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THE REMINDER

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Message from the Pastor's Desk

In Sunday's message I mention some "God is" statements in the Bible. I am sharing them with you again. This list is not exhausted. You may find other statements as you read your Bible.

- Gen. 21:22 God is with you in everything you do**
Num. 23:19 God is not man
Deu. 33:27 God is your refuge
Job 33:12 God is greater than man
Job 36:26 God is great
Psalm 47:7 God is king
Psalm 89:7 God is greatly to be feared
Isaiah 8:10 God is with us
Isaiah 12:2 God is my salvation
John 3:33 God is true
John 4:24 God is a spirit
1 Cor. 1:9 God is faithful
1 John 4:8 God is love
1 John 1:5 God is light and in Him is no darkness at all

Remember, God is in the midst of your darkness and in Him is no darkness at all!

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July 4 is just a week away! We will celebrate the 242nd birthday of our country. The United States of America is the greatest democracy that our world has seen. Let's pray that it will stand the many tests before it. We are so blessed to live in this great country!

Senator John Thune said, "I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it."

We recently purged our audio recordings of worship services. Some of them have been passed along to the speaker of the day for their use; others are on the desk at the office window. If you would like any of them, please help yourself. If you know someone who might enjoy having them, feel free to pass them along.

Sanctuary Flowers for July If you would like to put flowers or other decorations on the communion table during the month of July, please contact Mary or Amy Reece at 336-367-7024.



Music for July

July 1—The Worship Choir, Jim Speer, Peggy Raines

July 8—The Worship Choir, Bob Adams, The Men's Quartet

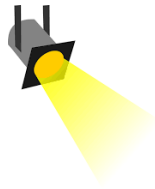
July 15—The Worship Choir, Keith Colie

July 22—The Instrumental Ensemble, The Worship Choir

July 29—Music for The Lord's Supper

June 17	Attendance	65	Offering	\$4,455.00	Building Fund	\$1,160.00
June 24	Attendance	62	Offering	\$3,643.00	Building Fund	\$ 865.00

July 1	Deacon	Mike Brendle	Prayer Partners	David Brown, Kenny Taylor
July 8	Deacon	Jim Speer	Prayer Partners	Robin Vann



Spotlighting Independence Day



Independence Day, also referred to as the **Fourth of July** or **July Fourth**, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. The Congress actually voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States.

Background

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of

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Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as President, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.

Customs

Independence Day is a national holiday marked by patriotic displays. Similar to other summer-themed events, Independence Day celebrations often take place outdoors. Independence Day is a federal holiday, so all non-essential federal institutions (such as the postal service and federal courts) are closed on that day. Many politicians make it a point on this day to appear at a public event to praise the nation's heritage, laws, history, society, and people.

Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a picnic or barbecue; many take advantage of the day off and, in some years, a long weekend to gather with relatives or friends. Decorations (*e.g.*, streamers, balloons, and clothing) are generally colored red, white, and blue, the colors of the American flag. Parades are often held in the morning, before family get-togethers, while fireworks displays occur in the evening after dark at such places as parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.

The night before the Fourth was once the focal point of celebrations, marked by raucous gatherings often incorporating bonfires as their centerpiece. In New England, towns competed to build towering pyramids, assembled from barrels and casks. They were lit at nightfall to usher in the celebration. The highest were in Salem, Massachusetts, with pyramids composed of as many as forty tiers of barrels. These made the tallest bonfires ever recorded. The custom flourished in the 19th and 20th centuries and is still practiced in some New England towns.

Copied from Wikipedia

If you play or have played percussion instruments and would be willing to assist the Worship Choir with a project, please see Fred.

