

June 30, 2022

### EVERLASTING FREEDOM

There are many national memorials in the "mall" of Washington D.C. The **Korean War Memorial** is particularly haunting. It is basically statues of a platoon of soldiers walking on patrol. In each face you can see the different emotions associated with the horrors of war. On a wall next to these statues is listed **all the nations** that participated. Under the nations are the numbers of those wounded, killed, and missing. As you walk by these numbers, you end up at another wall wherein is inscribed, "**Freedom Is Not Free.**"

Our freedom in Christ is not free as well. It took the death of God's Son on the cross to **purchase our freedom and redeem** us from the bondage of sin.

However, not all freedoms are the same. This nation of which we are citizens has been involved in **a number of wars** since the one in Korea, and there are many battle fronts today in which we are involved one way or another as a nation. The **Kingdom of Christ** is involved in a battle between right and wrong, and its **greatest enemy**, Satan, is dramatically portrayed in the book of Revelation. He is bent on devouring and destroying the Kingdom of God.

The freedom that Christ offers is **everlasting** as long as its soldiers remain faithful in the battle. Paul wrote to Timothy the following words about commitment; "You therefore must endure hardship as **a good soldier of Jesus Christ**. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as **a soldier**," **2 Timothy 2:3, 4**. We must please Christ who enlisted us as His soldiers.

#### What kind of freedom do Christians have in Christ?

**(1) We have freedom from the eternal consequences of sin:** "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, 'If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know **the truth, and the truth shall make you free,**'" **John 8:31-32**. However, we are not free to do as we please: "For you, brethren, have been called to **liberty**; only do not *use* **liberty** as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another," **Galatians 5:13**. Every person in the world is born sinless and free to choose, but at some point in their lives they choose to be enslaved to sin by committing sin. What sets us free? Paul makes it clear: "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? But God be

thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you **obeyed from the heart** that form of **doctrine** to which you were delivered," **Romans 6:16-17**. That "form of doctrine he just mentioned was baptism (see Romans 6:3-7).

**(2) We are not free from Christ.** Having freedom does not mean that we are free from all things. Freedom from all things is **lawlessness**, and John says that sin is lawlessness: "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness," **1 John 3:4**. **Anarchy does not bring freedom** but just the opposite. True freedom can only be obtained when we recognize that we have **limitations on our actions**. Christians have the greatest Master. They are **in bondage to Christ**. Peter, Paul, and James considered themselves bondservants to God and Christ: "Paul, a **bondservant** of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness," **Titus 1:1**. We are no longer servants of sin, but we are servants of righteousness with Christ as our benevolent Master. Freedom in Christ is everlasting to the faithful soldier of Christ. **REMEMBER:** Freedom is not free in this country or in the Kingdom of Christ.

Charles Williams( 6/28/2018-Bulletin)

**"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."**  
**2 Corinthians 3:17**

#### PLACED MEMBERSHIP

**Karen Hoffman** placed membership on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Please attempt to meet Karen and welcome her to Nashville Road.

**Church office will be closed on Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>**



### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – James 2

Wednesday Read – James 3

#### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of **Review Jesus & Early Church & Read James 1.**

1. In the Lord's Supper, what do the bread and the grape juice represent and why do we observe it on Sunday?
2. What happened on the day of Pentecost?
3. What did James say would happen when our faith is tested?
4. Where can temptation lead us?
5. What does God accept as pure religion?

#### WEDDING SHOWER

Ladies of Nashville Road, you are invited to the Wedding Shower for **Jessica Carden**, fiancé of **Garrett Rowlett**. The shower will be on Saturday **July 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** in the fellowship room. The couple is registered at Amazon, Target, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

#### GRADUATES CARD SHOWER

We have two young ladies that graduated High School this past May, **Abbie Marshall & Jordan Senn**. We would like to give them a card shower. If you would like to Congratulate the girls with a card, there will be baskets in the foyer with their names on baskets.

#### THANK YOU NOTES

My sweet friends, I want to thank you for the cards, prayers, thoughts and love. There is no way to show my appreciation for you all. I am so thankful that while my Abby was here she had so many people who loved her. Please continue to pray for our healing.

Love, **Chrissy Pantoja**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

July 3, 2022

9:00 AM

#### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

#### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

#### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
Closing Prayer.....Jonathan Senn

### WEDNESDAY

July 6, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

#### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

### SICK LIST

**Vetrus Mee** has been having some health issues. **Myrlen Britt** had a heart attack last week, He is home and doing well. **Allyn Hosman** had hip replacement surgery and is home now doing well. **Bill Johnson** will be seeing a new ENT doctor soon. **Rachel Goode**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Charlotte Ward**, a frequent visitor, had heart surgery on June 27<sup>th</sup>. **Ronald Milliken**, husband of Helen Milliken, received good news, his cancer has shrunk and now will only have a shot every 3 months for 2 years. **Steven Simmons**, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato has recovered from hip surgery but continues with health issues. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, hopes to qualify for a new treatment. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



### PRAYER LIST

**Shelby Ross**; **Sandi Jones**; **Maxine Cothron**; **Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; **Frances Catron**; **Jean Deaton**; **Charlie Cliburn**; **Ricky Cantrell**; **Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Paul Bouchard**, uncle of Amy Williamson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

### SHUT-INS

**Marilee Frederick**, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Joyce Savage**, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill**; **Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 204, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	84
Morning Worship.....	147
Sunday Evening.....	62
Wednesday Evening.....	75
Contribution.....	\$8,544.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,411.00

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

### Deacons

Carl Newby Brent Smith  
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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