

Price of Freedom

On the fourth of this month we have a day set apart called Independence Day—which many of our forefathers gave their lives for this to be possible. We still enjoy a certain degree of freedom from nations who would like to do us harm. Even in this present time, we have men and women in uniform fighting for our freedom. Physical death is bad when caused by our enemies but there is a death much worse than physical and this is the death caused by sin, which goes through eternity.

God doesn't want any to be lost because of sin as He sent His only begotten Son to die on the cruel cross for our sins. As stated in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life". God in His word gave us the plan (the Gospel) which we must obey in order to have the home in heaven. Christ purchased the church with His precious blood which when we obey the gospel of hearing, believing, repenting, confessing the name of Christ and being baptized into Christ we are added to the church (Acts 2:47).

At this point we are free from our past sins, but this is not the end of our obedience, as we must live faithful lives as long as God lets us live upon this earth (Rev. 2:10). When we do what God has commanded in His holy word in obeying Him, we then can enjoy the greatest freedom the world will ever know. We pray that this will be our goal.

- the elders

Good for Fox News!

I realize that these days just by mentioning Fox News in a positive way one will be labeled a "conservative," "right-winger" or some other term. That's alright; I am a conservative- religiously, financially and politically. I refuse to watch network news because of its obvious bias towards immoral, ungodly and liberal agendas. But, that's just me.

Tuesday morning as I was finishing up my oatmeal before heading out to the office, I was watching the Fox News Channel. On the set with the two morning news anchors was Jeremy Jerschina, a recent graduate of Bayonne (NJ) High School. Jeremy was the valedictorian of his class and, as such, should have recently given his valedictory address before his classmates. He was not allowed to do so, however, because his address contained a brief prayer (a prayer to God in the name of Christ). Because of the prayer he was not allowed to make his speech. However, before millions of viewers on Tuesday morning on the Fox News Channel, Jeremy was interviewed and allowed to read his prayer. Thus, manifold more people were allowed to hear what this young man said than would have had he been allowed to speak at his graduation. I say, "Good for Fox News!"

From hearing him speak, I do not believe that Jeremy is a New Testament Christian. It is not earth-shattering that he was not allowed to speak at his graduation. It would not have changed American politics or the global situation had he been given the chance to read his prayer. The prohibition is, however, a continuation of the same old assault on Biblical values and morals. The American public, with blinders on, continues to swallow the "separation of church and state" mantra and allow the progressive movement to gain a greater foothold in our society. Shame on us for allowing such philosophies to rule the day! But, good for Fox News for having the courage to stand up and stand out. I think I'll write and tell them so. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 33:12).

-Eddy

Teens

July Dates to Remember

July 1-6, 2007 Horizons Senior Week

July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week

July 9—Summer Youth Devo—Christiansburg

July 13—Movie Night at West Side 7:00

July 19—TNT 7:30

July 21—Bowling 1:00

July 22—VBS Door Knocking

July 23—Summer Youth Devo—Dale Ridge

July 27 & 28—Bonfire/Campout

July 29—Young men conduct services

Busy Month for our Youth!!

Youth Activities for Week of: June 24-July 1

Monday, June 25 – Summer Youth Devo

Our first summer youth devotion was a great time for all. We had youth that traveled from Christiansburg, Galax, Lake Drive, North Carolina, Radford, and Rocky Mount. In attendance were 71 people, the most we have ever had for a youth devo at West Side! Our very own Jeremy White presented a lesson from Acts 7 on the “Stoning of Stephen”. Jeremy expressed how Stephen’s faith was so strong that he stood up for the truth and was willing to die for God. Just like the song we sing, we must “Stand Up For Jesus” too and have the same faith that Stephen had. Jeremy did a great lesson for us all to reflect upon. We enjoyed snacks, playing volleyball and talking with our friends. We look forward to the next SYD July 9th at Christiansburg.

