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Liberty & Freedom

The words "liberty" and "freedom" are used more July Fourth just as "hope, peace and joy" are used more at Christmas and the New Year.

When we hear "liberty," our thoughts are usually of political freedom. However, in New England in the 1600s, it principally meant religious freedom.

Early settlers took the Bible seriously. In the Scriptures, liberty involves freedom from sin. There are numerous passages indicating this: "because anyone who has died has been freed from sin." "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." "But now that you have been set free from sin and you have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." (Romans 6:7,18,22).

Settlers came here desiring freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their hearts. They wanted freedom to follow God's will as they understood it. In order to gain this liberty, they went through a lot. They had to leave their homeland, endure great hardship crossing the ocean in small vessels and face the arduous task of carving out settlements in the wilderness.

Today's political liberty is the result of their sacrifices. Ironically, some groups today are attempting to use political freedom to restrict religious liberty.

Religious and political freedom was not perfect in early America. It is not perfect today. However, we must note that liberty does not necessarily mean freedom to do everything. There is a limit to liberty. This is a biblical concept. The word of God teaches that we are not to use liberty at the expense of someone else. "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13). "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16). "Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak" (1 Corinthians 8:9).

Liberty does not mean license. Appreciate it and use it correctly. Abuse of liberty can be harmful. Liberty should not be taken lightly — it costs a great deal. We should dedicate ourselves to protect it and provide it for others.

Kenneth Fellenbaum
Milford, CT



PRAYER REQUESTS

For our nation as we are going through troubled times.

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

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

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

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

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 Derek Miller, and Steven McGraw in Afghanistan.

Wanda Lemon (Millie's sister-in-law) continues in hospice care.

Praise Report: Sam and Sarah Miller have returned safely from their mission trip in Mexico.

Naresh Chetri and his wife were involved in an accident on their scooter in Siliguri. Naresh's wife is presently confined to her bed. Prayers are requested for their recovery. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

Phyllis Stevens is doing some better and has returned to her apartment.

Dennis Mead (recently retired as Superintendent of Minford Schools) is now battling cancer.

Susan Hutchinson (coworker to Jim Jacobs at CAO) in SOMC with severe problems in her intestinal tract.

Karen Piatt (Tim Wolfe's mother) is struggling with grief and depression in the recent loss of her husband.

Cheryl Lemon remains in ICU at SOMC suffering with side-effects of her chemotherapy. She is some better but still in very serious condition.

Honduras Trip

Our mission team will be leaving on July 29th. Prayers for the team on their journey and the effectiveness of this ministry will be greatly appreciated. Also, donations of small toys for boys and girls (Matchbox cars, action figures, Polly Pockets, Littlest Pet Shop, etc.) would be very welcome.

Honduras Meeting

Jamie would like to meet with all of the Honduras Mission Team members in the annex this morning following services.

VBS News

What a privilege it is to be a part of the Sunshine church! Thursday night, the last night of teaching in VBS, I tried to go to sleep, but my mind was whirling with what had transpired through the week at VBS. Finally, around 5 am I drifted off to sleep. I am proud of the church and humbled by the enthusiasm and dedication I see in our people. "Thank you" is not enough for what you did, but it's all I have. Somewhere between 80 and 90 adults and teens came together each night of VBS to make something truly special for our VBS students. Our attendance averaged about 145 each night; 152 was the high and 141 was the low for the four nights. Our theme was the Army of the Lord and our classes developed this theme from every angle imaginable. We are thankful to the Lord for the great weather he provided for our outdoor activities. The program Friday night was, in my opinion, the best that we've ever had. The video presentation was superb and Count VBS was at the top of his game. Thank you to all those who stayed around Thursday and Friday evening to put the building back in shape. It may take a few weeks for everything to find its place, but most everything is already back where it's supposed to be. My lesson this morning will definitely touch on some of the things that happened during our VBS. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Steve

VBS Evaluation Meeting

Next Sunday morning after our services, all those who helped with VBS are invited to an evaluation meeting in the annex. We need to talk about VBS while it's still fresh on our minds. Bring your criticisms and suggestions to the meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend, just write your ideas, suggestions down on a piece of paper and deposit it in the Steve's mailbox in the office. There are several things in our VBS that I would like to ask you about.

VBS Money

If you have leftover money to turn in from VBS, put the money in an envelope along with receipts of things you purchased for VBS, your name on the outside of the envelope and put it all in Steve's mail box in the office by next Sunday if possible.

VBS Video Review

At the conclusion of our services this morning, we will be showing the video review of our VBS this year. It is exactly 16 minutes long. I will be cutting my sermon down to make sure we are done with everything by 11:30 am at the latest. The video does have some background music that is instrumental so we are having a closing prayer, waiting about 2 minutes for those who need to leave to exit the auditorium and then we'll start the video. Everyone is invited to stay, but we are having this short break for those who need to leave.

July Sweet Monday

July Sweet Monday-July 5 at 7 PM. The theme is Let Freedom Ring and we will also feature a short presentation by Kristine Coriell on recycling! See Heather Gragg for details!

Mission Report

Sunday evening, July 25, our mission team to Strawberry Point will be making an oral and pictorial report on the work they did in Ontario the last week in June. This report will be in lieu of our Sunday PM preaching time.



