



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2022

Current Leadership

Pastor/Elders

- Jeff Anderson
- Scott Dickerson
- Dan Flanagan
- Brian Hardesty

Deacons

- Chris Butters
- John Collins
- Blake Olin

Announcements/ Upcoming Events

- ◆ **OCC Shoebox Collection: July**—See flyer for more information
- ◆ **Game Night**—July 8th, 6:00pm
- ◆ **Kindred Sisters**—July 16th, 9:30am

Current Sermon Series

The Book of Ephesians

The New City Catechism

Question 10

What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

A. Fourth, that on the Sabbath we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

Leviticus 19:3

Birthdays

- ◆ 7/4 Nate Head 7/29 Katie Brock
- ◆ 7/19 Lois Vander Meulen 7/31 Tony Barritt
- ◆ 7/25 Derek Gulas
- ◆ 7/25 Benjamin Gulas

Anniversary's

- ◆ 7/1 Roger & Gail Trucker
- ◆ 7/4 Blake & Cari Olin
- ◆ 7/13 Derek & Briana Gulas
- ◆ 7/17 Brian & Jamie Hardesty

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Children's ministry (see elders)
- ◆ Building Maintenance & Improvement (see John Collins)

Memory passage for this month

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

Pastor's Notes

By Erik Raymond:

The 4th of July is a great American celebration. It is always enjoyable to watch fireworks, eat a lot of barbecue, spend time with family and enjoy a mid-summer relaxation. Our country is truly a great place to live and it is active and merciful grace that we are enabled to enjoy such freedom as we do.

However, when I hear the word Independence Day and its celebration I think of my daily celebration of just the opposite, namely my dependence. For instead of my pride and value coming from a nation and our independence from another nation, it is good to use this holiday to recall, reflect, and marvel at the reality of Christian dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

As a believer I realize that I am depending on Christ for:

- his perfect obedience to the Father...for I did not obey
- his sinless perfection...for I am sinful
- his wrath satisfying death...for I am unable to satisfy eternal wrath
- his perfect righteousness before the judgment bar...for I have deficient righteousness
- his ability to keep me saved...for I cannot keep myself from wandering away
- his sovereign ability to rule this world...for I struggle with organizing my days
- his unfading love...for I trip on myself daily
- his ultimate motivation for life and ministry...for I have nothing in myself that trumps this

It is good therefore to declare dependence upon the Savior; knowing that there is a day coming when those who are gathered together in his kingdom will unite in numbers that will dwarf the fireworks crowds, to declare dependence upon King Jesus, the Lamb who was slain.

This was taken from "The Gospel Coalition" website.

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