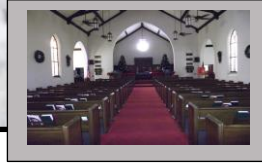


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

July 2023



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First Things First

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

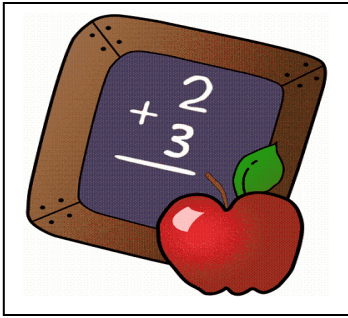
As all who may be reading this newsletter know, most citizens of the United States recognize July 4th as Independence Day. The date commemorates the vote approving the Declaration of Independence, eventually leading to the birth of our nation.

While that is a momentous occasion, there is a greater “freedom day” for the disciple of Jesus Christ. The clear message of God’s Word declares all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), that we are slaves to sin (Romans 6:17), and we inherited a sinful nature and death (Romans 5:18), even so, we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God (Romans 6:22-23).

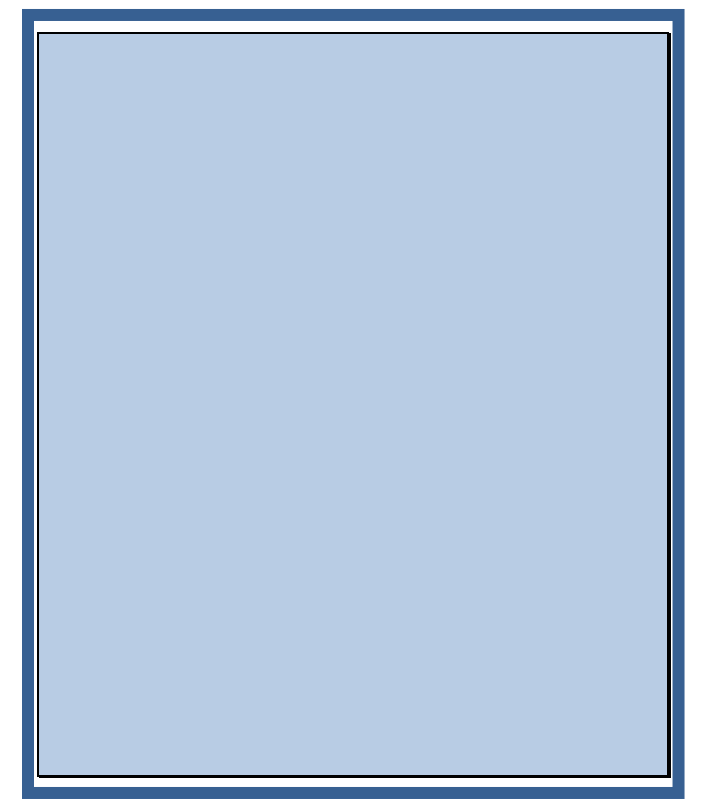
Many people celebrate July 4th with great gusto, picnics or barbecues, family gatherings and festive decorations. We, who have been redeemed by the Lamb of God, should celebrate daily with prayers, and songs of praise, and hearts lifted to the Lord in thankful joy that we have been set free from sin and death.

We should yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit asking that the Word of God work in us that which is pleasing in his sight. This is the power that leads us to reflect the love of Jesus to each other and to the world around us. Because it is written: *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3: 17-18).

Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care



This summer our school kids have been having a Bible study called "The Armor of God". They have really been enjoying it and we are gearing up for our VBS, Lava Lava Luau, the week of July 17! During our fun week at the Lava Lava Luau, we'll see what God's Word says about anger, sadness, jealousy, and frustration and learn how we can respond to others who may be feeling these emotions as well. Our kids will learn Biblical ways to express and deal with their emotions. We are so excited for this year's VBS and we can't wait to see what God has in store for our experience.

