

Freedom and Folly

The major theme of the month of July of course, is Independence Day. The day where we get together with our family and friends and hail our freedom as Americans by enjoying some good food and fellowship. This is a good time to be sure. However, some see this as a time to release all the inhibitions of our conscious and act as if we are unlearned, hence the title, "Freedom and Folly." Some eat too much, drink too much (alcohol, sodas, the unhealthy stuff), and become very reckless and irresponsible. This is to their shame of course, because no one forces anyone to make bad choices. Now, I'm not writing this to be a killjoy for your celebration, please understand. However, as your pastor, I am not only concerned with your spiritual health, but your physical health as well. I, like you, love to enjoy good food and fellowship. But, we must be aware of who we are. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:20, ***"For you have been bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your Body"***. He further states in Galatians 5:13, ***"For you were called to freedom brethren, only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh"***. If we just let the Word of God dwell in us, it would keep us from making a lot of unfortunate and poor choices. Someone once said:

The divine "scheme of things," as Christianity understands it, is at once extremely elastic and extremely rigid. It is elastic, in that it includes a large measure of liberty for the creature; it is rigid in that it includes the proviso that, however created beings choose to behave, they must accept responsibility of their own actions and endure the consequences.

It's my prayer that you have an enjoyable day with your family and friends. Oh, have a hotdog and a hamburger, but don't have 2 a piece! Have a couple of glasses of soda, drink more water! Have a little dessert, don't overdo it! Don't drink alcohol. I promise you will still have a great time! Don't forget to have a prayer of thanksgiving for the freedoms that we have in Christ Jesus. Look out for one another and be careful!

Enjoying faith and freedom!
Pastor G

The School Scoop by Wydette Ackerman

Summer vacation seems to be quickly slipping away. Our teachers are planning and preparing already for the coming year. Administration is also working to get ready for the new school year. Editing, revising, and printing handbooks and materials for the fall have kept us busy. They have now been completed. Books have been ordered and continue to be ordered as new students are enrolling. Teachers and administration are now working on our school accreditation.

The playground is being reorganized. Noah's Ark has arrived and proudly stands in place for the children to come 2x2. Soon painting will begin and storage areas will be revamped. Summer is so much fun for students and rightly so. They work hard during the school year and deserve the break. Summer is also a lot of fun and work for those who prepare and focus on the year to come and the needs of the school.

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and participation as we move forward to answer the call of God to teach and spread His word to and from our church, school, and community. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28: 19 – 20, "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." KJV. Have a restful and joyful summer and may God continue to bless us all.

The Men's Ministry will be having its annual Weekend Campout at Santee State Park on July 8th - July 10th. Campers will leave on Friday morning and return early Sunday morning. This trip is open to all who love to camp. Men, women, youth and families are welcome to enjoy the weekend fun. If you have a camper, tents, etc. and would like to go, please see Kenny Murdaugh, Jr. or Ray Colson for more details. Please contact Kenny as soon as possible so we can arrange the number of sites needed and make arrangements for food.

LET'S GO CAMPING!!



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| July 3 | 12:30 | Spaghetti Dinner for Driven Youth |
| July 3 | 7:00 | Church Council Meeting |
| July 4 | | Independence Day |
| July 7 | 6:30 | Deacon Visitation |
| July 8 - 10 | 6:30 | Camping Trip to Santee State Park |
| July 9 - 16 | | Driven Youth Mission Trip |
| July 10 | 6:00 | Church Conference Meeting |
| July 10 | 6:00 | Bible Science |
| July 11 | 6:00 | WOM Meeting |
| July 14 | 6:30 | Deacon Visitation |
| July 17 | 11:00 | Special Service honoring Joyce Thomas |
| July 18 | 2:00 | Veteran's Victory House Singing |
| July 18 | 7:00 | Men's Ministry Meeting |
| July 18 | 7:00 | NWCA Trustees Meeting |
| July 19 | 6:30 | Deacon Visitation |
| July 23 | 8:30 | K'Motion Kidz Ministry Training |
| July 26 | 6:30 | Deacon Visitation |

BIBLE SCIENCE, Sunday, July 10th at 6:00pm

The more we immerse our children in FUN Christian culture, the more they will learn and apply the truths of Jesus! The world teaches them that they should put their faith in science...to trust in what man has determined to be true...not God. God's Word tells us the truth...but we MUST study it so we know those truths. Make sure your kids have a solid foundation in which to test everything they hear!

From the Associate Pastor...

