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First Church of Christ



Independence Day, also referred to as the

Fourth of July or **July Fourth**, is a **federal holiday** in the United States commemorating the adoption of the **Declaration of Independence** 241 years ago on July 4, 1776. The **Continental Congress** declared that the **thirteen American colonies** regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the **British Empire**.

John Adams had written to his wife **Abigail**:
“The second day of July, 1776, will be the most

memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.”

Many lives were lost to secure the freedom we will celebrate

this July 4th. Every day we have the opportunity to celebrate the freedom we enjoy in Christ. Jesus speaking in John 8 says...

“³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” ³³They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever com-

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mits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be

Humble Pride

How often have you finished a difficult task, stepped back, and looked at your work and felt a sense of pride in a job well done? How about as a father or mother glowing with pride while watching a son or daughter achieve a certain goal for which they have been striving? There are numerous times throughout life in which we feel we have achieved a goal, met a deadline, accomplished a task, or someone close to us has done the same thing. We feel pride in our accomplish-

ment or pride for someone close to us. However, as a Christian we are taught to beware of pride. Proverbs 16:18 says *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Is it wrong to feel pride in some situations? I don’t believe so. Feeling pride in many accomplishments is a normal human emotion, and when allowed to flourish in an atmosphere of utter thankfulness to God, it is good.

Let’s look at original sin and see how pride took over. Satan tempted Eve with the ability to be like God. This caused her to allow her pride in herself to become greater than her thankfulness to God. She thought her new-found freedom of being like God would make her and her husband equal to God and they would no longer need God. That is when pride became wrong and the fall of sin occurred.

So how do we keep

pride in check? Proverbs 11:2 tells us *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.* This verse sounds very familiar to Proverbs 16:18, but provides a remedy. The remedy to sinful pride is humility. Being humble before God is where we will receive wisdom from God and keep our life in check.

Pride in an accomplishment or in a child is not wrong as long as we humbly remember that only by God’s will is it all possible. When our pride

Serving in July

Greeters:

- 2—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
- 9—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 16—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 23—Todd & Teresa Gambler (A)
- 30—Vincent & Nola Girardot (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 2—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 9—Dean & Sue Smethurst

- 16—Larry Snavelly
- 23—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 30—Brock Rohrer

Prayer Warriors:

Sherry Trubey/MaKenzie Manges
Welcome Center:

- 2—John & Nora Altman (9)
- 9—Lesley Shirkey (9)



- 1 Kaleb Hartman, Cindy Karnes
- 2 Carli Roughton
- 3 Marcia Gambler
- 5 Joan Brown, Jerry Hug
- 6 John Leppelmeier
- 7 Khloe Hartman, Kolden Kuszmaul, Leona Puff
- 9 Megan Rendleman, Ron Walker
- 10 Madelon Salsbury, Andrew Shirkey
- 12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuszmaul, Adam Perry
- 14 Corey Herendeen, Carson Strouse
- 15 Jordan Day
- 19 Gunnar Siebenaler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 21 Regina Kidd
- 22 Thayn Day
- 23 Nicholas Dawson,
- 25 Bettie Finken
- 26 Chris Gotshall
- 28 LuAnn Jerger, Justin McNamara
- 29 Scott Bard
- 30 Isabella Rowlison
- 31 Chris Trubey
- 01 Brittany & Clayton Sleesman (11)
- 07 Jimmy & Krystal Thornton (10)
- 9 Steve & Marilyn Lundy (40)

- 13 Ron & Ellen Walker (32)
- 19 Beth & Terence Clingaman (3)
- 20 Dan & Deb Nixon (32)
- 21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (60); Dick & Theresa Kuszmaul (33)
- 25 Henry & Regina Kidd (53); Troy & Trisha Hug (2)
- 28 Gene & Ruth Ordway (49); Kermit & Denise Riehle (32)
- 29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (45)
- 30 Gary & Teresa Brown (29)



Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

- ♥ Jim & Becky Newman and family (missionaries to Australia) on the passing **of Jim's father, Russell.**

Congratulations!

- ♥ To Terry & Cheryl Karnes

on the birth of their 18th grandchild! Garrison Eugene LeRoy Flower was born June 9th. Happy parents are Don & Rose Flower. He weighed in at 9# 8 oz. He has 5 older brothers and sisters.



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JULY 2017

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						<p>1 5:00</p> 
<p>2 9:30</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY Offices Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Mission Trip to Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Woodburn, TN</p>						
<p>16</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:45 Visitation Ministry</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Foellinger- Freimann Bo- tanical Conserv- atory</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:45 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Unity Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Come to VBS!</p>					



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Love All, Worship One,
Make Disciples



Connect with us!

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Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

June & 4

Attendance SS 32	Worship 19/49/100
Offering	\$6,417.00

June 10 & 11

Attendance SS 33	Worship 18/44/99
Offering	\$4,183.00

June 17 & 18

Attendance SS 24	Worship 18/40/91
Offering	\$4,271.00

June 24 & 25

Attendance SS 38	Worship 15/49/110
Offering	\$5,200.00

Needed for Budget \$5,828.86

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Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Weston DuBois, Paul Gregg, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Norma Kuster, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavely, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy To-

bin, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Garner, Gene Nash, Ginny Sufferel, Marilyn Lundy, Callie Wolpert, Cindy Horton, Sue Robson; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lewis Fairlawn Haven: Gerald Wetmore, Genesis: Geri Cox, ,

The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.



FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN,
TO THE PLACE WHERE IT SETS, THE
NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE
PRAISED.

-PSALM 113:3

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free indeed.”

We are free from the burden and guilt of sin thanks to the saving work of Jesus at the cross, and that freedom can be enjoyed by all who will by faith receive that free gift.

As much as I enjoy the freedom America offers, nothing compares to the freedom I have in Christ.

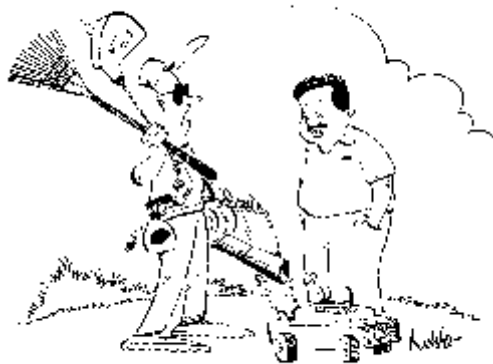
Live Free.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

progresses to a point where we become sure that it is by our own will and through our own greatness that things are accomplished, pride is out of control and will bring about destruction. A humble, thankful heart will bring God’s wisdom and help keep us from fateful sin.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin



“The only, and the only, of the Lord’s Spirit.”

HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?
BE
**STRONG
& COURAGEOUS.**
DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED,
AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED,
↓
**FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

JOSHUA 1:7