

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday – July 16**  
**Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Classes for all ages**

**Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.**

Announcements.....Glenn Woodlee  
 Lead Singing.....Gary Woodlee  
 Prayer.....Ike Turner  
 Sermon.....Joey Davis

**LORD’S TABLE:**

**PRESIDING – PRAYER**.....Aaron Roberts

**SERVE COMMUNION**

Frank Turner.....Vernon Parker  
 Chris Woodlee.....Jeff Youngblood

Dismiss.....George Roberts

**Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.**

Announcements.....Glenn Woodlee  
 Lead Singing.....Mark Corley  
 Prayer.....Johnny Parker  
 Sermon.....Joey Davis  
 Dismiss.....Vernon Parker

**Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 P.M.**

Announcements.....Ike Turner  
 Lead Singing.....Mark Corley  
 Prayer.....Dawson Campbell  
 Speaker.....Wayne Cantrell  
 Dismiss.....James Tillett

If unable to serve, please contact  
**Mark Parker – 668-9003**

Pick Up Communion Cups - **July 16**  
 Supervisor – **Kayla Williams**

Jordan Dyer.....Logan Dyer  
 Tallan Dyer.....Ian Pursley  
 Andy Sliger.....Rylan Sliger

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
 Worship 10:00 A.M.  
 (CST) 5:00 P.M.  
 (CDT) 6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 10:00 A.M.  
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY**

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

**ELDERS**

Dawson Campbell Johnny Parker  
 Glenn Woodlee

**DEACONS**

Mark Parker Don Prater  
 Ike Turner Marion Turner

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**Declaration of Independence**

**Joey Davis**

It was in June, 1776 that Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was credited with offering the resolution which stated, “Resolved: That these United Colonies are and of a right ought to be free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved.” The wheels were in motion and on July 4th, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was presented to and adopted by congress. Today, we stand free and independent of any outside body that would control our lives.

As Christians, we have a similar declaratory day. It is the day in which each of us declared our independence from the power of sin. It was the day that we obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ and became free from sin. Of that independence, Paul said:

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness (Romans 6:17-18).

In the first two verses of Romans chapter six, Paul asks “how?” How can we being free from sin continue to live as though we were subjected to its control? If we have truly declared our independence then we ought to live a life that demonstrates our freedom from sin. Wouldn’t it be strange for our nation to continue to subject itself to a foreign

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## THE RECORD

Evening Worship, 07-02.....113  
Bible Study, Wed. 07-05.....96  
Bible Study, 07-09.....89  
Morning Worship, 07-09.....145  
Contribution, 07-09.....\$2,798.00

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wylene McMahan, Shaun Malloy, Roy Robinson, Pat Cantrell, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Athelia Herrin, Rose McKelvey, Thedra Newby, Bobby Prater, Mildred Hoover, Louise Pellum, Georgia Willis, Mildred Williams, Lucile Campbell, Dan & Dell Simpson, Lucille Fletcher, Bill Flowers, Jake Davis, Alice McCormick, Janette Murphree, Jean Pirtle, Kenny White, Jimmy Rogers, Frank Pierce, James Floyd, Faye Willey, Debby Pavatte, Josie Love, Ethel Dyer, Lyte Northcutt, Lillard Vandagriff, Sandra Thurne, Jimmie Hulett, Pat Julian, Jackie Johnson, Connie & Marion Turner, Connie Woodlee, Wanda Paul, Estelle Panter, Georgeanna Bryan, Mary Meeks, Alvena Davis, Doran Thompson, David Sharpe, Cindy Terrell Owen, Juanita Lemons & Willard Bouldin. **Haskell & Alma Hayes** are both better. **Shirley Crawley & Cindy Pearson** are both improved and it was good to see all of them out on Sunday. **John & Cory Pearson** are both sick at home. **Sandra Woodlee** has been to the doctor but is still sick at home. **Estelle Panter** had a Pet scan and it showed she was cancer free. We're thankful for this good news. **Bea Bonner** was knocked down by a calf and cracked a bone in her pelvic area. It will take about 2 months to heal. **Teresa Parker** will have surgery on Monday on her finger.

## LOCK THE BUILDINGS

**Glenn Woodlee** will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **July 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## SINGINGS

On **July 14<sup>th</sup>** there will be a singing at **Herren's Chapel church, Baxter, TN** and **Lois church, Lynchburg, TN**. Then on **July 21<sup>st</sup>** **Woodbury church, Woodbury, TN & McEwen church, McEwen, TN** will host the singings. All singings begin at **7pm**.

## GRASS CUTTING

**Vernon Parker** is scheduled to cut the grass at the church building the week end of **July 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS & ETC.

**Mt. Leo church** will have VBS, **July 10-13, 6-8 pm**. **West Sparta church** will have a gospel meeting with **Chad Ramsey, July 9-13, Sun. 1:30 pm, week nights 7pm**. **Dibrell church in cooperation with Bluff Springs church** will have a VBS at **Dibrell, July 9-12, 7pm nightly**. **Hebron church** will have a gospel meeting with **Bill Irby, July 9-13, 7pm nightly**. **Ivy Bluff church** will have a gospel meeting, **July 16-20, with David Dunn, 7 pm nightly**. **Summitville church** will have a gospel meeting with **Eddie Brinkley, July 16-19, Sunday night 7:30 pm & week nights 7pm**. **Bybee Branch church** will have VBS, **July 17-19, 7 – 8:30 pm**. **Sugar Tree Knob church, Woodbury** will have a gospel meeting with **Earl Sutton, July 16-20. 7:30 pm nightly**.

## SUMMER SERIES

On **July 19<sup>th</sup>** the speaker on our **Summer Series** will be **Wayne Cantrell** speaking on **“Why Do I Feel So Angry?”**

## NURSING HOME VISIT

Those going to the NHC on **Sat., July 15<sup>th</sup>** may meet at the building at 12:30 pm or at NHC at 1pm.

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# Declaration of Independence

Joey Davis

power after having made a conscious decision and after having taken appropriate action to be free from it? Equally, it would be abnormal for a Christian who has declared independence from sin to continue to practice those things that are sinful.

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin** (John 8:34).

Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness (Romans 6:16).

What a shame it is to learn of Christians who, after having declared themselves free from sin through Christ, go back to serve the power from which they were delivered.

Brother or Sister in Christ who has again become subjected to the power of sin, call to memory your former declaration (Romans 8:2) and live accordingly (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7).

## LOVE THE SON

When a certain wealthy man died, no will could be found. The man's wife and only son had preceded him in death. In due time the effects of the deceased were sold at auction.

Everything was disposed of except a portrait of the son. Nobody seemed to want it, until an elderly woman approached. Seeing the unsold picture, she pleaded with the auctioneer to let her have it for the few pennies she possessed. When he gave her the picture, she drew it to her heart. She had been the son's nurse in his infancy and boyhood days.

Later she noticed that attached to the back of the painting was an envelope addressed to an attorney. The woman took it to the lawyer.

He read it and exclaimed, "Woman, you have found a fortune! This is the man's will. He bequeathed a large sum of money to anyone who loved his son enough to buy the picture!"

To all who love and honor God's dear Son, the Father gives "all spiritual blessings" and every needed material blessing (Eph.1:3; Matt. 6:33).

How rich we are as God's children—"heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ Jesus!"

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15).

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