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Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

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Alexander Campbell was very appreciative of the freedoms he found in the United States. His father-in-law was given the property in what is now Bethany, WV for his service during the Revolution. When he established Bethany College, he set Commencement on July 4. Thankfully this practice had changed by the time I attended, because not only did the old term end, but the new term began the next day. At the beginning of the service for graduation, Campbell would read the Declaration of Independence.

For Campbell, the concept of freedom went along with the desire to provide an education. Campbell, along with the Founders, believed that Americans could only maintain their freedoms by being an educated electorate. Campbell also believed that being educated in the Bible and our faith was the best way to become servants, Disciples of Christ. As Disciples of Christ, we are to study and come to our own conclusions, but at the same time, our faith was to remain in communion with others, even when we disagree. Our denomination was to be a reflection of separate states united in the cause of freedom.

Over the interceding decades, we as Americans and Disciples, have cherished our freedoms, but have often neglected the responsibilities of being educated and working together for the common good. We strive only for what we can get for ourselves and for our families. We might expand that circle to include friends and some colleagues, but rarely beyond that.

Over 236 years ago, people set aside a lot of their differences in order to gain their freedom from England. A group went so far as to put their names on a document and publish it. If

England had won, these people would be among the first to be executed and their families would have been imprisoned. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal".

We also hear the words of Jesus to all Disciples, "No greater love has anyone than that they lay down their life for another". There was never a stipulation that we be related or acquainted. We need only know that it must be done, as Jesus did for everyone. The funny thing though is that it isn't always a demand for our lives. But may be a demand of time, or energy, or talent, or resources so that a life can be saved. We ARE our brothers and sisters keepers. We demonstrate our commitment to the freedom of Grace by caring for others, just as we demonstrate our commitment to our freedoms by being responsible citizens of this nation.

We are to be a people of one nation, united. We are to be Disciples of one God. Let us celebrate this Fourth of July by rededicating ourselves to seeking the best for all the people in this nation and rededicate ourselves to the God that taught us the strength of love.

Shalom, Darrell

CMF BREAKFAST

There will be no CMF breakfasts this summer.

JULY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in July. The Elders are Juliet Nolde & Randy Bickley. The Deacons are Wayne Scaggs, Nicole Crofutt, and Laurie Cook.

MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



July 1, 2012

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: *O Miracles and Faith*
(requested)

July 8, 2012

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 &
James 1:22-27

Sermon: *Many Hands Make Light Work*
(requested)

July 15, 2012

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-15

Sermon: *Let Us Dance*

July 22, 2012

Scripture: Mark 6:45-52

Sermon: *From Confusion to Frustration*

July 29, 2012

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Sermon: *God Will Provide*

CWF GRACE GROUP

CWF Grace met on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. There were nine ladies present. Brenda McReynolds led us in the Study/Worship program, which was based on the 6th Beatitude. Matthew 5:8 states "Greatly honored are the pure in Heart for they shall see God." The group approved the slate of officers as recommended at the April meeting. Refreshments, prepared by Brenda McReynolds, were enjoyed by everyone.

We also met on Thursday, June 21st. Nine ladies attended. After a covered dish meal, Mary Jane Rogers installed the new officers. Our business meeting followed. We will not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be a covered dish meal on Sept. 20th.

PRECIOUS WORDS

- All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch meets at the Golden Corral on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00. Those attending in May were Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Billie Milliken, Ruth Griffith, Bob, Gladys, Janice, Diane Fentem and Diane's friend and two children.

Those attending the June meeting were Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Winona Smith and Lois Crawford.

Come join the Lunch Bunch. They have a great time eating and visiting with each other.

CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

All purpose spray kitchen cleaner (409. Clorox, etc.)

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS5

Laundry detergent

Fabric softener

Dishwasher detergent

Cleaning supplies

Toilet paper

Paper Towels

CHUCKLES FROM KIDS

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us." The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked. "I heard him tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit" The little boy answered.

When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns? Mom smiled and then replied..."I remember!!"

**HAVE A SAFE AND A HAPPY
4TH OF JULY!**

July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Juliet Nolde</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Evelyn Hawkins</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Jerri Bosarge</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Keith Ewert</i> <i>Tony Hicks</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral <i>Winona Smith</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Andrea McCleese</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Lonnie & Margaret</i> <i>Hicks</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Carl Shaw</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>John Stokes</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Laurie Cook</i> <i>Fran Rutherford</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>JT Stokes</i></p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Wayne Scaggs</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Dalton & Dakota Crofutt</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Corey Gunnin</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>				

AMERICA

I watched the flag pass by one day, It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud.
With hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil, how many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves? No, freedom is not free.
I heard the sound of Taps one night, when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant "Amen"
when a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
of the fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea and
of unmarked graves in Arlington. **No, freedom is not free.**

Enjoy Your Freedom & May God Bless Our Troops!

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