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Celebrate Freedom In Christ

This is an excerpt from Follow Me: Learning About Faith, Obedience, and Being Made Holy (Threads by LifeWay) by Jason Hayes.

The Fourth of July is one of my favorite holidays. I love the pageantry that comes along with it: the fireworks, the parades, the cookouts, and the time at the lake. It can't be beat. And it's appropriate. As an American, this is the day when I, along with millions of others, celebrate my national freedom. This day is my chance to express externally the internal pride I have in my country. Of course, I'm not limited to celebrating freedom only on this day, but there's no doubt that the Fourth of July marks my fullest expression of patriotism. And why do I celebrate this specific day? Because this is the day when everything changed for me as an American.

With the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, our country was officially and permanently declared independent from the Kingdom of Great Britain. The political and cultural landscape of both nations changed forever. Our forefathers set events in motion that not only impacted them, but also impacted generations to come, including ours. And our children's. And their children's. You get the picture. July 4, 1776, was a day when everything changed.

While national freedom, whether to America or any other country, is extraordinary and worth celebrating, I don't say all of this to point us toward patriotism. Christianity in its truest form is a celebration of freedom. As Christ-followers, we enjoy spiritual freedom through the redeeming work of Christ, who was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, took the weight of the world's sin on the cross, conquered it and the grave through His resurrection, and provided redemption and atonement for those who would accept Him as Savior and Lord. In exchange for this freedom, we owe God our allegiance - an allegiance that reminds us neither this country, nor anywhere else on earth, is our home.

The gospel calls us to be set apart from this world while simultaneously taking on the role of ambassadors for God's kingdom. This allegiance is birthed out of change: the life-altering impact of meeting Jesus Christ. The moment we say OK to Jesus' "follow Me" call is the moment everything (and I mean everything) changes.

The greatest celebration of freedom is a commitment to that which makes me free. As an American, I don't best celebrate my freedom by lighting sparklers and eating ridiculous amounts of hotdogs. (Trust me. I've tried.) Instead, my actions throughout the year serve as the best testimony to my allegiance. When I pay my taxes, vote, follow the law, and respect the authorities chosen by the citizens of our democratic society, I'm proving my commitment to my country. This commitment celebrates freedom. Likewise, committing to Christ celebrates my spiritual freedom.



Alan Graff resumes chemotherapy on Wednesday.

Norm McGinnis given permission to remove his back brace at night. PTL

Garnet Lindeman holding her own.

Peggy Hollback able to be at church last Sunday.

Paige Jacobs undergoing radiation therapy.

Russell Gilliland is home recuperating from dialysis preparation.

Cathy Ramey back surgery has gone well and is recuperating at home.

Steve Miller scheduled next week for more radiation at SOMC and then a stay at OSU.

Peggy LaPrade (friend of Meaghan) is scheduled for another biopsy on July 12 hoping for a good report.

Penny Ball waiting for the results of a recent biopsy.

Prayers for the family of Roger Coriell (Carolyn Wilcox's brother and Jeb Coriell's grandfather.)

WV Flood Relief Collection

The total money raised for WV flood relief was \$5,646. This money has been sent to the Lewisburg Church of Christ in Lewisburg, WV. Mark Gampp was able to make contact with Corey Stacy, the minister of the congregation. Some members of the congregation were greatly impacted by the flooding. Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is also delivering truckloads of materials to the congregation. The Lewisburg Church is working to distribute the materials to people in the area as well as to nearby communities where the relief has been less adequate. Many thanks to those who contributed and to **Mark Gampp** for handling the details on our end.

New Deadline for Bulletin

Announcements

The elders have recently hired a full-time worker to be in the church office during regular office hours. If you are wanting to get something in the bulletin please have it written out and left in the office by the computer or email it to info@sunshine-church.org before Friday at 8 am.

Monthly Birthday Celebration

Each month until further notice those who have a birthday in that particular month get a little birthday party in the Annex on a Wednesday night after the Bible study courtesy of **Mark & Cheryl Villinger**. Those who have the birthday will be honored and everybody else is invited to join in the celebration and refreshments.

Villingers Head for Haiti

July 16-23 **Mark and Cheryl** will be in Haiti helping with a Leadership Conference given for all the students who are now part of the Hope for Haiti's Children education programs. The students look forward to this camp/conference every year. Mark will be teaching basketball and art; Cheryl will also be teaching and serving as a support worker.

Headed to China

On the 7th of July, **Tim and Jennifer and Zoe Gampp** are headed for China to pick up Toby and bring him back to his forever home. Please pray for the Gampp's as they make this trip.