Thursday, June 29 – Youth Work Day – A visit with Glenn and Audrey Gabbard

Garrett Durham, Erin Simms, Dylan Tyler, and Sam Valentine enjoyed their visit with the Gabbard’s. Their new home is lovely with the mountainous view they have after leaving California. It was most enjoyable to hear about Glenn’s life being raised in Arkansas till the age of 10, and then his family moving to California. He lived there 60 plus years before moving here to Salem, Virginia. He and Audrey are happy to be here and do not miss the busy and costly lifestyle of California. Glenn was raised in the church with his dad being a gospel preacher and working a full time job. Glenn has been a faithful Christian for 64 years. Glenn’s father helped start some congregations when they lived in Arkansas before moving to California. He remembers so well the California earthquake in 1989, which did a tremendous amount of damage to homes, and roads. He can remember the dishes coming right out of the kitchen cabinets! He served in the Air Force for ten and half years. After his military career came to an end he went to work with United Airlines as a maintenance supervisor for thirty- five years. Audrey has been a nurse, mother,

West Side’s Older Workers

Regular WOW Meeting will be on Tuesday , July 10, at 10:30.

The **WOW Group** is inviting all members who are interested to tour Dixie Caverns. This event is scheduled for Saturday morning, July 21st at 10:00.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the WOW bulletin board. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Team Events

Team 4—Will be hosting an ice cream social after evening services in the pavilion on July 22. Everyone is invited!

Youth cont.

and a homemaker for many years. We all came away knowing that Glenn and Audrey have lived a long full life that has fulfilled them with lots of memories but the most important fulfillment has been their strong faith in the Lord and continuing to do what God wants us to do. We know that if we “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteous “ in Matthew 6:33, that all those other things will be added unto all of us, just like they have for Glenn and Audrey. We love you, Glenn and Audrey and thank you for our visit in your home.

Thursday, June 28 – Thunder Valley Family Entertainment Center

Wow! Did we have fun! We had 12 youth, 3 visitors, and 4 adults to enjoy unlimited laser tag, go-karts, miniature golf and batting cages. Of course, a little added fun playing the indoor games. Ryan Simms and Preston Duff had lots of fun playing air hockey. Caroline and Rebecca Doss invited friends to join us in fun. Also, Leah Durham invited a Lake Drive friend. All in all it was a very fun night of fellowship with our West Side friends and visitors.

Saturday , June 30

Some of the West Side Youth will be leaving for Senior High Horizons Yo! 2007.

We will let you know how eventful this week will be to all of us!

See you Sunday, July 8th!

Congratulations to Halle Edwards for completing BikeVA. She rode 200 miles on a bike around the Williamsburg area. (After a week at VCC)



SICK

Evelyn White had her surgery at 6:30AM on Friday at UVA. She will be there for 10-15 days. Her address is 6167A Sixth Floor, UVA Health Center, Charlottesville, VA 22908.

David Cox is home from his surgery.

Effie Wimmer is now home after her stay in RMH.

Dee House will have out-patient surgery on July 3.

Remember the following in prayer: **Luetta Gregory, Larry Phillips, Betty Jenkins, Glenna Richardson, Dotty Collins, Jo Hartman, Tom House.**

A Note from Luetta—I will no longer be receiving chemo treatments. Good Shepard Hospice will now be in charge of my care. Thank you all for your prayers on my behalf.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Aleya House—7/1

Sandra Wood—7/2

Katelyn Brown—7/5

Jean Argabright—7/8

Ethan Rogers 7/8

Vacation Bible School

Only 35 days until VBS. Our most **important meeting** will be today at 4:00. ALL skit writers and leaders need to be there. Also all of the coordinators, helpers and monitors need to be there also. So the persons to be at the meeting will be: Eric & Michelle Earnhart, Eddy & Jeanny Gilpin, Tom & Melissa Rogers, Tom Duff—writers; Richard Simms, Adam House, David Brown, Josh Whitlow—leaders; Kristie Jearls & Becky Cooke—Crafts; Lyn Shrader, Danny Guard, Jean Argabright and Judy Durham—food; Squeak Valentine, Glenn Gabbard, Jim Bush and Jim Cooke—props, Velda Gearhart, Kim Brown and Susan Duff—Costumes, Jo Ann Edwards, Rosemary Bush, Annette Shrader, Rebecca Durham, Brigitte Bush, Leah Durham, Charlene Guard, Sondra Tyler—monitors, Diane Tucker—Photos.

