



Graham, North Carolina

E-News

July 2010



“From every mountain side let Freedom ring.” These words from a familiar song, I learned as a first grader in public school reminds me of how precious our freedoms are. It also caused me to reflect back to those “good ole days” when I was in school and we had Bible reading, prayer and we learned the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, yes even the part that said “one nation under God.” I am grateful for my heritage and for what I learned in school about this great country in which we live.

I am saddened, however, as I think how far we have come as a nation from a trust in God to a disdain for Him and everything that had to do with making this country great. While the voices of evil have shouted, we have whispered, and the louder voices seem to have won the victory. I thank God that He gave us His Word (both the Living and the written), which tells me that things are not as they seem. While it looks as though evil has won out, the truth is, that Jesus won the decisive victory over 2000 years ago on the cross. Satan may think he still has a chance but he is a defeated foe. Nonetheless, he keeps trying.

I hope that during this month you will join with me in celebrating our heritage and rejoicing in the freedoms we have as Americans. Let’s fly our flags and lift our voices in singing the songs of God, Country, and patriotism.

This month also brings to us a special treat as we welcome Marty Goetz to Riverside. Marty is a Messianic believer who loves the Lord and uses his gift of music to express that love in an incredible. He will be with us on July 10 for a full concert and then again on July 11, Sunday morning, to lead in the worship portion of the service. I hope we will fill the Sanctuary for both of these incredible events.

Since we are now officially in Summer I know many of us will be going on vacation. I know I am looking forward to mine. I hope we do remember, however, to leave our tithes and offerings at the church. Some of our weeks off may mean that we miss several Sundays in a row, which can greatly impact our church’s financial status. Since we make sure we have all the bills paid that come due while we are gone, shouldn’t we also make sure we have taken care of our commitment to God? I think so.

Well, in closing, I hope all of you can be here on July 4 for our ice cream and cake social. If you can’t, don’t worry, I’ll eat a little extra for you. Until next time, keep your eyes looking up and your hope in Christ, not Washington.

Pastor Bob



July Events

July 1 Crossroads Youth Camp

July 2 Crossroads Youth Camp

July 4 7:15 PM Ice Cream  & Cake Social 

INDEPENDENCE DAY



July 5 Office Closed
10:00 AM Valda Cates Circle

July 6 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

July 7 10:00 AM Senior Adult Visitation
7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program

July 10 7:00 PM Marty Gotez in Concert

July 11 10:00 AM Marty Gotez
4:30 PM Deacon's Meeting

July 13 7:00 PM Josie Brewer & Lydia Circle
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

July 14 7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program

July 17 9:00 AM Young at Heart Breakfast 

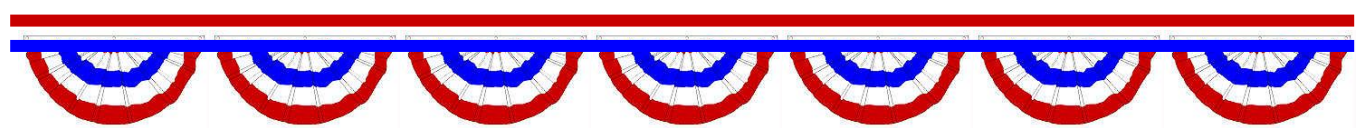
July 18 3:00 PM Church Council Meeting

July 20 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

July 21 7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program

July 27 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

July 28 7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program



Kevin's Corner

Kevin is away at Crossroads Youth Camp this week with twenty (20) youth. Please be in prayer for Kevin and the workers that they may touch the lives of these young people, so that they come to know Jesus Christ our Lord.



Reading through the Bible in a Year



We invite you to join us in the reading of the complete Bible this year. (You will notice no assignments are made for Sundays. This is a day for reflection and perhaps to catch up on missed readings the previous week).

July 1	Proverbs 1-4	July 16	Isaiah 9-12
July 2	Proverbs 5-9	July 17	Isaiah 13-16
July 3	Proverbs 10-13	July 19	Isaiah 17-20
July 5	Proverbs 14-17	July 20	Isaiah 21-23
July 6	Proverbs 18-21	July 21	Isaiah 24-27
July 7	Proverbs 22-24	July 22	Isaiah 28-30
July 8	Proverbs 25-29	July 23	Isaiah 31-35
July 9	Proverbs 30,31	July 24	Isaiah 36-40
July 10	Ecclesiastes 1-6	July 26	Isaiah 41-44
July 12	Ecclesiastes 7-12	July 27	Isaiah 45-49
July 13	Song of Solomon	July 28	Isaiah 50-55
July 14	Isaiah 1-4	July 29	Isaiah 56-61
July 15	Isaiah 5-8	July 30	Isaiah 62-66
	July 31	Jeremiah 1-3	



Library News



We have several new books in the library. Come “Check Us Out”! Wendy Duke has helped me read a few of the books before processing them for our church Media Center. This is what she had to say about the new to us Series by Tim LaHaye (the creator of the Left Behind Series).

The series title: Babylon Rising

Book 1 – Babylon Rising (Novel)

Book 2 – The Secret of Ararat

Book 3 – The Europa Conspiracy

Book 4 – The Edge of Darkness

Babylon Rising and The Secret of Ararat were both very good books. While the “Left Behind” series were my favorites, these 2 books were captivating. They are action packed and T. LaHaye is an awesome writer. The book shows one man’s faith through hardship.

