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FREEDOM FIGHTER

Independence Day, July 4, 1776. The day the Declaration of Independence was signed. Sitting in my elementary classes I always thought this was somewhat strange. While this was the day independence from England was declared by the colonies, it was, in reality, just the beginning of a war. England still had something to say about the matter. It was not until many battles were fought and many lives were lost that England conceded and the war came to an official end on April 11, 1783. I guess my question is, what makes freedom? Is it the point when you say you are free or when the war has been won? My thought is that it is at the point when the price has been paid, and a victor has been declared.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.
(Hebrews 9:15)

In our Christian battle the victor has been declared. Christ won the battle over death, and in so doing won the battle over sin and the hold Satan had upon us. ***But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*** (1 Corinthians 15:57). The blood of Christ was poured out on the field of battle, yet, it was His victory over death that won the war. With His blood, Christ won our Independence.

There is an interesting footnote on the Revolutionary War. On April 26, 1783, a group of 7,000 "Loyalists" set sail from New York to Canada. The Loyalists were Americans who did not agree with the war with England and either refused to fight or fought on the side of the British. In all 100,000 fled their homes in America. I do have some sympathy for this group. In fighting against their own neighbors, I am sure many felt they were doing what was right. However, I wonder how many sided with England just because they felt that America had no chance of victory. These gave up freedom for selfish motives and ended up losing everything.

Know this, as Christians we make a statement of Independence when we are buried in the "Water and the Spirit," washing away the bonds Satan had on us because of sin. At that point Christ frees us. However, Satan is still fighting, even though he has already lost. He is just trying to get us to give up our freedom for our own selfish motives. Don't allow him to convince you to give up your freedom and your home in heaven. Celebrate your independence and praise God for rescuing you from certain death. ***So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed*** (John 8:36).

— **Wade McKnight**
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PRAYER REQUESTS

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

Sharon Gampp has been diagnosed with kidney disease and presently has only 32% of kidney function. The doctor is trying to stabilize things through medicine and diet so that she can avoid dialysis or transplant. Prayers for a healing and the peace of God to rule in her and her family.

Praise Report: Jason Hinze (Geneva and Homer Miller's grandson) has done well since surgery and has been released to go back to work.

Charlotte Brisker is having vision problems. Pray that the cause can be determined and treated.

Miles and Ashley Ferguson in the loss of their five-week old child and current legal problems.

Mary Ellen Kallner (Sarah Gilliland's sister in law) having serious problems controlling blood pressure.

Jeff Hayward was hospitalized two days this week for tests after having chest pains. Tests showed no heart problems.

Renee Bissell (Vivian Woodworth's daughter in Nashville) has been diagnosed with cancer (breast) and is scheduled for surgery on Friday in Nashville.

Tally Hermann (10 month old daughter of Craig and Jamie Herrmann) was born with her lower organs outside her body. This has required much hospitalization, a respirator for breathing and around the clock nursing care. She is scheduled for a surgery to reinsert her organs in her body cavity on August 13. Pray for a successful surgery, please. Teresa Hayward has details. Let us pray regularly for this little girl in our meetings and in our private prayers.

Josh Adams (8 year old with terminal cancer from Stanford, KY) is asking for prayers and a get-well card from each of us. Before he dies, he hopes to set the world record for most get-well cards. His days are numbered. Address is on the bulletin board and here: Josh Adams; 124 Englewood; Stanford, KY 40484.

Dawson Veach (6 year-old grandson of a friend of Aaron and Noel Franke) is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer they found in his ear. Doctors have done surgery to remove the cancer. The chemo is making it difficult for him to keep food down. Prayers requested for both Dawson and his parents.

Notes for our Mission Team

One of our mission team members shared with me some excerpts of the prayer and encouragement notes which they opened up during their recent trip to Honduras. These notes came from the people here at Sunshine. These notes were a real encouragement to the team members. Read the following excerpts and I think you will agree.

"You are Christ's ambassador. It is not you who is going...not you alone...with you is the most powerful force in the universe. You are a pointer. You are the bucket with which the water may be drawn. While it is not your job to save, it is your job to show. To show not what an awesome person you are but what an awesome God He is. You may be the first, or the last, contact someone has with a Christian."

"The people you meet are more than a need. More than "the harvest." They are your brothers and your sisters. They are not defined by their country, their poverty, their lack of education... they are defined by God --as His. In your eyes, let them represent Christ. Their weak and corrupt country is His. Their poverty and need—His. Their lack of anything—His. I am proud to call you brother. God will be with you."

"It is such a wonderful opportunity for me to see you grow in our Lord! It takes courage to go on this journey, a courage which only comes from God. I am so proud to know you, to pray for you, and elated to know that His Kingdom will grow as a result of the work of your hands! Jesus is very near right now, hold Him close, and you will be sustained. You are doing exactly what God wants you to do!! Isaiah 58:7-9"

I remember some of the things that I wrote in my notes to the team—obviously, you, the church gave more

— Steve

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Terry & Debbie's.