To the congregation: All actors have been assigned. Please check the insert to see if you have been assigned to a skit. If you have and are unable to fulfill your duties, let Greg know TODAY. Also there are several positions that still need to be filled— Multi-media person, song leader, emcee, a few actors— if you can fill these positions see Greg today!!

VBS MEETING

There will be a VBS Meeting today at 4:00 for all writers, skit leaders and coordinators.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be on July 4 at 5:45. Menu will be big salads. Sign up and pay your \$5 at the door!!

WEST SIDE SUMMER SERIES

West Side Summer Series will be "in-house" this year. Several men of our own congregation will be presenting lessons on Wednesday evenings this summer. This week will be Charlie Gwaltney

HOUSE TO HOUSE LABELING

The very last H2H labeling party will be Sunday, July 8, at 4:00. The next issue will be directly sent from AL due to the postal change. So make sure you come out and enjoy the very last one!!!

HORIZONS—JUNIOR WEEK/CTS

The bus for Horizons Junior Week/CTS will leave on Saturday, July 7 at 6:30 A.M. Be here at 6:15.

MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on July 14 at 8AM at Famous Anthony's.

WEDDING RECEPTION

There will be a wedding reception for Willard and Marie Campbell on July 15 after evening services. Dorothy Mays will host. Recommended gifts would be gift certificates to local restaurants.

PRIMARY BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

Please try to have all class materials list that need to be purchased (\$ + tax & shipping) to Danny by July 15.

ALSO... Primary Class Teachers

Mark the following dates for teachers meetings: 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 12/9. Times will be announced.



JULY & AUGUST ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS: Sugar free puddings and Dentyne Fire/spicy cinnamon gum. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!

NEW ADDRESS:

Marie & Willard Campbell
6715 Blacksburg Road, Catawba, VA
24070 Phone: 384-6540



July 2007

Announcements	Tom Duff	
Song Leader (AM)	Charlie Gwaltney	
Opening Prayer (AM)		
7/1	Don Pettit	
7/8	Glen Hartman	
7/15	Jim Cooke	
7/22	Gene Benefield	
7/29	A. C. Janney	
Preside at Communion	Don Pettit	
Serve Table	Grat Tucker	Luke Guard
	Charlie Puckett	George Mellon
Closing Prayer		
7/1	Bobby Martin	
7/8	Jim Bush	
7/15	Collin Gregory	
7/22	Greg Edwards	
7/29	Eric Earnhart	
Song Leader (PM)	David Brown	
Opening Prayer (PM)		
7/1	Squeaky Valentine	
7/8	Mike Durham	
7/15	Richard Simms	
7/22	Murphy Scott	
7/29	Youth	
Scripture Reader	Garrett Durham	
Closing Prayer (PM)		
7/1	Crawford Keith	
7/8	Paul Mays	
7/15	Josh Whitlow	
7/22	Claude Crowe	
7/29	Youth	
Serve Table (PM)	Sam Valentine	Bradford Durham
Song Leader (Wed)	Josh Whitlow	
Prayer (Wed)		
7/4	Charlie Gwaltney	
7/11	Wayne Dixon	
7/18	Roger Mays	
7/25	Tom Richardson	
Open/Close Bldg	Jim Harrington	
Greeters	Harringtons	Paxtons
Nursery Attend	Jean Argabright	Sondra Tyler
Ushers	Herb Baker	John Black
Handouts	Bob Garby	David McFalls
Alternates	Mark Brooks	
Prepare comm.	Melissa Rogers	Amanda Brown
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham	Chandler Jearls

Last weeks attendance 6/24 & 27/07

Bible Class— 144 Worship Service—180

Eve. Worship— 134 Wed. Service—140

Contribution—\$4431