Thanks,
Wendy Duke



JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

We had a wonderful time presenting our musical for Kelly’s home church – Grace Baptist in Eden. They were so kind and boy it was like a homecoming with all the food they fed us – we all loved it!!

Camp is just around the corner August 10-15 and we are busy making preparations – Ms Judy Sharpe already has all kinds of wonderful food items stacked up in the choir room and activities are being planned to keep everyone happy and having fun!!

There is an important parents meeting about camp on Sunday, July 25 at 5:00pm. Every child should be represented at that meeting.

No choir practice on July 4th.

“Make a joyful noise”
Mrs. Linda





July Anniversaries

1 st	Mike & Judy Bowman	15 th	Bobby & Ramona Cheek
2 nd	Keyston & Judy Young	20 th	Ken & Glenda Carden
4 th	Raymond & Doris Searcy	25 th	Rick & Sharon Boger
6 th	Bob & Anna Blair Rudd	27 th	Gene & Kathy Boggs
	30 th	Russell & Linda Dale	



Happy Independence Day

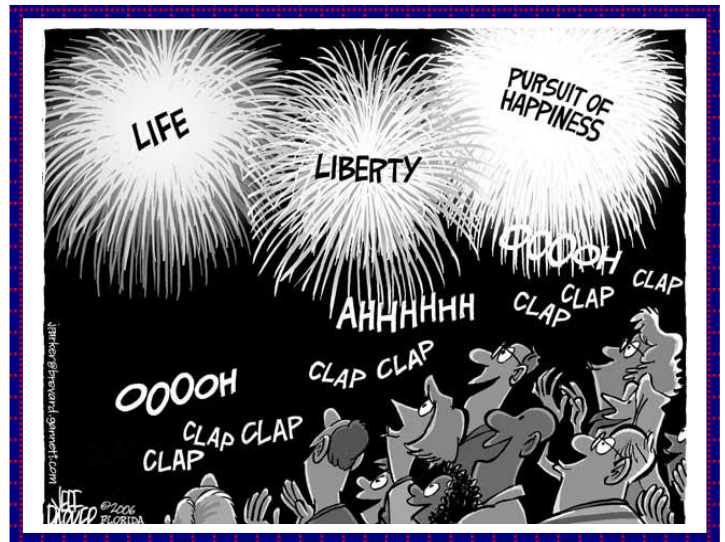
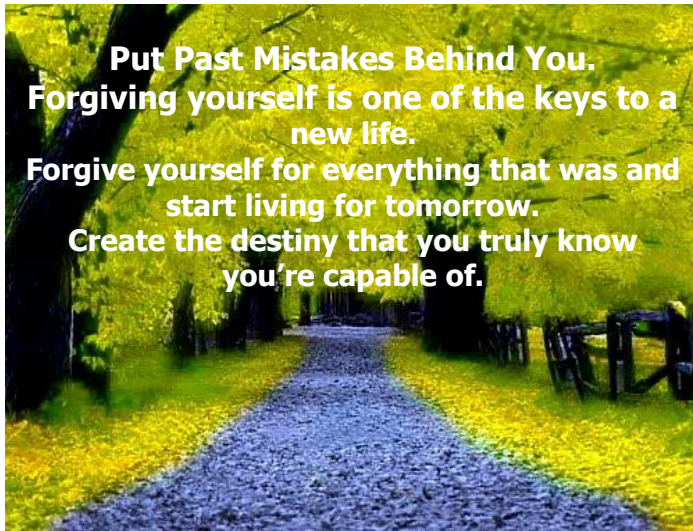


July Birthdays



1 st	Sherry Snipes	9 th	Bill Aydt	19 th	Michael Sharpe
4 th	Chris Bunting	10 th	Donnie Dixon	24 th	Wendy White
5 th	Teresa Holyfield Nora Shelley	11 th	Tami Zubler	25 th	Nella Whittemore
6 th	Phyllis Winstead	14 th	Vicki Mitchell	29 th	Myles Beamon Caleb Haynes Sharita Hines
7 th	Joshua Martin	15 th	Lynn Oakley	31 st	John Carver Jane Yancey
8 th	Hailey Dorminy	17 th	J. R. Yarbrough		
		18 th	Chad Davis Dallas Sutton		

POSITIVE THOUGHT



FUN FACTS ABOUT JULY 4TH

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national animal but was outvoted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the bald eagle.

Over an estimated 150 million hot dogs will be consumed today. That's roughly 1 dog for every two people in the U.S.

Over \$211 million has been spent on the importation of fireworks from China.

The first 4th of July party held at the White House was in 1801.

The words *Under God* were not added to the Pledge of Allegiance until the year 1954.

The 4th of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.

The national anthem is actually set to the tune of an old English drinking song called *To Anacreon in Heaven*.

The stars on the original American flag were arranged in a circle to ensure that all colonies were equal.

Oddly, the majority of the nation's flags and patriotic paraphernalia in relation to the 4th of July is produced in China. Nearly \$349 million dollars are used each year to import in the flags, banners, decorations, and emblems.



O Flag of Our Union

O flag of our Union,
To you we'll be true,
To your red and white stripes,
And your stars on the blue;

The emblem of freedom,
The symbol of right,
We children salute you,
O flag fair and bright.

Nicholas took his four-year-old son, Bryan, to several baseball games where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung before the start of each game.

Later, Nicholas and Bryan attended St Bartholomew's church on the Sunday before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, Bryan suddenly yelled out at the top of his voice, 'Play ball.'



July 2020



Sun

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Fri

Sat

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				Crossroads Youth Camp		
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