(Flyers are posted on the bulletin board)
8/12-16 Ohio Valley Lectureship
(Parkersburg)

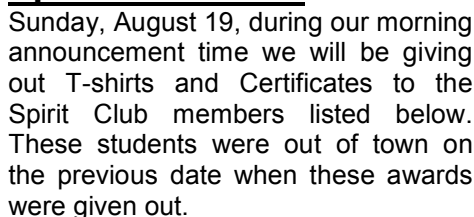
9/1 Elm Grove church of Christ,
100th Anniversary
9/7-9 Fort Hill Teen Retreat

In June of 2007, the Ohio Legislature passed the **Community Defense Act** which requires strip clubs and porn shops to be closed from midnight to 6 am and prohibits "lap dances". This act was approved by more than 75% of the state senate and house. The owners of the strip clubs and porn shops in Ohio have started an effort to derail the implementation of this new law scheduled for September 4, 2007, by hiring their own people to collect signatures on a petition for a referendum on the November ballot. They want to rewrite the law to suit their own interests and undo the law which has just been passed. The petition is deceptive. It is supposedly designed to control and regulate sex-related businesses. In reality their petition would simply undo the law that was passed in June. On the table in the foyer is a hand out from Citizens for Community Values which gives details. Please educate yourself and do not be deceived.

Matthew Risner is the newest member of the 66 Club. Congratulations, Matthew, on learning all 66 Books of the Bible.

10/5-6 - Men's Planning Retreat @ FHCYC

8/15 Psalm 1, 15, 37
8/22 Psalm 23, 121, 139
8/29 Proverbs 1-9



Ezra Veach, Bryce Veach, Katie Beth Coriell, Jonathon Miller, Hannah Miller, Sammi Jo Gampp, Caitlyn Gampp.

We know that several of our young people won awards at the Scioto County Fair this past week. We would like to publish a complete list of those who won awards and the award they received in next week's bulletin. Parents, please stop at the table in the foyer and give us the requested information on the big tablet.

This Thursday, August 16, our elders and ministers will be meeting to pray for specific needs given to them from the flock. If you have something in particular that you want included in that prayer, please get with one of the elders and give it to them in writing.

The Elm Grove church in Piketon will be celebrating it's 100th anniversary on Saturday, September 1, 1-5 pm on the grounds of the church at 8155 Chenoweth Fork Ford, Piketon, Ohio. We are invited to celebrate with them. Picnic style food will be served and they ask that at least one week before we call and let them know we are coming. See the letter on the bulletin board for details.



Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper – Bread
Wine
Server 1
Server 2
Server 3
Server 4
Server 5
Server 6
Message
Closing Prayer

August 12

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Matt Cram
Dewey Cordle
Eric McLaughlin
Troy Gahm
Sean Higbee
Dale Kuhn
Andrew O'Dell
Mark Gampp
Mark Risner
Lane Raiser
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

August 19

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Greg Coriell
Spike Ferrell
Josh Coriell
Gary Glispie
Ryan Coriell
Michael Dixon
Aaron Franke
Barry Hayward
Jeff Hayward
Jack Jennings
Steve Miller
Aaron Kallner

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
Gabe Coriell
Jason Coriell
Zach Coriell
Mark 14:32-52

August 19

Rich Book
Bob Havens
Tim Coriell
Mike Gampp
Matthew 26:57-75

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

August 15

Matthew Hoskins
Ira Coriell
Psalms 1, 15, 37

August 22

Jacob Miller
Nick Gampp
Psalms 23, 121, 139

Children's Bible Time

August 3/5 : Jill Williams, Steve Williams, Jenny Williams
August 6/8: Julie Miller, Renee Higbee, Jacob Miller
September 3/5: Brandy Gampp, Teresa Hayward, Kathy Glispie, Regina Kuhn
September 6/8: Stephanie Copas, Judy Meyers, Debbie Sullivan

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

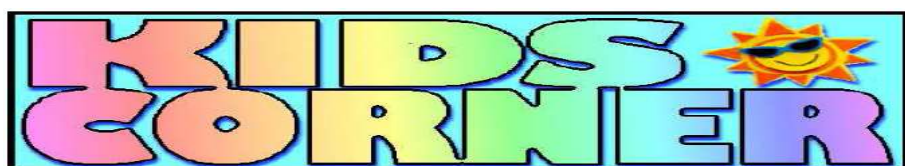
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The words in today's crossword are taken from our Sunday evening Bible scripture, Mark 14: 32-52. Solution on page 3.

ACROSS

- 2 To be handed over to your enemy.
4 To touch with the lips.
8 A desire for something that you know you should avoid.
10 Peter's other name.

DOWN

- 1 A period of sixty minutes.
3 Another word for followers.
5 What Peter, James, and John were doing.
6 Garden where Jesus prayed.
7 To be melancholy.
9 A type of cloth.

