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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY: CLASSES: 9 AM WORSHIP: 10 AM & 6PM; WED. 7 PM

Freedom and Independence

Today we are celebrating 234 years as an independent nation of people. As an independent nation, we enjoy many freedoms, yet many in our nation take these freedoms for granted. As we celebrate Independence Day today, may we remind ourselves of thanking God for the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens and pray fervently for our leaders in government to make decisions that will serve to preserve our freedoms.

This preservation of freedoms we enjoy is so important because our country was founded on religious freedom. Millions of American citizens take advantage of this religious freedom by practicing no religion at all. What their forefathers came here to this land for, these people today are completely leaving out of their lives, and our religious freedom allows for this. Let us each choose anew this day to always exercise our religious freedom by serving the Lord daily and worshipping Him with the church here in this place as often as possible.

As you celebrate Independence Day with family and friends today, make sure to thank God for the freedoms you enjoy. God has been so good to us to allow us to live here in the United States of America and enjoy all the freedoms we have. Keep thanking God continually for these freedoms and using that religious freedom daily to allow God to rule in your heart and life as Lord so that you will be prepared to enjoy eternal life with Him in heaven at the return of His Son and your Savior. Keep looking to your Lord and Savior striving to imitate Him more throughout this week. God bless you. I love you.

Kevin

“Imitating Him in 2010”

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.”

Today’s Schedule:

Sermon: “Freedom in Christ”
Galatians 5:1-7, 13

- **5:15 p.m.** Ladies Visitation – Meet in Annex
- **6:00 p.m.** Chronological Bible Discussion
Pages 1293 – 1326

Ephesians 5:1

Jr Youth Service Project
“Canned Foods”
All donated items
are due today!

This Week’s Schedule/Activities:

- **Mon:** 7 p.m. MYM at Walter Hill Church
- **Tues:** 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
- **Wed:** 7 p.m. Classes for All Ages

Freedom in Christ Galatians 5:1-7, 13

As Christians we enjoy tremendous liberties and freedoms.

Because we are free in Christ, let us _____.
Galatians 5:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:13-14

Because we are free in Christ, let us _____.
Galatians 5:13; Romans 6:1-2, 7

INDEPENDENCE DAY

There are a lot of holiday’s that are celebrated every year and as near as I can figure out, all of them are to remember something. A couple of our holidays are a “remember AND celebrate some occasion. In my opinion, the celebration of the American holiday called, “Independence Day” is one of the greatest we have which should be a time we both “celebrate and remember”.

This is the day that our Nation’s “birth certificate” was signed, giving notice to the rest of the world that we were an Independent Nation and one with which to be reckoned from that day forward. Do you remember how that “Declaration of Independence” begins? Notice those words, which have been and are being forgotten by some today:

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them...” This new nation recognized the importance of human rights, but also understood those rights were given by and guided by God, the creator of all!

Jumping forward less than 90 years in our nation’s history, to the terrible war Between the States president Abraham Lincoln gave his most memorable speech in 1863. it took place at the dedication of the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg. Read once again a few of those words:

“The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

President Lincoln recognized that in spite of all we try to do to control our world, God is really the One in control. We need to remind one another that our great and bountiful nation was founded upon and its laws established with God at the center of it all.

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PRAYER LIST

'I was sick and you visited me....' Matthew 25:36

Members at Leanna

Bettye Arnold, Bill Barrett, Ray Barrett, Issac Bell, James Bolin, Loyd Brewer, Ray Gibbs, Ursula Mayercik, Bill Neal, Jeff Ross, Dick Royse, Suzanne Sullivan, Herman York

Leanna Shut-Ins

Jimmy & Juanita Benson, Ann Young

Expectant Mother

Keri Tidwell

Leanna Friends & Family

Thomas Barrett- Brother of Beulah, Bill & Wayne
Mike Baumgartner – With Disaster Assistance
Carlos Bickford – Friend of Randy Bolin
Jack Boyce – Brother of Carolyn Kelly
Bill & B.J. Buzbee – Cousins of Kevin & Tammie Dye
Ann Carter – Sister of Bill Neal
Roy Copeland – Friend of Marion & Doris Bean
Joyce Davenport – Sister-in-law of Linda Young
Arlene Duya – Friend of Bill & Frances Barrett
Sarah Elliott – Aunt of Frances Barrett
Rufus Evans – Brother of Joyce Bly
Lydia Fanning – Mother of Janice Smith
Geneva Harrell – Mother of Brenda McKenzie
Gary Johnson – Father of Julie Winters
Sandy Nichols – Sister in Christ at the Bethlehem Church
Keith Nobles – Husband of Donna
Misty Pomplun – Daughter of Paul & Gayle Norwood
Shelly Pruitt – Granddaughter of Beulah Mae Roden
Thomas, Ruth & Lindsey – Relatives of the Shockney's
Pam Tyler – Friend of the Daugherty's
Denise Underwood – Niece of Herman & Darla York

