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Special Points of Interest

- Men's Fellowship: Free Breakfast is the First Saturday of every month at 9am. Everyone Welcome! See Rev. Richard Abram for more information.
- Women's Meeting: Forth Thursday of every month. Speak to Sis. Judy Hensley to help or if you have any ideas.
- EPIC Youth— see calendar for upcoming Youth Events. See Tangy Sims for details.
- Remember our youth: They need our help. Contact Tangy Sims to see how you can help.
- Want to write or help with the newsletter? Contact Pat Davis
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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Independence Day: Our Christian Heritage

For 235 years, America has been blessed as the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. These blessings are not accidental – they are blessings of God. This is evident as we look at the turmoil in other nations and contrast that to the stability we see in America. Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding of the foundations on which this great country was built, and then it depends on preserving the principles on which it was founded.

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from England. Two days later, the early draft of the Declaration of Independence was signed. Four days later, members of Congress took the document and read it out loud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, and afterwards they rang the Liberty Bell. The inscription on the top of the bell is **Leviticus 25:10**, which reads, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity." Probably the clearest identification of the spirit of the American

Congress approved the Declaration. He wrote her two letters that day: One was short and jubilant that the Declaration had been approved; the other letter was much longer and gave serious consideration to what had been done that day. Adams could already foresee that their actions would be celebrated by future generations.

A Different Holiday

Adams also noted: "This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival." He felt the celebration should be in a manner that would commemorate the day as a "day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." John Adams believed that the Fourth of July should be a religious holiday. The two top holidays celebrated in this country are Christmas and the Fourth of July. According to John Quincy Adams, the two dates are connected. On the Fourth of July, the Founding Fathers simply took the precepts of Christ and His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

The Declaration of Independence was the birth certificate for this nation, but the men who signed it knew it could be their death warrant. The closing paragraph states, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." The 56 Founding Fathers, 27 of whom were trained as ministers, took their pledge seriously. On the morning of the signing, there was silence and gloom as each man was called up to the table of the President of Congress to sign the document, knowing that it could mean their death by hanging.

Most wars have a motto. The motto of World War II was "Remember Pearl Harbor." The motto during the Texas war for independence was "Remember the Alamo." The spiritual emphasis, directed towards King George III who violated God's laws, gave rise to a motto during the American Revolution: "No King but King Jesus." The Founding Fathers passed the torch to us. It is our responsibility to not let it go out.

David Barton

Wallbuilders

CBN.com – The Birth of a Nation

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First Class of the South Carolina Army National Guard - Christopher Ryan Scott

Ryan left home nearly 18 months ago to join the National Guard and serve his country, which, as long as I've known him has been his dream. Since he first left he has only been back home a handful of times. While he's been in Afghanistan for the last several months, he's had quite a difficult time and he's ready to come home but he's put his faith in God to keep him safe and keep him strong in the face of trials. When I asked him if there was anything that he would like to say, he responded "... God always watches over us no matter where we are, no matter what were going through... he said "fear not for I am with thee" and so he always is!"

On July 14th Ryan will finally get to come home. He says he has a number of stories for us when he gets here and he appreciates everyone's prayers for him while he's been away and that they have really made all the difference.



Please continue to be in prayer for him and all of his fellow soldiers as they continue to lay their lives on the line for us and until they are all safely home. Thank you.

Stephanie Harrelson

Graduation 2014



Allison (Allie) Michlle Barnette graduates Lugoff Elgin High! On Sunday June 1st Pastor Wesley Luke presented a cuddly grad bear along with a monetary gift from the church to Allison.

Allie plans to pursue college to further develop her love of graphic design publication. It is her desire for this to be as a means to be used for furthering her dream of being a missionary. She has a love for home missions and heart for younger children to encourage them see beyond their current atmosphere.

I am very proud of Allison's accomplishments in school thus far and her future desires to put herself aside and do what Jesus commanded us to do. I look forward to the future that awaits for her.

Angela Barnette



**“PRAISE IN THE PARK”
ELLOREE, SOUTH CAROLINA
JUNE 21, 2014**



What a joyful time of praise and worship we had out at “Praise in the Park” in Elloree, SC yesterday afternoon. As Pastor Sumpter and Rev. Diane Parker began to open, they welcomed the Holy Spirit and allowed Him to have His way. Many different groups were invited to sing and do presentations, sharing of their gifts and talents. The presence of God flooded the park and chains of the enemy were broken in Jesus name! Hallelujah! The enemy tries to divide but we were determined with our whole hearts to praise the Lord and that is exactly what we did! Glory!

Rev. Tangy Sims



Psalm 100

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
² Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.
³ Know that the LORD is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his name.
⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.

SALVATION

What does salvation mean to you? How does it affect you? Salvation - is deliverance from the power and effects of sin, danger, or difficulty by God’s intervention.

Jesus does not offer you a hope of salvation, he offers you a Know so salvation. For he is the one that gave the ultimate sacrifice, he gave his life for you and me at Calvary’s Cross. He shed his life’s blood for all.

When you ask Jesus into your heart, you must have a complete change in your heart. Salvation is yours for the asking. It is yours if you believe in Him! You must accept it totally into your heart.

Jesus wants all of your heart, that’s what he needs from you, a commitment, a relationship with Him daily. Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

This should be our daily prayer. Here in this scripture David’s plea is for mercy, forgiveness and cleansing. God wants our hearts to be right with Him.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Romans 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
 Romans 10:13 “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The question is, Do you know that you know that you know, that you are a child of the King, without any doubt or reservation? Your life will change from darkness to light.

Matthew 6:22-23 “Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light.

²³But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep is that darkness!

God allows us to be tested by temptation. But as disciples, as one of his children, we should pray to be delivered from these trying times. So when you receive salvation, it is a Know So salvation, not a hope so salvation.

“Because God is Creator, Lord, Savior and Deliverer, He is worthy of our trust and praise. Because he is faithful and his word is dependable, we can rejoice and sing, giving thanks and praise.” Anonymous.

Psalm 27:1 “The Lord is my light and my salvations” - So I ask, where is your heart with God? Do you need a spiritual heart transplant? So, is salvation real in your heart? Let Go, Let God!

Wayne Wright
6/22/2014

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July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>No service tonight</i>	3	4 	5 <i>Men's Fellowship breakfast</i>
6 <i>Friend Day – covered dish dinner</i>	7	8	9 <i>Epic Youth</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Epic Youth</i>	24 <i>DOVES</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord