



# Phillipsburg First Christian Church

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

### GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH

Christian men were instrumental in our nation's founding. Patrick Henry was one such man, He was a famous statesman and orator from Virginia. Virginia was deeply divided between those who were loyal to the King of England and those who wanted freedom from England. He represented Virginia at the Continental Congress where he uttered his most famous words: **"Give me liberty or give me death."** During the Revolutionary War Patrick Henry became commander-in-chief of Virginia's military forces. He helped draw up the Virginia constitution, as well as several amendments to the U.S. Constitution which became known as the "Bill of Rights". He became Virginia's first governor and was re-elected by a grateful people 4 times!

Now pay attention to what this early and influential patriot said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians – not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

## Church Events

- July 2 Christian Men's Fellowship
- July 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- July 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- July 5 Book Club
- July 9 Board Meeting
- July 10 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- July 12 Evangelism Meeting
- July 16 Elders Meeting
- July 20 Creation Adventure
- July 24 Missions Meeting
- July 30 Nursing Home Service

## From the Pastor's Pen Cont.

Henry's Last Will and Testament was interesting. He willed all of his property to his children. Nothing unusual about that!

However, in the last paragraph of his will, he wrote: "I have now given everything I own to my children. There is one more thing I wish I could give them and that is Christ! **Because if they have everything I gave them and don't have Christ, they have nothing.**"

Friends, we are so blessed in having an inheritance here in the U.S. of men and women who did two spectacular things: One: They were willing to give their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to see this free nation come into existence. Second, many of them also worshipped Jesus Christ and they knew He was the most important thing in life.

This year on Independence Day, let us take time to do two things: Let's thank God for the price that has been paid that we can live in freedom. America is at a crossroads and we need to purposefully stand up and declare, **GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH.**

Second, how about making this a time to renew your own personal devotion and commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will live in America a short time, but we can live for eternity with Jesus, who paid the price for us to join him there. **THANK YOU, JESUS!**

Love ya

Pastor Herder

*Thank You*

*"Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say: Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part."*

First Christian Church -

A note of thanks for the church's donation of Gideon Bibles in our Mother's name. I am sure she is smiling, as this church meant so much to her. Many times in recent years these Bibles have been a blessing to our family. Having scripture available in a hospital is truly a gift that keeps on giving. From Mom's family to her First Christian church family, we thank you.

The family of Darlene Imm

### July Scripture

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. . . .

But even if he doesn't, . . . we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

Daniel 3:17,18

# Creation Adventure - Thursday, July 20

Kids in Middle School – Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 – are SPECIAL. God himself has equipped their brains with the best ability to LEARN at this stage.

Because we want to help them LEARN ABOUT GOD, we are preparing a special ONE DAY CREATION ADVENTURE for any and all middle school kids to be held here at the church on Thursday, July 20.

The Adventure will include STUDYING THE BIBLE to discover that God created everything; that God created each one of us special; that God loves us and sent his Son Jesus to die for us and that he rose again. Lots of interesting evidence will be presented to help kids believe that God and the Bible are true.

The Adventure will also include FOOD – snacks and lunch; Special GAMES and ACTIVITIES, an amazing CRAFT, MUSIC, a special GIFT and FUN.

**Church family: Will you please join us in PRAYING FOR THIS CREATION ADVENTURE on JULY 20?** We will do the best we can, but God alone can touch the hearts of the kids.

Pray that kids will want to come and that they will come with open hearts. Pray that God will direct all aspects of the lessons and every activity during the day. Pray for the workers (and thank God for them). Pray that parents will be enthused and will encourage kids to come. Pray for all aspects of the Middler Adventure – that the Spirit of God will lead.

Encourage any middlers you know to come and share in this adventure. Pre-Registration is highly recommended so we can have sufficient supplies.

The church is happily covering all costs for every middler. So, invite, encourage and pray! Let's join together in expecting God to move in this special day.

## July Book Club

The July reading will be catching up on any book we have read. Some readers have requested additional reading time on previous book club books. We will continue to meet for Fellowship on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Some books we've read are available in the church library. A list of the books we've read so far includes...

\*For the Love by Jen Hatmaker

\*You're Not Enough (and that's okay) by Allie Beth Stuckey

\*Sister Roar by Kay Robertson and Lisa Robertson

\*Prayer the Ultimate Conversation by Charles F. Stanley

\*She Reads Truth by Raechal Myers

\*Be Comforted by Warren Weirsby

\*Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado

\*Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table by Louie Giglio

\*Confessions of a Crappy Christian by Blake Guichet

\*Jesus Over Everything by Lisa Whittle

\*Forgive What We Can't Forget by Lysa Terkeurst

\*Surviving Hitler Evading Stalin by Mildred Schindler Janzen



# July Birthdays



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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 Sharon Coomes    | 14 Janet Means          |
| 02 Brock Means      | 18 Raegan Thomas        |
| 02 Sydnie Olliff    | 19 Gloria Harris        |
| 05 Deb McConnell    | 20 Erika Holloway       |
| 05 Joyce Aherin     | 22 Karen Bruning        |
| 06 Jim Lanier       | 25 Bailey Imm           |
| 06 Eddie Thomas     | 26 Matt Schneider       |
| 08 LeRoy Herder     | 26 Kelly Thomas         |
| 08 Wendy Hunnacutt  | 27 Jordyn Boeve         |
| 10 Rhett Hopson     | 31 Tanner Crist         |
| 12 Kelly Moffatt    | 31 Annemarie Geldenhuys |
| 12 Rhonda Kellerman | 31 Dennis Aherin        |



# June Offering

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| 04 | \$3,380.00 |
| 11 | \$1,860.25 |
| 18 | \$2,898.75 |
| 25 | TBA        |



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

\$300.00

# June Attendance

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| 04 - 103 | 18 - 132 |
| 11 - 105 | 25 - TBA |

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