I pray that this note finds you having a wonderful day in the Lord. I am beyond excited as our youth have just finished a mission trip at Myrtle Beach. Folks, 49 people gave their life to Jesus last week at Lakewood campground and your youth played an instrumental role in helping with this. They canvassed the entire campground numerous times inviting everyone they saw to 14 different ministry events during the week. The heat didn't slow them down and it warmed my heart to see their enthusiasm as they witnessed the results of their labor. They took many opportunities to counsel with folks who had just accepted Christ and helped them to understand their decision to do so. What a wonderful testimony for our teens. This is a life changing experience that they will never forget. Pray for us as we have been invited back to Lakewood July 9 – 16. To be invited back during the same summer is quite an honor and is surely a testimony to the unselfish work your youth did. I am extremely proud of them.

Our own VBS here at NWBC has started and seems to be going very well so far. Thanks to all of our volunteers and leaders who have worked so hard on this. The children all have smiles and seem to be enjoying the content. Continue to pray for them so that they will live what they have learned. Believe it or not, I am already looking towards Christmas. Christmas is a big deal around here as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Pray for me through my musical selection process as I am feeling led right now to do another dramatic musical. I can't wait. The holiday season is my favorite time of the year. Folks, there are many opportunities for you to find a place to get involved. Pray for God's leadership and guidance to place you where He wants you. A willing heart is all God needs to accomplish great things through YOU!! As always, I am available to you. Don't ever hesitate to contact me if need be.

I love serving the Lord and I love serving Him with You!!

Pastor Steve

Church Conference Meeting Sunday, July 10th

**K'MOTION KIDZ MINISTRY
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**
SATURDAY, JULY 23RD / 8:30 AM – 10:00AM

Join us for breakfast and receive your special gift of appreciation!! This meeting is just for YOU!!

WHO NEEDS TO COME?

Current volunteers with K'Motion Kidz (Sunday/Wednesday Night Teachers, Children's Church, Nursery, K'Motion Events, VBS) or those who are interested in volunteering.

TOPICS:

New Registration & Safety Procedures
Review of Current Responsibilities & Amendments
Addressing Behavior & Special Needs
Upcoming Calendar of Events, Volunteer Opportunities
Question/Answer Time, How to Lead children to Christ

Please RSVP to Bri Gallagher via text or email: 952-240-2891
drbrigallagher@yahoo.com

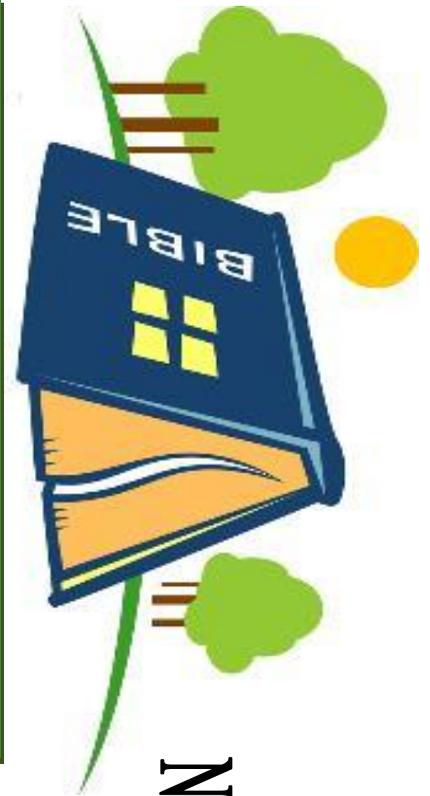


During the morning service on July 17th, we will be honoring Mrs. Joyce Thomas for 65+ years of dedicated and beautiful piano music. Mrs. Joyce has served in several different churches throughout the years, among them, the hometown church of her youth, Edgewood Baptist Church, and more recently our own church. As part of her responsibility as primary church pianist, she has played for numerous events, such as funerals, weddings, events at NWCA; and for the past 8+ years, she has played with the Veterans Victory House Choir.

Mrs. Joyce has always said, "playing the piano has been a privilege, and my special way of giving to my church family and honoring God through music."

Our celebration will include special music, and dinner in the social hall following the morning service. Please bring a covered dish to share as you would for any "dinner on the grounds". Meat and beverages will be provided. To make this a real memory for Mrs. Joyce, a convenient "card collection box" will be placed on the stage. Please add your note of appreciation for our sister's long years of loving service.

NORTH WALTERBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH
CAMPING TRIP
TO SANTEE STATE PARK
FRIDAY, JULY 8TH – SUNDAY, JULY 10TH



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