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# Phillipsburg

## *First Christian Church*

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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### From The Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor

#### **FREEDOM is worth fighting for**

Governments often fear Christians because Christians have a loyalty to God which they put above their loyalty to government. Ponder these significant words of Jesus, "**Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars and unto God the things that are God's..**" (Matt. 22:21) That expresses a Christian's dual loyalty to God and government. The duty to God must take priority. In Acts when the Apostles were told by the authorities that they could not preach the Gospel, Peter and John declared, "**We must obey God rather than men.**" (Acts 5:25) This has become a basic Christian belief. In relationship to government, the freedom to obey God should always be the number one priority of Christians.

Whenever a government comes out with rules and regulations which are directly against what God says, the Christian should always say, "You are making government an idol demanding a loyalty that belongs to God alone, and we must resist."

This is the principle behind the history of our nation's fight for freedom. It has always been a **fight to be free to obey God and live as he has instructed us**. Christians believe we are a nation **under** God. If a government tries to say that it is **over** God, Christians need to stand and fight against that. Our first and supreme loyalty must always be to God, who created us and provides everything that we have on this earth. Our very lives and every breath of air, every drop of water, every bite of food comes from God and we must stand with God.

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## HAMBURGER FEED FUNDRAISER

**On Sunday Evening, July 18th, First Christian Church is having a fundraiser you don't want to miss.**

From 5:00 until 7:00 pm you can drive through or dine in. The meal will include a great hamburger with condiments, potato salad, chips, and two Snicker-doodle cookies. Utensils will be provided and drinks for those who dine in. This fund raiser is to help with the big gas bill we had a few months back. Anthony and Bailey Imm are donating the beef, but are asking for monetary donations to pay for the other food supplies, carry out service and charcoal. The donations can be left at the church office or given to Anthony. A few volunteers will be needed that day to work the event. We are asking member support through donations, coming to eat or by helping with the work. If you have any questions, feel free to call Anthony at 302-1618 or Linda at 302-1774. Mark your calendar. Plan to come and enjoy a great meal for A FREE WILL OFFERING. This is open to everyone, so let others know.

### July Scripture

**"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17**

## Pastor's Pen Continued

Long before the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War, those who came to America were fighting for freedom. Freedom is the very essence of the Christian life. Because of the price Christ paid, his followers – genuine Christians—are indeed free to obey Christ and live in harmony with His teachings. Therefore, as Christians we should stand up and resist all attempts to limit the freedom we have in Christ. Paul states it clearly, **"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."** (Galatians 5:1)

FREEDOM is indeed worth fighting for. Let's stand with Christ and say what Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death.

Love ya,  
Pastor Herder

*Thank You*

**First Christian Church,**

*Only you could have known how to touch us like an angel from above. We shall never forget your thoughtfulness.*

**Thank you very much for all the wonderful food you provided. It was very much appreciated.**

**The family of Marilyn Ross**



# BEING AT THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, FOR THE RIGHT REASON

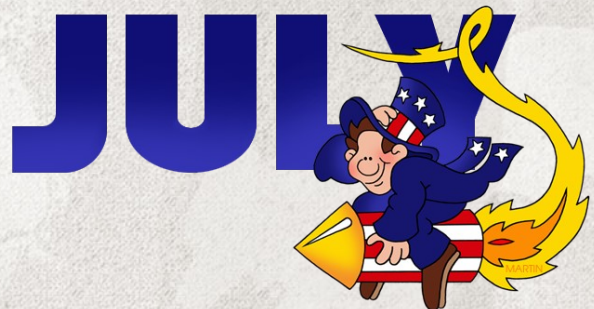
- By John Jarvis

May 15th, 2021, we left to go on vacation to Wisconsin not knowing what God was about to set in our path. We went across the Mississippi River into Wisconsin 10 to 15 miles. We saw a pickup that had rolled onto the drivers side, still hooked up to his camper. We stopped , everyone else was going around the rolled truck. So knowing us, Stacie, our daughter and I ran up to the pickup not knowing who was in it. The driver was having a hard time getting the front windshield knocked out, so I grabbed it and finished pulling it out and helped him out. I asked if there was anyone else in there? He said, "yes, my friend is still in there". The next thing I remember is being on top of the truck lifting the passenger door open. (Stacie called me Spiderman) We could hear popping and hissing noises coming from the engine area. I knew it was smoking and would soon catch on fire. Then Stacie let me know it was on fire and to hurry up. The passenger couldn't get out of his seatbelt, so I cut it away. We hooked arms so he could free his feet. He lowered himself down so he could get out through the front windshield. While all this was going on the driver got his dog out - scared, but unharmed. The police arrived to stop traffic. Just as soon as all were free, the truck became fully engulfed. The fire trucks arrived, but the truck was a total loss. The camper and propane tanks never caught fire.

We were so grateful that we had made as many stops as we had so our timing was perfect. We were in the right place at the right time. Praise God, no one was injured!!

## Church Events

- 7/4 Christian Men's Fellowship, Independence Day
- 7/5 Office Closed
- 7/11 Board Meeting
- 7/12 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- 7/13 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7/18 Elders Meeting
- Hamburger Fundraiser Feed
- 7/26 Missions Meeting





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Sharon Coomes	12 Rhonda Kellerman
02 Brock Means	14 Janet Means
02 Sydnie Olliff	19 Gloria Harris
04 Norma Hodge	20 Erika Norris
05 Deb McConnell	22 Karen Bruning
05 Joyce Aherin	25 Bailey Imm
06 Jim Lanier	26 Matt Schneider
06 Eddie Thomas	26 Kelly Thomas
08 LeRoy Herder	27 Jordyn Boeve
08 Wendy Hunnacutt	31 Tanner Crist
10 Rhett Hopson	31 Annemarie Geldenhuys
12 Kelly Moffatt	31 Dennis Aherin



## JUNE OFFERINGS

06	\$3,010.00
13	\$3,238.00
20	\$2,855.00
27	unavailable

Each Sunday we need to collect  
\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

**Remember, you cannot out-give God.**

## MISSION OFFERING

**\$186.40**

## JUNE ATTENDANCE

06 - 86	20 - 93
13 - 100	27 - TBA

### First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

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### WEBSITE

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### ELDERS

04 Beverly Jarvis

11 Clark Hopson

18 Stuart Jarvis

25 Duane Harris

Shut-in Communion: Clark

### DEACONS

Bailey Imm

Jayne Jarvis

Anthony Imm

Lois Runion

Terry Babcock

### DEACONESS

Pam Crist

### FACEBOOK

Phillipsburg Christian Church





## Old Fashioned Potluck Dinner 2021

