - yes, first the children of Israel, but also the Samaritans, the Canaanites and those outside the chosen race. In Christ, the Church includes all those who believe, regardless of ethnicity. God chose a unique person to reveal that mystery. Saul, a zealous Pharisee from the tribe of Benjamin, was also known as Paul. A Roman citizen, Saul persecuted the early Christians because he saw them as members of a religious cult.

God's plan was hidden from previous generations, not because God wanted to keep something from His people, but because He would reveal it to everyone in the perfect time. God planned to have Jesus and Gentiles comprise one body, the church.





The Mystery of Christ (Continued)

If we believe God is great, we cannot help telling other about Him. The best witnessing happens when we cannot help telling others about Him; when our hearts are full of appreciation for what He has done. God has chosen us to “declare His marvelous deeds among all peoples. Praise for our great God overflows from His creation and should overflow from our lips. As we read in Psalm 96:1-4,

“Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worth of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.”

**WITH ALL WISDOM AND
UNDERSTANDING,
HE MADE KNOWN TO US
THE MYSTERY
OF HIS WILL**

EPHESIANS 1:8-9, NIV



How well are you doing at telling others about God's greatness?

Dear God, it is impossible to grasp the breadth and length and height and depth of Your love. For who can measure the love of a Father sending His perfect Son to the cross? Who can measure the willingness of that Son to go to the cross to bear the sins of the world? Who can measure the Spirit's work of life-giving faith? Oh, how great You love us! We praise You in wonder and awe. Live in our hearts so we may joyfully serve You and that others may see Your great love in us. Let our eyes of faith look to Your Holy Word for guidance in all we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Stewardship “Test”

These questions are from a website (<https://quizlet.com/81032328/stewardship-flash-cards/>) so take these with a grain of salt. Bobbie may have different answers or ideas!

1. *What is Stewardship?*
2. *What are the three stages of Conversion of Stewardship?*
3. *What are the four Elements of Stewardship?*
4. *What are the qualities of a good caretaker?*
5. *Where in the Bible does God give humans dominion over the earth?*

Answers:

1. *The grateful response of a Christian who recognizes and receives God's gift and shares these gifts in the love of God and neighbors.*
2. *A. God calls us to evangelize. B. We are His disciples. C. We are His stewards.*
3. *A. Share generously. B. Receive God's gifts gratefully. C. Cultivate God's gifts diligently. D. Account for our stewardship of God's gifts.*
4. *Prayerful, generous, trustworthy, patient, grateful, responsible, merciful, humble.*
5. *Genesis.*

MISSIONAL OUTREACH



Each month, the Missional Outreach group takes the message and the music of our faith to residents at Regency and HHR. This month, Regency will be visited on July 7 & 21 at 12:45 PM. HHR will be visited on July 13 & 27 at 10:15 AM. Led by Bob Smith and members of the group, the service is about 30 to 45 minutes long and visiting is allowed!



Linn Maas	07/01	Jim Sims	07/13
Oana Burhans	07/03	Vanda Beamer	07/17
Alexander Arthur	07/07	Amber Doumar	07/17
Don Akins	07/08	Abigail Mwakabumbila	07/18
Todd Ballentine	07/09	Wesley Juron	07/19
Brenda Booze	07/09	Todd Orf	07/10
Brandon Strain	07/10	William Arthur	07/21
Ilse Crevoiserat	07/11	Jimmy Damron	07/21
Genevieve Grott	07/11	Paul Hunze	07/21
		Georgiana Hartwig	07/25
		Andrea Charnock	07/26
		Brian Levenhagen	07/31

- Welcome and Prayer
- Song 1
- Song 2
- Reading of Old Testament
- Song 3
- Song 4
- Reading of New Testament
- Song 5
- Song 6
- Reading of Gospel
- Song 7
- Message
- Song 8
- Song 9
- Benediction



Ken & Kelly Aschenbrenner	July 16 (22 years)
Mark & Sandy Williams	July 21 (35 years)
Brian & Sheila Levenhagen	July 22 (34 years)

You are welcome to join us in this mission. If you haven't heard James read the Gospel at HHR, you are missing a blessing!





