

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 4, we celebrate Independence Day, the birth of our beloved country, The United States of America. Do you recall when you were required to memorize the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence?

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal
that they are endowed by their Creator
with certain unalienable Rights,
that among these are Life, Liberty and
the pursuit of Happiness.”*

Abraham Lincoln called this document “a rebuke and a stumbling-block to tyranny and oppression.” The war to gain that independence last 8 years from April 19, 1775 – September 3, 1783.

There is a saying that “Freedom is not free.” The Revolutionary War came at the price of 6,800 American lives, 6,100 wounded, 20,000 prisoners of war with an additional 17,000 deaths from disease and between 8,000-12,000 prisoner of war deaths. British casualties were around 24,000 from war, disease and prison. These numbers do not include casualties among Hessian soldiers, African Americans and soldiers from France, Spain, The United Netherlands and other European nations.

As we celebrate the Birth of our Nation, we must solemnly remember the price that was paid for our Liberty. We must also ponder the meaning of the words, unalienable Rights, Life, Liberty and happiness.

“**Unalienable**” means not transferable to another or not capable of being taken away or denied. Unalienable Rights” are rights given to individuals by God and no one has authority to take them away. Freedom is in that category.

“**Life**” is also given by God. It is sacred, It is associated with “breath” and “soul”. Life is precious, of great value, to be preserved at all cost. Jesus gave his life that we might have life eternal with Him. To God, “ALL LIVES MATTER” and they should matter to us.

“**Liberty**” is freedom – freedom from slavery, imprisonment, captivity or any form of arbitrary control

“**Happiness**” is a feeling of pleasure, contentment, finding meaning and purpose in life and work. It is having gratitude, living with a thankful heart.

As Christians we consider ourselves to be citizens of our beloved Country and citizens of the Kingdom of God. All that God grants to us by his grace, we are also entitled to as citizens of our Country. We are to respect, honor and obey God’s laws and the laws of our land. Knowing that both the freedom that we have in Christ and the freedom that we enjoy in our country has come to us at a tremendous cost. As men Christ died on the cross for our spiritual freedom, men died on the battlefield for our human freedom.

As Christians we believe and teach that “the ground is level at the foot of the cross.” God is no respecter of persons. He sent his Son to die for all people, for “whosoever believes shall not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Through Jesus death on the cross, Jesus liberates us, frees us from the bondage of sin and death. Our happiness in Christ is knowing that our sins are forgiven and our eternal life in heaven with Jesus is secure.

In His Love, Charles

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SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of June 28-July 4 Anne Jenkins

801 Dixie Trail Room 132

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Share the Sonshine is an outreach ministry. We can all be a part of this ministry by praying for these individuals, sending cards, making phone calls or a visit.



REPORT OF DEACON'S MEETING JUNE 28

Our Deacons were able to meet Sunday afternoon, June 28. This was the first meeting we have been able to have since the outbreak of Covid19. Foremost on the agenda was the question of when we can return to in-person worship. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Deaconate that we cannot set a specific date for congregational worship until there is a significant reduction to the risk of our assembly. We will continue offering worship by internet and encourage our members to keep in touch with one another and pray for one another. You are urged to call your Deacon, the Pastor or church office for any special prayer concerns, health issues, hospitalization, trauma or death.



Nominations for Deacons and Committees

During the month of July, we are asking our congregation to prayerfully nominate 3 Deacons to fill the positions of Elizabeth Best, Sue Edwards and Whitt Stallings who will be rotating off the active Deaconate. It is also time to elect or re-elect our 2020-2021 committee members. In the next few days you will be receiving a proposed Leadership Directory and a Deacon nomination letter and ballots.

We will be sending this information electronically to those that receive the newsletter by email, You can then reply back by email with your nomination and your vote for the leadership directory. Those who receive a printed newsletter will receive these forms in the mail which can be filled out and returned to the church office.

DISASTER RELIEF

HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

We had originally set aside the month of April to collect hygiene kits in partnership with World Church Services. Covid 19 abruptly halted our plans. Now, we are into Hurricane Season and WCS has informed us that the "inventory on kits is dangerously low and we are concerned that we might not be able to respond during the upcoming hurricane season."

As the pandemic rages, there are still needs to be met. Hurricanes or other disasters will not wait on the end to a virus. In past years our church family has joyfully responded to this unique ministry. Instructions for preparing the kits are listed below. Be sure to follow them closely. **Please prepare as many kits as you are able and bring them to the church by July 31.**

Here's what you'll need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.

If you would like more information, please visit their website. <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/hygiene-kits/>

For those who are unable to go to the store and purchase items for the kits, we have good news. Iva Snyder has volunteered to do the shopping, prepare the kits and deliver them to the church. Cost of each kit is \$10 each. You can send a check payable to CVBC designated for Hygiene Kit and indicate how many kits you want to provide



**The church office will be closed
Monday, July 6 – Tuesday, July 7**