

# Phillipsburg First Christian Church

July 2017 Newsletter



## From The Pastor's Pen

### **The Battle for Freedom**

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

The Fourth of July holiday provides us with a wonderful opportunity to pause and think about our tremendous American heritage, and the Christian values that formed the foundation for our freedom.

Remember learning about the courage and faith of the pilgrims? Can you recall the stories your teachers told you about George Washington and his determination in the fight for freedom? What about John Hancock, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson? Each one has a place in our history, and what an inspiration to know that their courage and determination were based on their deep faith in an almighty God who directed their steps and honored their desire to freely worship Him. But my heart is burdened these days because the history books I learned from have

## Church Events

July 2 Christian Men's Fellowship

July 4 Office Closed

July 9 Board Meeting

July 10 Material Girls Quilt Guild

July 17 Elders Meeting

July 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry

July 23 All Church Dinner

July 24 Missions Meeting

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been done away with and new editions have emerged that leave out the facts about our Christian heritage. Just last fall, a sixth grader said that she knew the pilgrims were really not very good people and that the things they did were wrong. What happened to celebrating their victory of surviving that first harsh winter and thanking God for His faithfulness?

We've been blessed in the United States to enjoy religious freedom since the beginning of our nation; however, we're going to have to fight to maintain that precious gift. It was great to see congressmen get on their knees and pray at the baseball game. But across America prayer in public is discouraged. Now we call for a moment of silence. We need to be faithful in praying for our president whether you like him and other political leaders or you aren't too fond of them. Finally, let's make sure that our hearts are right before God and that we keep our personal focus on Him and commit ourselves to holy living. Although most of us will never stand in the political arena, every one of us can, and must, do something in this fight for continued freedom! Let's be faithful in upholding the traditional values and privileges which our forefathers gave us.

*Lord, thank You for those who fought and died so that we might enjoy the freedom of living openly knowing and sharing Your grace each day. Help us now to do our part in defending our freedom to worship and live for You freely.*

*Love ya*

*Pastor Herder*



## July Memory Scripture

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!  
Psalm 33:12

*Thank You*

*"Warm and special thanks to you for all the considerate things you do."*

WOW! You've done it again! Prayers, hugs, cards, smiles, giggles and so much more - You as my congregation, friends, family, Pastor Leroy and Gwen, Thank You ALL! I feel blessed by having you ALL.

GOD BLESS YOU.

Love and Prayers,

Donna G. Farr

## Marilyn Cook Mission

As of June 13, 2017 our church raised \$211.00, over a six week period, for the Marilyn Cook Mission in Africa.

## INDOOR / OUTDOOR ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is Lord! And then invite them to our all Church fellowship to be held on JULY 23 following Sunday morning service. For those who can't take the heat, there will be some indoor fun; for the young and young at heart, there will be some great outdoor activities. July 23 is also parents day, so we encourage all kids to bring your parents and parents bring your kids. We will

be cooking hamburgers, and we invite everyone to bring a covered dish, (with something in it) your favorite summer time salad, dessert or whatever. Hamburgers, buns and drinks will be provided, plus maybe a surprise. Mark it on your calendar now. JULY 23, AFTER SUNDAY AM SERVICE. Please plan to come and be a part. This will be a great fellowship.

## Team Africa 2017

Rhonda Abell (daughter of Pastor and Gwen) and Janet Bean from Oakley Christian Church will be going on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa with Gather The Outcasts/Jim Rowh. They will join 4 other adults from the USA as well as 3 adults from Kenya to go to the town of Mumias, Africa. Mumias is 250 miles northeast of Nairobi. Mumias is a town in Kakamega County of Kenya. The town has an urban population of 116,358. The team will fly into Nairobi and take a bus to Mumias. While there, they will be working on the construction site of the Living Waters Orphanage during the day and in the evenings they will encourage and fellowship with some of the local pastors as well as hand out Swahili Bibles and sharing the gospel to the local residents in Mumias. They will also be working in another local orphanage hosting a VBS/Sunday School type gathering for the kids for 2 days. They will be taking many items to pass out to the orphanage children as well as the many homeless children in Mumias. Jim Rowh will also hold a revival type gathering on a Saturday that all the adults will assist with. We covet your prayers leading up to the trip and while we are on the trip, July 5 – 20, 2017!! We are excited to see how God will work through us!



# July Birthdays

01 Sharon Spresser	12 Rhonda Kellerman
02 Brock Means	14 Janet Means
02 Sydnie Olliff	15 Lyle Rose
04 Norma Hodge	18 Shanea Wyatt
05 Deb McConnell	19 Gloria Harris
05 Joyce Aherin	20 Erika Norris
06 Jim Lanier	22 Karen Bruning
06 Eddie Thomas	26 Matt Schneider
08 Alexander Bauer	26 Kelly Thomas
08 Pastor Herder	27 Jordyn Boeve
08 Wendy Hunnacutt	29 Sarah Austin
10 Chuck Frankenfeld	31 Tanner Crist
10 Rhett Hopson	31 Dennis Aherin
12 Kelly Moffatt	

# June Offering

04	\$1,894.00
11	\$2,650.00
18	\$3,270.19
25	unavailable



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The Church Office will be closed June 26-30.

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## ELDERS

02 Stuart Jarvis

09 Marilyn Jansonius

16 Beverly Jarvis

23 Clark Hopson

30 Pastor Herder

## DEACONS

Becky Lanier

Michael Miller

Denis Miller

## GREETERS

02 This could be you

09 This could be you

16 This could be you

23 This could be you

30 This could be you

## DEACONESS

Brenda Lumpkin