

Freedom in Christ



"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 NIV.

This Independence Day we celebrate the birth of our nation, a country based on the ideals of liberty, responsibility, morality and freedom. Celebrating freedom is what Independence Day truly is. This celebration comes at a high cost, as freedom is never free. Some people have given everything, including their lives, and yet freedom is infinitely valuable. Our

founding fathers had a core belief that freedom for this new nation was valuable enough to risk everything they had. They risked their fortunes, their families, their power and prestige, and their honor. Many paid for our freedom with their blood.

Each week as we meet to worship in security and comfort, we do so because numerous men and women in our armed forces have given their limbs and lives on foreign soil. These soldiers died in forsaken places, many whose names were not known, so that we could celebrate the freedoms we have today in America. Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Freedom is not free; the price is always paid in blood." The blood that poured out onto battlefields in Charleston and Yorktown was not the first blood that was given for freedom. More than 2000 years ago, a man shed his blood so that we all could experience freedom. Jesus came to earth to bring freedom for all humanity. John 8 tells us that "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now, a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So, if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Paul writes in Romans 8 that "The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death." This month Americans will be celebrating independence from tyranny and bondage and also our independence as a nation. The day may come when we no longer will enjoy all the freedoms that we currently cherish. Nonetheless, as Christians we can daily celebrate our Independence from the tyranny and bondage of sin, guilt, fear, and death. These freedoms are forever. Happy Independence Day, Church Family. If the son has set you free, then you are free indeed!

Till The Nets are Full,

Pastor Brian

CHURCH COUNCIL



The next scheduled meeting is July 12, 2023.

FINANCIAL NEWS: May 2023

2023 Church Income Budget	\$	323,203.00
2023 Church Expenses Budget	\$	322,545.60
Received Income YTD - 2023	\$	154,729.67
Expenses YTD - 2023		128,294.46
Differences (+/-)	\$	26,435.21
Total Income received 5/2023	\$	26,455.66
Total Expenses spent 5/2023	\$	29,670.24
Differences (+/-)	\$	3,214.58

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Christian Care Center	\$	45.00
Feed My Sheep	\$	10.00
Piano/Music Equipment	\$	50.00
Small Repair Projects	\$	200.00
Backpack	\$	638.22
Total	\$	943.22

Memorials

Undesignated	\$	400.00
Men's Bible Class	\$	20.00
Total	\$	420.00

Gifts

6/4 — \$	5,521.70
6/11 — \$	4,758.01
6/18 — \$	7,307.13
6/25 — \$	1,463.00



**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JULY 3RD AND
TUESDAY, JULY 4TH.**



**HOLY COMMUNION
WILL BE ON JULY 9TH**

COME ONE, COME ALL

Community Back to School

CARNIVAL

Saturday, July 29th, 10AM - 12PM

Silsbee Methodist Church, 670 N 5th St

FREE TO ALL - Community Outreach of SMC

Backpacks prefilled with supplies ★ Games

Cotton Candy ★ KONA ICE ★ Prizes

Bounce House ★ Popcorn

Face Painting ★ Mr. Burger baskets



ONE DAY VBS IN THE PARK

KNUPPLE PARK

JULY

WEDNESDAY

12

9 - 11 AM



**WE HAVE STARTED A NEW
OUTREACH EVENT THIS YEAR!
OUR ONE DAY VBS WILL BE AT
THE PAVILLION AT KNUPPLE PARK
ON JULY 12TH, 9-11 AM. WHAT AN
AWESOME OPPORTUNITY FOR US
TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY!
SIGN UP NOW TO SERVE!**

YOUTH EXPLOSION 2023

Youth Explosion 2023 is July 27-29.

This is our 2nd year to join together with our community youth groups to worship, fellowship and serve. Last year's event was a blast and this year will be even better! Youth will gather together on Thursday and Friday from 6 - 9 PM at New Covenant Church. Our guest speaker is Jonah Mullins. Youth will worship, play games and eat together. On July 29 they will serve at our Community Back to School Carnival, then gather in the Sanctuary for the closing time together. Contact Cheryl Owens for more information.

JULY MINISTRY FOCUS FEED MY SHEEP

OUR MINISTRY FOCUS THIS MONTH IS OUR "IN HOUSE" OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY, FEED MY SHEEP. WE'VE PROVIDED FOOD, GAS, PRESCRIPTIONS AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE TO MANY. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY. REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CHECKS ACCORDINGLY OR PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THE BOX IN THE SANCTUARY.



YARN CHICKS

1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 1 PM

This group is a fun time of fellowship. We will knit and crochet various items to donate to local charities.

Please bring your own supplies. Any questions, please contact Debbie Richardson at (409) 791-0333.



THREADS OF HOPE

Every Friday
10AM - 12 PM

Providing handmade and sewn items to local charities. Join us and use your sewing skills or learn new skills to help make a difference in our community!

Community Call to Prayer

Every Wednesday beginning
May 3, 2023
6-7 PM, The Chapel

We will gather together to pray for restoration, renewal, revival and whatever God lays on our hearts. Everyone in the community and our church family is invited. This is not a service or program, but a time to unite and pour out our hearts to our Heavenly Father. All are welcome and you may come and go as your schedule allows. We are still looking for volunteers to serve. For more information please contact Lee Sheppard at leezebshepp@yahoo.com.




GMC

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JULY 20 - 22, 2023
COLLEGE STATION, TX

Silsbee
Methodist Church

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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