Coming Events

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| 7/5 | Sweet Monday-7 pm |
| 7/11-17 | Sunshine at Fort Hill Camp |
| 7/24-25 | Father-Son Camp Out |
| 7/29-8/5 | Honduras Mission Trip |

Spirit Club - This evening at 6 pm.
Sunshine Girls - This evening at 6 pm.

In the Area

- **8/3-6 Kanawha Valley Lectureship**, St Albans, WV, Things That Pertain to Life and Godliness. Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/8-12 Ohio Valley Lectures**, St. Marys, WV—Mack Lyon speaking on the Bride and the Bridegroom: Christ and His Church. Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies' Inspiration Day**, Circleville church of Christ, Dietlinde Spears speaking on "Purseverence." Flyer posted in foyer.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday	Wednesday
7/4 Lk 1:26-56	7/7 II Kgs 18-20
7/11 Mt 1:1-17, Lk 3:23-38	7/14 II Kgs 22-23
7/18 Lk 1:57-80	7/21 Ezra 1-3
7/25 Preaching Service	7/28 Ezra 4-6
8/1 Mt 2:1-18	8/4 Ezra 7-10
8/8 Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40	8/11 Nehemiah 1-2
8/15 Lk 2:41-52	8/18 Nehemiah 3-4
8/22 Preaching Service	8/25 Nehemiah 5-6
8/29 Mt 3:1-12, Lk 3:1-20	

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Let Freedom Ring!



THE REALITY OF FREEDOM

Acts 12:6-10 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

I love this story! Peter was sitting between two guards and suddenly an angel of the Lord comes to him and frees him — and he thinks it's a vision! He's not sure if he truly believes it.

Then, after his escape, Peter goes to where believers are interceding for him and knocks on the door — they didn't open the door immediately! The young lady, Rhoda who reported that Peter was at the door was accused of being "mad!" Can you imagine? Even those praying for his freedom, are surprised that he's actually FREE!

There's two points I want to stress in this story. First, Peter is freed supernaturally with angelic assistance — and he believes it was a vision! **He had to step into the reality that he was actually FREE!** Secondly, there were believers who talked about FREEDOM, but when true freedom came — they were shocked as though they truly didn't believe in their prayers!

There are many believers who know they **SHOULD** be free in Jesus. They have a head knowledge of freedom — but somehow they haven't grasped the reality of the freedom that is promised! They walk with the vision without living the reality!

My challenge to you today is to walk in the reality of the freedom you have in Him! Take the promises of God and say, "If the Son has made me free, then I'm free indeed!" And claim that for your life today! Don't be stuck in a vision of freedom — live in the reality of freedom! Claim it and live it today!

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
P Message
R Closing Prayer

July 4

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Josh Coriell
John Berry
Roger Cooper
Jason Foster
Bill Gammon
Jason Coriell
Spike Ferrell
Troy Gahm
Dale Gampp
Jerry Gampp
Steve Miller
Gary Glispie

July 11

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
David Gampp
Rick Coriell
Chuck Allison
Tayte Pridemore
Jack Jennings
Zach Coriell
Rich Book
Derek Gampp
Terry Grashel
Jason Henthorn
Steve Miller
Ira Coriell

Sunday Evening

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

Jacob Miller
Derrick Mooneyham
Dewey Cordle
Ed McLaughlin
Mike Coriell
Luke 1:26-56

Mark Gampp
Greg Coriell
Mike Gampp
Jamie Veach
Mark Villinger
Mt. 1:1-17, Lk 3:23-38

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Gabe Coriell
Tim Gampp
2 Kings 18-20

Shawn Gragg
Aaron McCray
2 Kings 22-23

Children's Bible Time

July Theme: Confidence & Faith

3-5: Pam Coriell, Joanne Miller
6-8: Jodi & Abbie Kallner

August Theme: The Word of God

3-5: Kerri Davis, Annie Davis, Kristin Riley
6-8: Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero, Adam Hall

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

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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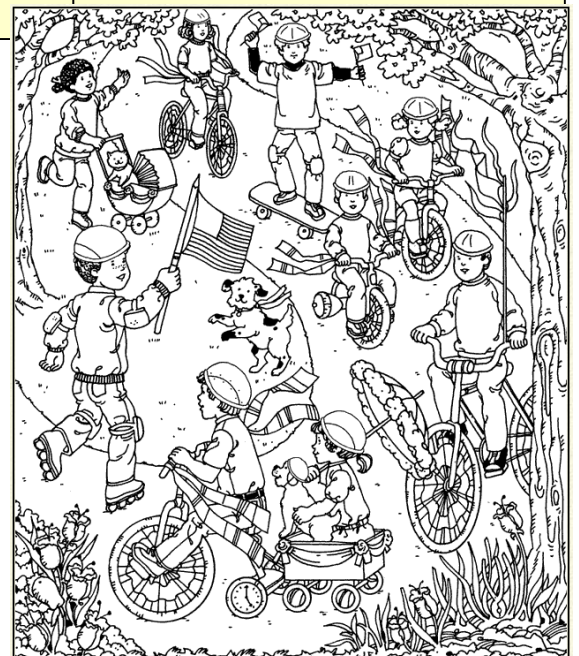
Picture Hunt



The Fourth Of July Parade picture has several hidden items. See if you can find these things:

Turtle	Bird
Fish	Spoon
Snail	Pliers
Clock	Acorn
Ring	Seal
Pencil	

Solution is posted on the bulletin board and page 5 of the online bulletin.



Picture Hunt
4th of July Parade
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