

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Justin Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Prayer	Kent Everett
P.M. Closing Prayer	Dan Preaus
Lord's Table	* D. Williams, D. Milam R. Hudoba, J.E. Albritton
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	J.E. & E. J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Carolyn Cobb
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Nathan Wiens (7-7-21)

Those to Serve Next Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
A.M. Closing Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Prayer	Joe Preaus
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Duty
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, C. Gilbert C. Cook. W. Hudson
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	Eddie & Pat Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Nora Nunnery
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Brian Braxton (7-14-21)

Schedule of Events	
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> thru July 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> 9:45 A.M.</b> Bible Class	
<b>10:45 A.M.</b> Worship	
<b>6:00 P.M.</b> Evening Worship	
<b>July 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M.</b> Men's Prayer Group	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b> Bible Classes	
<b>Benevolence:</b> Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106	
<b>VBS</b> – Third week in June every year	

The Record Speaks	
Date	June 27, 2021
Bible Class	63
A.M. Worship	101
P.M. Worship	45
Contribution	--
Date	June 30, 2021
Wed. Attendance	54

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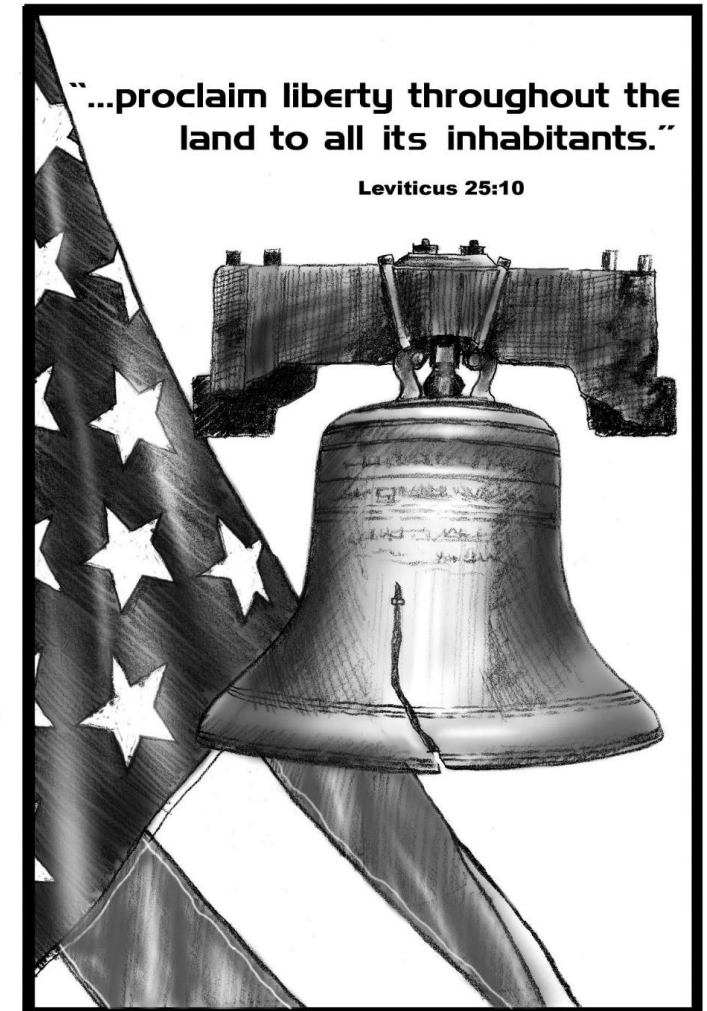
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**“...proclaim liberty throughout the  
land to all its inhabitants.”**

**Leviticus 25:10**

## True Freedom

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free. Galatians 5:1*

In 1776, the 13 British colonies in North America protested the limitations placed on them by the king of England and engaged in a struggle that gave birth to a brand-new republic. The infant nation soon adopted that now-famous document known as the Declaration of Independence.

About 2,000 years ago, the Lord Jesus cried out on the cross, "It is finished," proclaiming the believer's "declaration of independence." All of humanity was under the tyranny of sin and death. But Christ, the sinless One, took our place on Calvary and died for our sins. Having satisfied God's righteous demands, He now sets free for eternity all who trust in Him.

Paul wrote, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). Romans 8 assures us, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (v. 1-2). Galatians 5:1 urges all who have been redeemed to "stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free."

We are thankful to God for any freedom we enjoy in a nation. But above all, believers everywhere can praise Him for the freedom that is found in Christ! --Copied

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## The Melting Pot

Soon after my first arrival in New York City, I took a tour that included going to the Statue of Liberty. What it symbolizes should be held gratefully and uncompromisingly in America hearts. *Liberty*; its price has been too dear and its benefits are too large to let it slip away. As I stood there, reading this inscription, a tingling sensation ran down my spine:

*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*

This grace has been the great equalizer—the "melting pot"—in our nation. It's been the true and kind, philosophical touch that has transported humanity from every corner of the earth to our shores. Then I thought of a greater sanctuary for all races and classes of people in every station, condition and circumstances of life—Jesus Christ. He holds out a divine light and says, "*Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matt. 11:28). *All!* The tired! The poor! The masses yearning to be free! The wretched! The homeless! The tempest-tossed! *All!* No condition or status excepted! --Copied

## You Need to Know

*Birthdays this week:*

**Sunday, July 4 – Larry White**

**Wednesday, July 7 – John Earl Albritton & Ben Duty**

**Thursday, July 8 – Jessica Nunnery & Mickey Fontana**

*Anniversary this week:*

**Thursday, July 8 -- Troy & Faye Risinger**

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We are so happy and rejoice with Sarah Preaus and her family! Sarah was baptized into Christ last Sunday!

A "New Converts" class will start July 11<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. See Ron Hudoba if you have any questions. The class material will be from the book "Why I Am A Member of the Church of Christ." You don't have to be a new convert to attend the class.

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*Nothing happens by happenstance. I am not in the hands of fate, nor am I the victim of man's whims or the devil's ploys. There is One who sits above man, above Satan, and above all heavenly hosts as the ultimate authority of all the universe. That One is my God and my Father! --Copied*

*It is easier to stay out of temptation than to get out of it. --Copied*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. --Joshua 1:9*

## Those in Need of Special Prayer

**Yyvern Taylor  
Mattie Gray Bird  
"Bee" Stewart  
Letsy Everett  
Steve Brantley  
Morgan Preaus  
Bobby Fletcher  
Caden Wilson  
Krew Martino  
Betty Perot  
Cathy Nall  
Tracey Brantley  
Fred Futch  
William Wilson  
Ashley Harrison  
Sharon Duty**

**Doris Roller  
Joe Albritton  
"Hoss" Brantley  
Pam Denton  
Sherry Taylor  
Cooter Anderson  
Elaine Brantley  
Ben Nivens  
Roxanna Gill  
Asa Duty  
Lorraine McDaniel  
Rita Huffstutter  
Meade Phelps  
Mandy Stinson  
William Colvin  
Richard Farrar – has  
prostate cancer**

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## Of The People

Most of us have heard the famous phrase used by Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address: "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Many think that Lincoln invented this expression, but he did not.

The phrase has been around for hundreds of years. In John Wycliffe's introduction to his translation of the Bible in 1382, these words are found, "This Bible is for the Government of the People, by the People, and for the People."

Civil governments can only do so much. Civil authorities are ordained of God to assist in the governing of the secular and legal affairs of men. But, the best government is self-government guided by God. Each of us must use the Bible as the standard that governs our conduct. This is the finest government of the people, by the people, and for the people. --Copied

*If we fill our hours with regrets of yesterday and with worries of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful. –Author Unknown*