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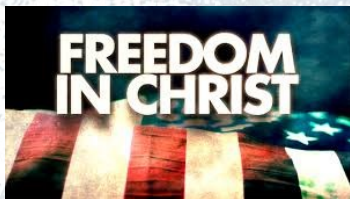
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Freedom in Christ.

When we come to the month of July, our thoughts go to Independence Day--the time in which our country broke away from England to find religious freedom. Isn't it ironic that the very celebration of our independence as a country is really a time to declare our dependence on Christ and His grace for us. Truly, Christ has set us free from our bondage to sin. As you celebrate this July 4th with family and friends, take time to pause, and praise Jesus for His death and resurrection that sets us free and gives us hope!

"Therefore if the
you shall be free
8:36).

Son makes you free,
indeed." (John



Church Events

- **July 4th – Independence Day**



- **July 12 & 26 – Men's Study**
- **July 8th Elder/Board Mtg 5:30/7pm**

BACK TO CHURCH! -- After nearly 90 days (1 down short) of being separated from "in person" church, we're finally able to rejoin face to face! That's why we'll be doing a series, "Back to Church" from Acts 2:42. We're going to answer the question, "Why Do I Need the Church?" We really need each other more than ever! So, we'll have a fresh and Biblical reminders of why we need the church. Make sure to be here and if you aren't able to, make sure to tune into Facebook Live at 10 a.m.! It's sure great to be Back to Church!

The Equipper

The Equipper -- "Equipping the leaders of RCC through the plain and faithful teaching of God's word."

"Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." Psalm 119:97

A Whole Chapter Dedicated to the Word of God The Bible is the Word of God--from Genesis to Revelation. That's saying something, because no other book or piece of literature can make such a claim. The Bible is the #1 Best Seller of all time, without a close second. No other book ("Biblos" Book in Greek) has informed, influenced and transformed the world like the Bible. It has also received some of the greatest opposition and attempts to destroy it, only to survive time and again. God's Word is true, flowers will fade, grass withers but the word of the Lord endures forever. No doubt, the chapter in the Bible that is fully dedicated to the Word is Psalm 119. Some interesting facts about Ps 119. 1. It is the longest chapter in all of the Bible with 176 verses (In contrast the shortest chapter, also from Psalms is Psalm 117). 2. Psalm 119 is divided as an Acrostic with 22 sections and 8 verses under each section, giving us a total of 176 verses. At the top of each verse are 22 different letters of the Hebrew Alphabet like, "Kaph", "Lamed" and "Mem". 3. The author of Psalm 119 is unknown but some scholars believe it could have been Ezra. Remember, Ezra was a priest during Judah's return to Jerusalem. His leadership was needed to bring the nation back to their spiritual roots and Ezra was a scribe, who read and taught the law to them from morning to midday (Nehemiah 8). Ezra would have been a man of character and love for God's word who would be a prime candidate as the author of this book. David and Daniel are others who could have written it. Either way, we're not absolutely certain. 4. In most every verse, the word of God is mentioned, with words like, "judgments", "precepts", "statutes", "law" and "word." If you ever need to (which we all need to at times) refresh and recommit yourself to God's Word, Psalm 119 is a great chapter to read and meditate on. One of my favorite verses in the chapter (and there are many) is

Psalm 119:97 which says, "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." There are verses expressed like that throughout all of Scripture. It's a chapter that definitely rekindles your love for God's word. Isn't that what all Christians should believe and express about God's word? To be honest, there are not a lot of people (including some Christians) who really love God's word. Hollywood, government and higher education would love to see it banned permanently. And, much has been done to make sure that it is. Other reasons for that include: 1. It's convicting 2. It's offensive 3. It shines light in the dark and hidden parts of my heart and; 4. The large percentage of people that don't read it. But, for the Christian, our delight, our love for God's law should be at the top of our list of affections. We mustn't see God's law as mere rules, commands, etc. Although, they are that. We need to love God's law because they are from God. His laws are holy, good and righteous. Since God is the source of His laws, we're really saying that we love Him. His law, word is a reflection of who God is--truthful, loving, compassionate, forgiving and just. To say we don't love or that we're indifferent to God's law is to say that we don't love God.

While the O.T. law had hundreds of commands to follow, Jesus narrowed it down just two in Matt 22:37-40. Basically, He said, "Love God and love others." So, our love for God's law is specifically connected to our relationship to God and to people. When we love God's law, we'll do the right things to show our love to Him. The same goes for our relationships with other people. God's law shouldn't be a burden or something we dread to obey. It should be a joy, a delight to our soul. The second part of the verse says it's our meditation all the day. God's law is what we are to think about throughout the course of every day. To love God's love law is not to be out of f e a r b u t o f o u r l o v e (w e w a n t t o) f o r H i m !

Blessings,
Pastor Kent



Have a great summer break!



RCC Missions

- Trans World Radio
- Indian Mission-Church of God
- Salvation Army
- Andrew County Ministries
- Emmanuel Children's Home
- Grace Covenant
- 3:18 Ministries
- Heinrichs
- Chosen People
- AC Senior Ctr
- Show Me Christian Youth Home
- Lighthouse
- Campus House Ministries
- Rapha House
- Back Pack Buddies
- Creation Truth
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Amanda W -Thailand
- FCA

Volunteers

Lead Deacon:

July 5: Dewayne Davison
July 12: Jen Edwards
July 19: Richard Edwards
July 26: Michelle Grimes





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At this time of writing of this newsletter, the only volunteers we currently have are lead deacon and someone in the nursery. If there are any changes or updates to this it will take place at the next Board meeting on July 8th. Look for updates on our website and if you have any questions please feel free to call a pastor, a board member or the church office.



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 Elder/Board 5:30/7pm	9	10	11
12 Men's Study 6:30am	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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