



THE VISION

July 2020

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

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What are some important dates that stand out in our minds: good times together as a family --- a trip we took --- your favorite team winning the big game --- receiving our high school or college diploma --- paying off our car or house loan --- our wedding day --- birth of our children --- and especially the day we were saved by Jesus Christ!

July 4, 1776 is a date that stands out in our nation's mind. It is the date we declared our Independence from Great Britain! On this date, we saw ourselves no longer as the “Colonies” of Great Britain but as the new sovereign nation called, “The United States of America!”

There is another national date that is significant, but does not receive the attention as July 4th. I would like to share the following information from an article I read some time ago.

The American Revolution began in 1775. In the summer of 1775, the United States had yet to declare its independence from Great Britain when the Continental Army launched an invasion of the neighboring British colony of Canada. Setting out to seize Quebec City, the patriots hoped to gain a strategic location on the St. Lawrence River and recruit French-Canadians to join their rebellion.

Colonel Benedict Arnold marched his forces north through the deep woods of Maine and in December 1775 met up on the outskirts of Quebec City with General Richard Montgomery's men who had proceeded up Lake Champlain and seized Montreal. With the enlistments of many of his men expiring on New Year's Day, Arnold was forced to launch a

desperate attack on December 31, 1775, during the middle of a blizzard.

The assault failed miserably, and Montgomery was among the dozens killed in the Battle of Quebec. The Continental Army eventually retreated from Canada, and in 1780 Arnold notoriously switched sides to join with the British.

July 4th is also an important date due to deaths and birthdays that have occurred. The Fourth of July saw the death of three of the first five U.S. presidents: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson in 1826 and James Monroe in 1831. Calvin Coolidge was the only chief executive born on Independence Day. The 30th President was born on July 4, 1872 in the small hamlet of Plymouth Notch, Vermont. While serving as Vice President, Coolidge was at the family homestead in the early morning hours of August 3, 1923 when the shocking news of the sudden death of President Warren G. Harding arrived. By the light of a kerosene lamp in the family's parlor, Coolidge's father administered the oath of office to his son.

Perhaps we can look at other people born on July 4th in a later newsletter. For now, as much as I enjoy history, **THE MOST** important date in our lives is the day we were saved through faith in Jesus Christ! Our nation was moved by a passion for freedom from England. Our Savior and Lord was moved by compassion to come to us and save us from Satan's tyranny. Please be safe this upcoming holiday, but also, let us reflect on the day Jesus saved us from our sins!

Happy 4th of July,
Pastor Bud Goude

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Deacon's Devotional

Celebrating the 4th of July
With Godly Gratitude

Does your celebration of our Independence include Godly gratitude? What will a person from another country see in us this year, who has suffered from the lack of freedoms we so take for granted, as we celebrate July 4th?

On July 4th, 1776, leading citizens from the initial 13 Colonies signed what is known as the Declaration of Independence declaring our nation independent from English rule. Our declared independence did not come easily, and only after several years of war was it won. Nor were our first years as a nation free from problems and controversies, and our current years still aren't free from similar problems and controversies. But our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic government which has endured the test of time. Along with the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and the Bill of Rights form the foundation upon which we live in this great land. The freedoms guaranteed within these founding documents are for all of our citizens. Molded in to the Liberty Bell (located in Philadelphia, PA) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV).

While our founding documents guarantee many freedoms, not all of our citizens are seen as deserving the same rights and liberties as others. As a nation we continue to struggle with issues of equality as well as the many controversial means being suggested as solutions to the issues surrounding inequality. It's time to: "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.... (Romans 15:7). It's time to welcome all people from all walks of life and to treat them as we would wish to be treated if we were the person who was "different". We live in a great nation, with countless freedoms to develop to our fullest potential and to reach for our dreams. Few, elsewhere in this world, can say the same thing. So, while we look to the past on this 4th of July with gratitude, let us look to the future with faith as we commit our lives to God and His will. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

A quote taken from a related Guideposts article:

"She's Yours, Lord, but You've allowed us to call her ours. Thank You from sea to shining sea".

Keith Martin
Deacon



Deacon of the Week

7/5—Keith Martin
7/12—Sandy McElfresh
7/19—Gus Saunders
7/26—Debra Wood

Nursery Workers

7/5—L. Walton/G. Breeden
7/12—Devan & Elyza Willard
7/19—Mallory Wagner/Youth
7/26—A. Crummett/A. Zepeda

July Ushers

Jimmy Diggs
Gus Saunders
Amy Jacobson

July Tellers

Amy Jacobson
Lynn Walton



CHURCH WORKERS

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

7/5—Theresa Svoboda
7/12—Jennifer/Lauren Hall
7/19—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
7/26—Connie West

Younger Children's Church

7/5—Tim Owens
7/12—S. Anthony/N. Dyson
7/19—J. West/J. Marshall
7/26—L. Sentz/R. Wells





Vacation Bible School

August 3 - 7, 2020

6 PM - 8:30 PM

Children ages 4 years to 6th grade



WMU Leaders Please Note

Our Council Meeting will be

July 20, 2020

10:00am

(pending approval)



Please Note!!

We will **"REGATHER"** for Worship Services on **July 5** at **11:00 am**.

All other Activities remain **CANCELLED** until Further Notice!!



**Sports Camp will be held
July 13—17, 2020**

Invite Your Neighbors—Bring a Friend

Sports Camp 2020 is just around the corner!

July 13th-17th, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm., Ages 4-12 years old.

Teaching skills in Soccer, Basketball, Flag Football, Golf and More!

The cost is \$27.00 per child and includes a T-shirt.

For more information contact Paige at coordinator@gloptbaptist.org or go to the church website www.gloptbaptist.org.

Registration and Media Release Forms will be available online and at the church office.

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)- 9:40am
Worship Service- 11:00am
C.A.R.E. Ministry—2:00pm

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm: NO CYM Dinner-June/July/
Aug
6:00 pm: Children's/Junior Choir
6:30 pm: Children/Youth Bible Study
6:30 pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

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July Birthdays:

Donnie Green	7/2
Pamela Hartman	7/3
Keith Belvin	7/6
Dani Lynn Burgess	7/7
Dale Jacobson	7/9
Bailey Moore	7/10
Kristen Eifes	7/11
Susan Mongold	7/16
Amaris Black	7/18
Tracy Williams	7/19
Elaine Owens	7/20
Logan Hutson	7/21
Nancy Bolton	7/22
Ricky Green	7/23
Robbie English	7/25
Laraine Sentz	7/27

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  Independence Day
5 Regather for Worship 11am (no Lord's Supper)	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 11:00 am	13 Sports Camp 6pm-8:30pm	14 Vision Articles Due Sports Camp 6pm-8:30pm	15 Sports Camp 6pm-8:30pm	16 Sports Camp 6pm-8:30pm	17 Sports Camp 6pm-8:30pm	18
19 Worship 11:00 am	20 WMU Council Meeting 10:00am (pending approval)	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 11:00 am	27	28	29	30	31	



Anniversaries:

Jeff & Linda Breaks	7/10
John & Alice Oldfield	7/14
Daniel & Krysten Eifes	7/19
Charles & Betty Duncan	7/20
Stewart & Debra Wood	7/28
Jason & Elisse Fitzgerald	7/30
Al & Martha West	7/30