

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

|                   | AM              | PM           |
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| Opening Prayer    | Sherrill Smith  | David Bryant |
| Song Leading      | Dale Ballentine | Nick Bryant  |
| Scripture Reading | Noah Brasher    | Dylan Holt   |
| Closing Prayer    | Monte Morris    | Mark Wright  |

**NEXT WEEK:**

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|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Opening Prayer    | Dale Aden       | Freeman Mahan |
| Song Leading      | Dale Ballentine | Nick Bryant   |
| Scripture Reading | Monte Morris    | Mark Wright   |
| Closing Prayer    | Josh Brasher    | Steve Foster  |

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Bible Class 9:00 AM                                             |
|                   | Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM<br>(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday) |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | Bible Study 6:30 PM                                             |



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# The Follower

July 03, 2022

## Independence

When we celebrate the Fourth of July tomorrow, we will be remembering the actions of our forefathers as they fought for and gained our independence from England. While it has not always been easy for some, the United States of America has been free from oppression for nearly 250 years. This freedom was not gained easily, but rather involved much sacrifice and bloodshed on the part of our ancestors. We should never take it lightly or for granted because of what it required from them in order to obtain it.

When considering the independence we have in Jesus Christ, however, the freedoms our country enjoys pale in comparison. All mankind was enslaved to sin with no hope of freedom until God's Son, Jesus of Nazareth, provided our independence. *For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not (Ecc. 7:20). Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from sin (Prov. 20:9)? But the scripture hath concluded all under sin... (Gal. 3:22).* Even those who have been cleansed from past sins and are walking in the light will be guilty of committing sin (1 John 1:7ff), the consequences of which is death - eternal punishment in the lake of fire (Rom. 6:23). *For God sent not his son*  
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into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:17). And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). God gave His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus gave His life to pay the price for our sins. Our independence from sin cannot be won from our own efforts, but only through the grace and mercy of God who sent His Son to be our redeemer.

We are grateful to our forefathers for the hard-fought victories over those who would have enslaved us. There is no guarantee, however, that we will forever have this freedom; the liberties we enjoy in this country may someday be taken from us by outsiders. But the independence we enjoy through the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is eternal. As long as we are faithfully obedient to God, He has promised we will continue to enjoy this freedom which no man can take from us.

Let us give thanks to God for our liberty in this country. Let us be eternally grateful for the liberty we have in His son, Jesus Christ.

~Freeman



*We sorrow with Barbara and Alice in the passing of their brother James yesterday afternoon. Arrangements have not yet been made.*

## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

Doyle Keel, brother of Gail and Judy, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He is to begin chemo soon in preparation for surgery.

**Prayer List:** Miss Mary; Robert Williams (Sandy's son-in-law); Celisa; Orvaline; Joe Wilson (now on hospice); Ginger Avery; Lois and DeVon Arrington; Craig Ballentine...

## *News and Notes . . .*

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please give us an opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- Keep our **Annual Singing** on Friday, July 29, in your plans and prayers.
- **Summer Youth Series** Tuesday night at Greenfield. Departure time to be announced.
- **Wednesday night devo: Dale Aden**

### **MEMORY VERSE - Matthew 23:9**

*And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.*