7/10-7/16	Fort Hill Church Camp
7/24	Family Fill-Up
8/21	Mix It Up Sunday
9/4	Beginning of Two AM Services
9/18	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Henry Mason (son of Esther and Gene Crisp, and brother to Kaye Inoshita) who passed on Thursday evening at Best Care. The visitation is Tuesday from 10-12 at Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home with the funeral service at Noon. There is a family dinner planned at the building after the services. If you can help with food, please sign the sheet in the foyer.

Family Fill-Up Coming

Sunday, July 24, is Family Fill Up Day. Those seats that are nearby each one of us are reserved for your family members who need to be here in worship but who don't ordinarily come. The morning service will be built around the idea that we want all of our family members to be with us in heaven. But the decisions that we are making now will determine who and how many of our family members will be there. We will be creating some small invitation cards to be used as we make our invitations. We'll serve some punch and cookies in the annex after the AM service and maybe have some kind of little remembrance that they can carry with them. Bottom line is to fill up every seat in our auditorium with the people that we love most in life. Start praying about your invitation and the people you want to be in those seats right now.

Added to the Body

Last Sunday after the morning services, **Linda Deer** confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized into Him by Jon Coriell. Linda was a part of the new adult class we had this year for VBS. She is also a coworker of our Haley Ruggles. Be sure and give Linda the Sunshine welcome this AM

Thank You Received

We want to say thank you to the youth and deacons who did a lot of yard work and patio building at our house on Saturday. They did a fantastic job and everything looks beautiful, but the most important thing they did was to share their fellowship and love. We feel greatly blessed to be a part of the Sunshine family. Al and Patsy Graff.



Live Streaming

Over the past couple months we've been testing out a live video stream of our service on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to attend regular service, you can still participate by going to the church's website, www.sunshine-church.org, clicking on the media menu and selecting "Sermon Videos".

Anonymous Prayer Requests

Anonymous Prayer Requests can be sent at any time but they'll only be reviewed on Sunday Morning. Please send any prayer request to the phone number: **22333** via text. In the message body, please first include the code: **94706** followed by your prayer request. After a few moments you'll receive a confirmation that your message has been received. If you are having difficulty, please ask one of the deacons or Jacob Miller for assistance. Thanks!

Anonymous VBS Comments

If you have any suggestions or comments about this year's VBS please text **214913** and your anonymous VBS comment to **22333**.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Benevolence

The benevolence fund refers to money set aside for charitable financial assistance. Beneolence support provides emergency financial assistance with the goal of helping a person and/or family through a short-term difficulty. The current budgeted amount is \$15,000.

The congregation receives many and varied requests from people in the general area and occasionally from folks passing through. It has always been challenging to vet these requests and make the best decisions about the use of these funds. In recent years, the focus of this ministry has centered on the needs within the congregational membership. Inspiration is taken from Galatians 6:10—**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

For more information see Jason Coriell.

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>7/3/2016</u>	<u>7/10/2016</u>	<u>7/17/2016</u>
Welcome	Rich Book	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Reading	Zach Coriell	Mike Gamp	Pete Kouns
Midservice Prayer	Mark Risner	Derek Miller	Johnny Beekman
Communion	Eugene Risner	Mark Risner	Dewey Cordle
Sermon	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Closing Prayer	Jason Coriell	Eric Miller	Gabe Coriell
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>7/3/2016</u>	<u>7/10/2016</u>	<u>7/17/2016</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Hoskins	Shawn Gragg	Spike Ferrell
Reading	Sam Williams	Spike Ferrell	Jordan Book
Communion	Ethan Beekman	Spenser Villinger	David Deacon
Assist	Dewey Cordle	Dale Kuhn	Johnathan Miller
Prayer	Troy Gahm	Aaron Kallner	Rich Book
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>7/6/2016</u>	<u>7/13/2016</u>	<u>7/20/2016</u>
Song Leader	David Deacon	Zach Coriell	Shaun McCray
Prayer	Tyler Meridith	Josh Coriell	Greg Shepherd

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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SCRAMBLED VERSE PUZZLE

Unscramble this verse that talks about freedom!

RFO OYU VAEH BENE LELDAC OT IVLE NI

RODMEFE, YM RSBOHTER DAN SISSETR.

BTU NOD'T SUE UROY ROEFEMD OT FIYASST

UROY LIFUSN TURNAE. TESNADI, SUE UROY

REEFMOD OT REVSE NOE RONHEAT NI ELOV.

GALATIANS 5:13