Freedom in Christ

*This Independence Day, remember
that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.*

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

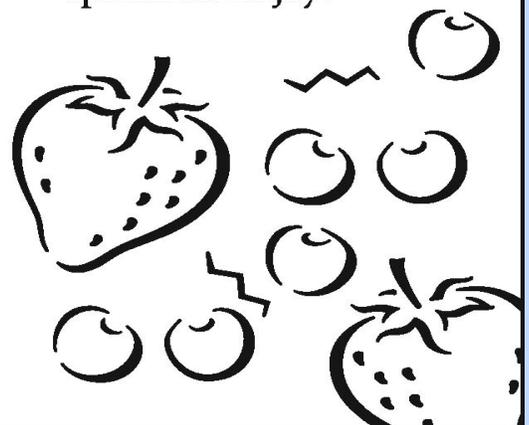
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

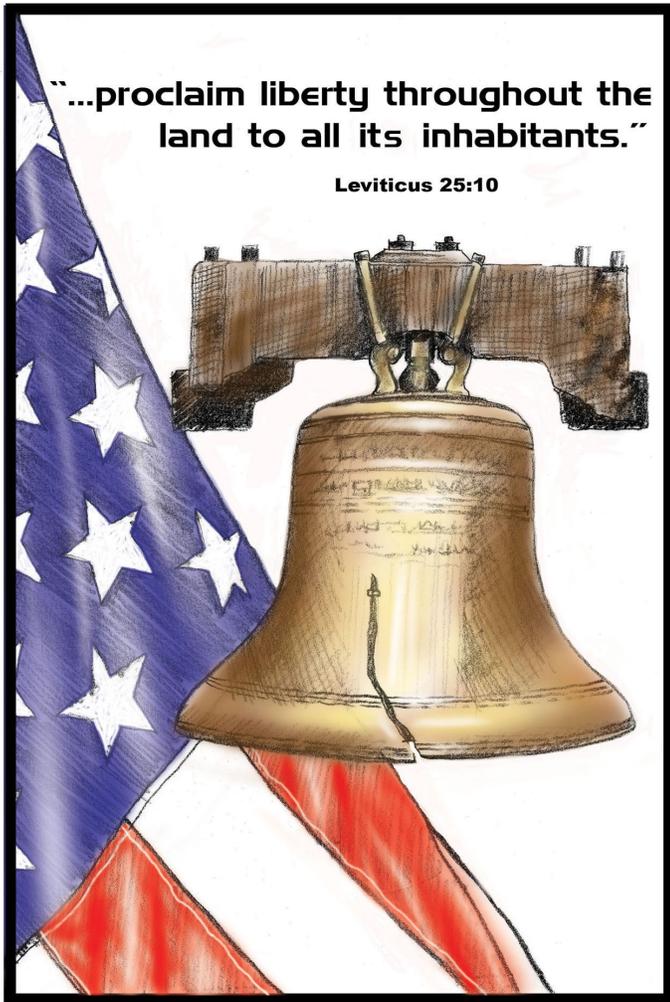
- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under GOD, with liberty and justice for all.

1. Is it legal to fly this flag?
2. What's the meaning of the stars?
3. What's the meaning of the stripes?
4. What's the highest number of stripes that have been on an American flag?
5. What is the name of the blue field in the American flag?
6. (a) What other flag has the stripes but no blue field, and (b) what is on that flag?

1. Yes, it is legal to fly any American flag as it was designed.
2. Stars represent each state in the Union.
3. Now, Stripes represent each colony that became a state.
4. There have been 15 stripes on an American flag.
5. The blue field is called the Union.
6. (a) A Gadsden Flag
(b) There was a snake with the words, "Don't tread on me."

I was going to complain about the heat today, BUT then I realized....

It isn't 120 degrees
I'm not 5,700 miles from home
I'm not dressed in full uniform
I'm not carrying 70+ lbs of gear
There is little chance of me driving over a bomb today

THANKS
to all those that serve!





Preamble

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Second Amendment

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Third Amendment

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner; nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Fourth Amendment

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported

by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Fifth Amendment

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Sixth Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

Seventh Amendment

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of common law.

Eighth Amendment

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Ninth Amendment

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Tenth Amendment

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

<https://www.aclu.org/united-states-bill-rights-first-10-amendments-constitution#preamble>

Bake Sale!