Adams Place

Jeane York 1129

The Arbors at Azalea Court – Smyrna

Opal Bissinger

Boulevard Terrace

Kate Hewgley 14A – Sister of John Comer

Broadmore

Ina Dutton 151B

Community Care

Jean Pope J114 – Sister-in-law of Carolyn Spivey

NHC

Agnes Thompson 116A – Aunt of Betty Sanford

Stones River Manor

Bea Ryan 5223 – Former member at Leanna
Betty Sanford 5228

Sunnington Assisted Living

Abbie Benson 236 – Mother of Jimmy

TN State Veterans Home

Hoyte Sanford

V.A. Murfreesboro

Jack Dye – Building 8B

Military

Tim Anderson – Grandson-in-law of the Mears'
David Caldwell – Grandson of Everett & Peggy Barrett
Jason Gingras – Serving in Afghanistan
D.K. Ivy – Grandson of Frank and Faye Gordon
Rowdy Matheson – Son-in-law of Wilson's
Chad Pieratt – Nephew of Joyce Cruse
Roy Orndorff – Son of Martha & David Russell
Chase Roden – Grandson of Beulah Mae Roden
Joshua Schmelzer – neighbor to Leanna church
Chris Wilt – Brother of Jonathan
Randall Winsett – Nephew of Brenda Johnson
Mike Winters – Member at Leanna

Missions

Robert Lupo and the work in Sneedville, TN
Leadership Development in the church in Asuncion, Paraguay

Our love and sympathy are with Dot Comer and her family in the death of John whose funeral was this past Monday. John will be greatly missed by his church family here and by all who knew and loved him.

Those Privileged to Serve

July 4, 2010

Ushers: Tim Spivey Kenneth Young

Attendance

Cards: Justin Pitts Cameron Tynes

Opening Prayer: Ray Shockney

Lord's Supper

Preside David Henry Issac Bell
Assist Dustin Henry Ed Ross
Roy McMahan Terry Harris

Scripture Reading: Jason Woodard

Announcements

James Barrett

Closing Prayer

Larry Wisheart

Sunday Evening Worship & Bible Study

Opening Prayer: David Henry

Bible Study Opening Prayer: Scott Greear

Closing Prayer: David Russell

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – July 7, 2010

Invitation

Kevin Dye

Closing Prayer

Dan Wilson

(If you know in advance that you will be unable to serve, please call Don Spivey at 896-9683).

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

JULY

David & Periann Henry
Bill & Paulette Mears
Kenneth & Linda Young

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Jul 4 am Bettye Arnold pm Donna Nobles

Helper: Allison Howard

Jul 11 am Keri Tidwell pm Becky Richardson

Helper: Jessie McMahan

FOR THE RECORD

	6/20	6/27
Sun. School	*62	85
AM Worship	*130	150
PM Worship		70
Wed. Night		85
Contribution	\$3133	\$4792

*26 away for youth trip

BUDGET \$3850

YTD CONTRIBUTION AVERAGE \$3833.74

CHURCH/AREA EVENTS

July 10 – Highland Heights Church-Ladies Day-Smyrna

July 10-11 – VBS at Mars Hill Church of Christ

July 23-25 – Youth Girls Retreat – Ages 6th grade & up
Sign up sheet at back table-Details-See Karen Thomason

July 26 – 7 p.m. Leanna to host MYM

July 31 – Back to school party at Martha Russell's

(Flyers for special events are posted in the foyer.)

Independence Day continued... This holiday, "The Fourth of July" or "Independence Day" should and must be remembered and celebrated because this nation has its freedom, "under" and "by the grace of God!" This day gave the birth of freedom not only to those in the United States of America, but also gave the hope of freedom to those throughout the world, wherever they live and however they struggle! Our nation, with all of its flaws and shortcomings, still stands as a beacon of what people are all about. That is why people throughout the world dream of someday coming to our country; to experience the freedom that they can have nowhere else.

So my friends, don't let this holiday pass as just another free day, a day to play hard and eat too much! Stop if only for a moment, bow your head and give thanks to our God for the nation He has watched over and protected for so long!

As the apostle Paul wrote so many years ago, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." (2 Thess. 3:16). We can live and experience that peace in America, because of the sacrifices of those who have gone before us and by the grace of our almighty God!

Russ Lawson