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Thursday, July 13th, 5:00 p.m.**

JULY READINGS

- 07/02 Exodus 21:1-11, Psalm 69:6-12, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 3:10-22
- 07/09 Exodus 21:12-21, Psalm 69:13-18, 1 Corinthians 14:1-13, Luke 3:23-38
- 07/16 Exodus 21:22-32, Psalm 69:19-24, 1 Corinthians 14:14-25, Luke 4:1-13
- 07/23 Exodus 21:33-22:9, Psalm 69:25-29, 1 Corinthians 14:26-40, Luke 4:14-24
- 07/30 Exodus 22:10-24, Psalm 69:30-36, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 4:25-35



- 07/05 Lynda Christenberry
- 07/10 Charlotte Watson
- 07/11 Jimmy Nielsen
- 07/12 Jan Nelson
- 07/20 Charles Bard
- 07/23 Gloria Campbell
- 07/24 Matthew Stewart
- 07/26 Linda Atchetee
- 07/31 Billie Jean Bram



Our FLC Family

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Charles Bard
- Ron Chambles
- Shirley Chatel
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Lloyd Nelson
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Bentley

Friends of FLC



- 07/12 Gaynard Wigginton
- 07/17 Benjamin Hernandez
- 07/19 Nora Borak
- 07/22 Kathleen Joines
- 07/29 Cecil Anderson

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**



- 07/13 Leroy & Billie Jean Bram
- 07/24 Pastor Clyde & Alys Grier

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OR



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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 20th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will serve on Thursday, July 13th. Please check with Cathy Schoenfield to see how you can help.



First School Board

Thursday, July 13th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Thursday, June 20th
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Pre-Gathering Seminars:

(To explore theme more deeply)
Seminar begins Friday, July 28th, at 1:00 p.m. To attend add \$20 more

Youth Gathering & Lock-In for Grades 6-12 held concurrently!

LCMC Texas District Gathering

July 28 - 29, 2023

(4:30 p.m. Friday evening – 3:45 p.m. Saturday)
St. Paul, New Braunfels, TX

Theme: Sent (Acts 1:8)

Keynote Speaker: Tilaye Daba

Tickets: \$75 thru 6/30, \$100 after 6/30
(includes T Shirt)

To Register: Forms are available in the church office
Or register online:

www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
9 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	10	11	12	13 First School Board Meeting 5PM Manna Meals FLCEC Team serves	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM W/Communion	17	18 Newsletter Items Due	19	20 Church Council Meeting 6PM	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	24	25	26	27	28 LCMC Texas District Gathering New Braunfels	29 LCMC Texas District Gathering New Braunfels
30 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	31					

July Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Calvin Borak

SEXTON: David Kight

USHERS: Alvin Yackel

ALTAR GUILD: Nora Borak, Diane Stewart,
Haley Orsak

READER

2nd Diane Stewart
9th Helen Johnson
16th Ty Schoenfield
23rd Kirk Marek
30th Ted Schoenfield

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



JULY FLOWER CALENDAR

2nd Open
9th Open
16th Open
23rd Open
30th Open

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

July 2023

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Numbers 32	17	Deuteronomy 12
2	Numbers 33	18	Deuteronomy 13
3	Numbers 34	19	Deuteronomy 14
4	Numbers 35	20	Deuteronomy 15
5	Numbers 36	21	Deuteronomy 16
6	Deuteronomy 1	22	Deuteronomy 17
7	Deuteronomy 2	23	Deuteronomy 18
8	Deuteronomy 3	24	Deuteronomy 19
9	Deuteronomy 4	25	Deuteronomy 20
10	Deuteronomy 5	26	Deuteronomy 21
11	Deuteronomy 6	27	Deuteronomy 22
12	Deuteronomy 7	28	Deuteronomy 23
13	Deuteronomy 8	29	Deuteronomy 24
14	Deuteronomy 9	30	Deuteronomy 25
15	Deuteronomy 10	31	Deuteronomy 26
16	Deuteronomy 11		

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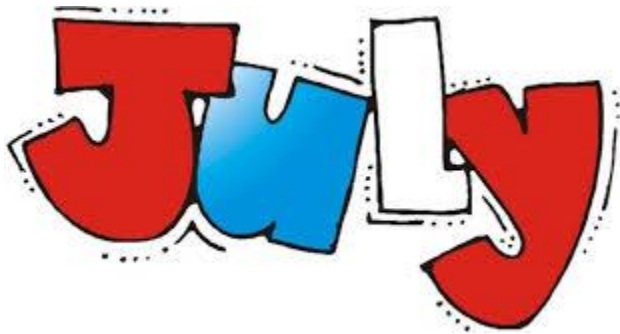
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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.