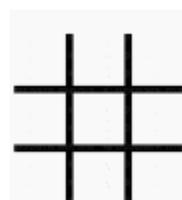
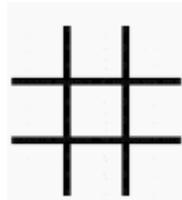
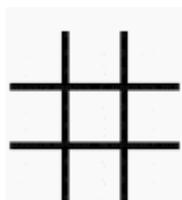
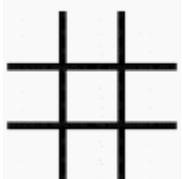
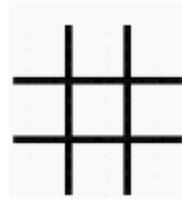
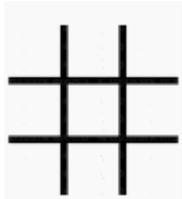
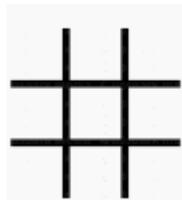
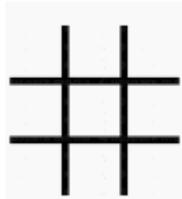
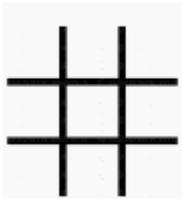
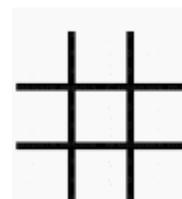
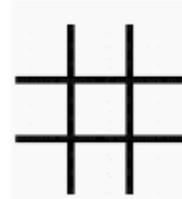
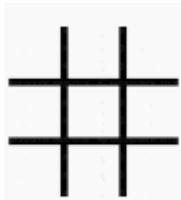
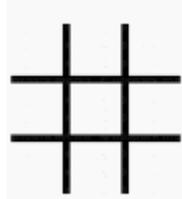
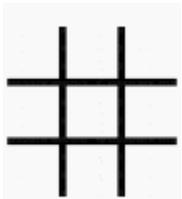
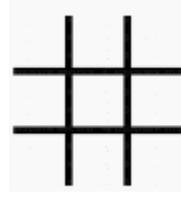
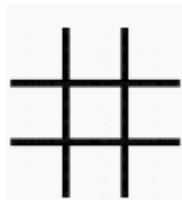
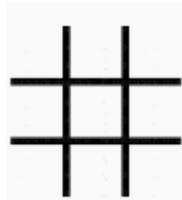
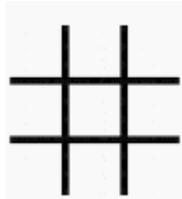
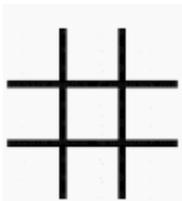
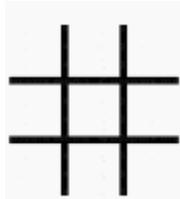
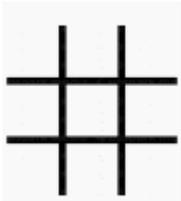
On Sunday, July 10, there will be a bake sale that will be available for both services on Sunday. If there are any goods left on Sunday, the Monday night people will be able to buy some, too.

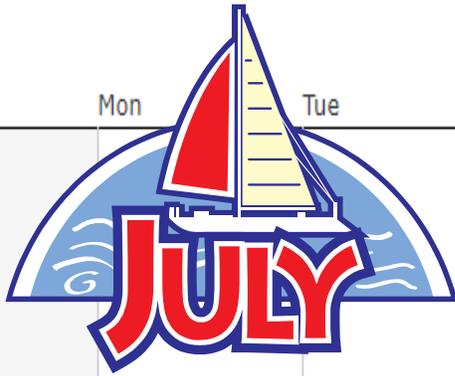
The monies will be used to support the youth trips that are happening this month. The National Youth Convention is happening from July 9-13, although the group will be leaving Huntsville on July 7, just because the van is not a supersonic vehicle.

UKANDU happens the next weekend, beginning July 17 - and not long after that, school starts.

Play a game (or two) of

tic-tac-toe





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2
3 8:00 & 10:45 AM - Worship 9:30 AM - Bible Study/Sunday School 9:45 AM - Regency	4 6:00 PM - Worship	5	6	7 Youth Leave for Convention 12:45 PM - Regency	8	9
10 8:00 & 10:45 AM - Worship 9:30 AM - Bible Study/Sunday School 9:45 AM - Regency	11 6:00 PM - Worship	12 7:00 PM - Board of Directors	13 10:15 PM - HHR	14	15	16
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24 8:00 & 10:45 AM - Worship 9:30 AM - Bible Study/Sunday School 9:45 AM - Regency	25 6:00 PM - Worship	26	27 10:15 PM - HHR	28	29	30
31 8:00 & 10:45 AM - Worship 9:30 AM - Bible Study/Sunday School 9:45 AM - Regency	<i>Bake Sale between services and Monday Night on July 10 and July 11!</i>					

