

Prayer List

Virginia Speck	Waylon Carter
Jeri Hitt	Mary Ellis
Vivian McDougald	Laurie Grawl
Hattie Mae Teel	Skip McDougald
Len Ponder	Wade Ross
Mabel Harmon	Patsy Harmon
Sue Isbell	Janie Norman
Clare Hendricks	Billie May
Pat Lomas (Jamie Gressett's Dad)	
Ona Grace LaSalle	Ally Arnold
Will Dowling	Jim Ed Woods
Lisa Stephens	Robert Wolff
Kyle Wolff	Tom Hitt
Cheryl Luce	Sue Kline
Shirley Essman	Joy Dymke
Wayne Rucker	Janis Ruen
Ronnie Gwin	Ella Vee Mayes
Bob Sparkman	Bill Dodson
Joe Denman	Philip Ramirez
Jerald Brown	



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What's Happening

Happy 4th of July

Romania Mission Team
Coteana, Romania - July 5-16

John Travis Smith - Preaching
Liz Lindan Leading Singing
Sunday, July 9th

Food Pantry
Saturday, July 15th,
9-11 AM (Food Delivered Friday 7/14)

Matt Carey - Preaching
Peggy Carey Leading Singing
Sunday July 16th

Romania Mission Team Report
Sunday, July 23rd, 11:00 AM

Church Breakfast
Sunday, July 23rd, 9:00 AM
Sponsored by the Men's Ministry

Business Meeting
Sunday, July 23rd, 5:30 PM

Lord's Supper
Sunday, July 30th

CHILDREN'S CAMP,
JULY 30th - AUGUST 2nd

America! America! God shed his grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood. From sea to shining sea!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

FROM THE PASTOR



According to Wikipedia, out of the American population, 70.6 % claim to be Christian. According to The Guardian, the following shows statistics for some other countries of interest.

North Korea	4.6%
Somalia	1%
Iraq	1%
Syria	4.9%
Afghanistan	1%
Sudan	4.8%
Iran	1%
Pakistan	2.8%
Maldives	1%
Saudi Arabia	4.2%
Libya	1%
Yemen	1%
Qatar	4%

In addition to the low percentages, there are also consequences for those that profess or are deemed Christian that collectively include imprisonment, torture, execution, prohibition of Bibles, sexual abuse, denied clean water and healthcare, deportation, fines, banishment, surveillance, harassment, etc.

These statistics alone are great reason for us to be so grateful to live in America. We are able to worship God and shout it from our rooftop that Jesus Christ is Lord. The magnitude of this freedom is taken for granted daily but for a Christian living in any of these other countries, they know what it means to be in bondage. As an American and a Christian, we have a tremendous obligation to uphold. Not only should we take full advantage of our religious freedom, we should do our part in protecting our freedom. The way we vote and the way we pray are just two vital tools that we have. Be ever vigilant.

God bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her. Thru the night with a light from above. Sj.

All of us want to be free, need to be free, and ought to be free. But does God really say it is okay to be free? Here's some scriptures that speak to the subject of "freedom."

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery ... For you were called to freedom – Galatians 5:1, 13

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free ... If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed – John 8:32

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty – 2 Corinthians 3:17

Let's just be honest with our struggle with liberty. It is the risk involved. Misuse of liberty is another way to put it. Many people certainly misuse their liberty. And the misuse of it brings up the basic questions: With such a potential for misuse, it is really wise to teach Christians that they are free? Isn't it risky to promote liberty, living by grace, being free to become who we really are?

You'd better believe it is risky. The risk of liberty is that some people are bound to misuse it. There is always the danger that some will do the wrong thing, the destructive thing, and the sinful thing. It's like letting our teenagers go and tossing them the keys – there is a risk!

But the alternative is not a valid option – no kid ever grew up to become responsible and mature without Mom and Dad encouraging the freedom to grow.

I admit that this is a difficult thing to do – but preserving and promoting the freedom of the individual believer to be responsible, to make decisions, to determine choices (even wrong ones occasionally), and to live with the consequences of his/her actions – this is the key to developing a liberty lifestyle rather than an enslaved lifestyle.

This July 4, thank God that in Christ Jesus, you are free!!

God is good! Love you guys!

Bro. Tim



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| Raven McDougald, 7/4 | Jerry Garcez, 7/5 |
| Rachel Luthe, 7/5 | Joan McKown, 7/7 |
| Sam Dodds, 7/8 | Amanda Gooch, 7/10 |
| Bob Sparkman, 7/12 | J.Lynnn Tyler, 7/12 |
| Russell Fox, 7/14 | Zach Bracewell, 7/14 |
| Anita Ross, 7/14 | Pam Vernon, 7/15 |
| Doug Morris, 7/15 | Jan Akers, 7/18 |
| Fayne Harvey, 7/18 | Leonard Ponder, 7/18 |
| Sue Rice, 7/18 | Maria Johnson, 7/20 |
| Justin McKown, 7/20 | Cheryl Dowling, 7/23 |
| Kayce Kaderka, 7/30 | Brian Crosby, 7/31 |



Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Service 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Youth 6:00 P.M. on Sundays
Wednesday Services Bible Studies 6:30 P.M.



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