

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00pm MLBA Executive Board Meeting - Brighton	3 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 MLBA Mission Trip to Wyoming—July 5-13	6 6:00pm Independence Day Celebration
7 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 5:00pm Trustees 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence	8 Meals on Wheels—July 8-12	9	10 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	11 7:00pm Church Work Night	12	13 9:00am-3:00pm MO Baptist Children's Home—Ozarks Berry Festival
MLBA Mission Trip to Wyoming—July 5-13						
14 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Business Meeting	15	16	17 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	18	19 6:00pm Church at the Lake	20
21 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults	22	23	24 10:30am Worship at SNH 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting	29	30	31 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children Youth Camp— July 31- August 4			
Children's Camp—July 28-31						

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Birthdays of the Month

1. Marjorie Johnson
2. David Wheeler
7. Donna Winder
9. Mark Applegate
15. Haley Mooneyham
16. Taylor Ewing
Tate Wheeler
17. Allie Spurgeon
19. Lucy Wilson
20. John Michael Pate
24. Pierce Brogdon
Larry Wheeler
25. Afton Graham
26. Lindsey Applegate
28. Wilma Davis
30. Greg Thomas

Anniversaries of the Month

1. John & Jeana Wilson
2. David & Stephanie Wheeler
6. Jim & Donna Pelfry



On July 4th, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence. This short, yet profound document set the stage for America to fight to become a nation. In just over 1300 words, this pronouncement clearly stated that we derive our rights, laws and freedoms from our Creator, not man. The American church should take time to reflect on our Creator and the blessings given to our nation often at the cost of human life. Through prosperity, we have fallen from dependence on the One who gives every good gift. (James 1:17) We must also remember that tyranny doesn't often storm in like a tornado. Similar to the snake in the garden, the despotic destruction of a nation's rights and principles often slithers in with an eerily familiar whisper "Does the Constitution really say...?"

Rereading this document made me think about our church. As good as our church is, we desperately need a church "Declaration of *Dependence*". At times, we have strayed from "To God Be the Glory", as posted in etched concrete on our building, into a state of depending on self, a pastor, a favorite theologian or a spouse. Just before the Protestant Reformation, the known church had fallen into far worse repair. The "church" of the day was largely Catholic and the true Gospel of Christ was replaced by dependence on sacramental duty and works for "salvation". The reformers, at the cost of their lives, declared independence from the Catholic church and total dependence on Christ. They rallied around "5 Solas". Sola, the Latin word for "alone", expressed the fledgling protestant church's dependence on 5 items:

- *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone) states that all we need to understand God and His plan and requirements for our lives is found in Scripture. (2 Timothy 3:14-7) We do not need TBN. We do not need Joel Osteen's new book. We don't even need a priest, Charles Stanley, J. Vernon McGee or John Calvin to explain the Bible for us. Outside materials can be fine to supplement our study, but if they deviate from the Bible, we must chuck them.

- *Sola Fide* (Faith alone) states that we are saved by faith alone, without regard to the good works which we willingly do out of love for our God. (Eph 2:8-10) We do not serve on committees, work in the nursery or give money in order to be saved...or be "more saved". We do these things because we ARE saved. Faith is a gift that we can depend on to save us.
- *Sola Gratia* (Grace alone) states that we are saved by the gift of Grace alone. God, despite our deserving judgment, gives us the grace to repent of sin and believe in Christ, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb 12:2). As Jonah said, we also say: "Salvation is of the LORD." Walking an aisle doesn't save. Repeating a prayer doesn't save. Christ saves...by His grace...and we pray in response to His grace with repentance and faith. We daily depend on, and are deeply thankful for, His grace.
- *Solus Christus* (Christ alone) states that it is only in the name of Christ, properly known, that we can be saved. We need no mediator between us and God the Father beyond our perfect one, Christ. We must have the right Christ, however, to have the Father and be saved. (2 John 1:2-7) We are not saved by the financial prosperity Jesus or the good parking spot Jesus. We are saved by the Jesus who died in our place for the sins we committed. We must depend on Him, and Him alone.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* (Glory to God alone) states that God gets all glory for everything, regardless of our perceived role in the event. When someone is saved, it was God, not us, who gets the glory. Everything is for His glory! (Isaiah 48:11) We don't judge the success of our missions on the basis of how many are saved. We judge our success based on our faithfulness to preach the Christ and we leave the results to Him. He will bring the increase.

We must depend on Christ in order to glorify Christ. Take some time to seek Him this holiday. Join me in repenting from trying to rob His Glory. As for me, I have spent far too much time in my life depending on other things. Today, I declare my personal declaration of dependence. Won't you, too?

Your brother in Christ,
Mark Applegate



Saturday, July 6th
6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and family to join us for the Annual FSBC Independence Day Celebration! Please bring a side dish and dessert to go along with the hot dogs & chips provided by the CLC. You are welcome to bring along some games to play together until the fireworks start at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of great fellowship and a terrific view of the fireworks!


HELP NEEDED!
Church Work Night
 Thursday, July 11th
 Starting at 7:00 p.m.
 Several projects planned
 for all ages and skill levels.



CAMP NEWS
 It is time to start thinking about Church Camp! The theme this year is "Peace" - John 16:33 and camp will be at Baptist Ridge in Warsaw. Children's camp will be July 28-31 and Youth camp will be July 31-August 4. Camp Staff Volunteers are also needed for both camps.
 Registration forms are available in the church office and the registration deadline is July 22. The church voted to pay half of the registration fee for each camper and the full fee for camp staff.

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FSBC NEWSLETTER



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