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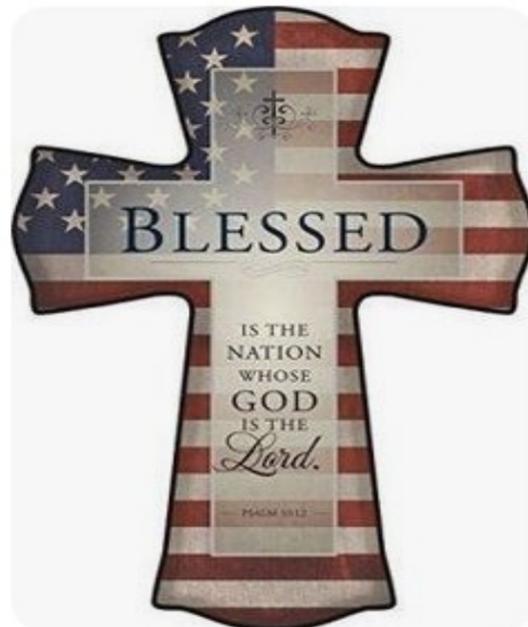
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Religious Freedom Sunday
Worshipping in the Sanctuary
July 5, 11 a.m.

Pfafftown Christian Church will resume Sunday worship in the sanctuary on July 5 at 11:00 a.m. During this Independence Day Holiday weekend, we will value religious freedom, affirming the unique responsibilities this brings to us as Christians.

The on-line Sunday music and sermon will still be available for persons deciding to not attend in person.

If you attend in person on July 5, the following guidelines must be observed as we care for each other:

- ♦ Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose. If you do not have a mask, one will be furnished by the church.
- ♦ Hand sanitizer will be available at the doors to the sanctuary. Please wash your hands often.
- ♦ Seating will be marked with signs so as to ensure social distancing. Please sit as an individual or household in the marked seating.
- ♦ Communion will be observed in such a way to maintain social distancing.
- ♦ We ask that you do not congregate in the narthex before or after worship.

Please take care of your neighbor by social distancing.



During this season, if you should have a need (such as someone to pick up medications or food and drop them at your door) or would simply like to talk during this time, do not hesitate to contact one of the persons listed below.

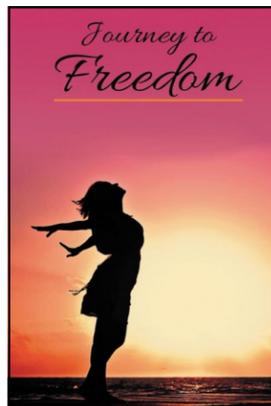
Gerald Thomas: 336 504-8206
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Elders: See your Yearbook

Pfafftown Christian Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2019 through April 2020			
	Jul '19 - Apr 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Projected W/D from CIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Change for Church	253.17		
Carryover from Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions Income	120,724.42	148,483.00	-27,758.58
Loose Offering	735.00	1,200.00	-465.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	834.00	-834.00
Building Rental	226.00	416.00	-190.00
Investment Earnings	5,060.90	6,016.00	-955.10
R G Flynt Endowment	2,252.58	2,566.00	-313.42
Yard Sale	3,050.00	4,334.00	-1,284.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	132,302.07	163,849.00	-31,546.93
Expense			
Administrative Expense	116,618.55	122,768.00	-6,149.45
Christian Education	618.28	1,166.00	-547.72
Building and Capital Improv Fd	0.00	1,666.00	-1,666.00
Evangelism	0.00	84.00	-84.00
Membership	300.00	334.00	-34.00
Fellowship	324.10	834.00	-509.90
Childcare	0.00	166.00	-166.00
Property	27,342.31	32,041.00	-4,698.69
Worship	2,394.42	2,750.00	-355.58
Total Expense	147,597.66	161,809.00	-14,211.34
Income over Expenses	-15,295.59	2,040.00	-17,335.59

Church year is closing June 30, 2020

Four Things the Bible Says About Freedom



As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4, it's worth noting our nation was founded upon the idea that God created us to be free. The Declaration of Independence states that people "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." What is "liberty"? Is freedom based upon the country where you live or is there a deeper meaning?

1. People have been searching for it for thousands of years

The Old Testament records how God's people lost their physical freedom so many times. Their loss of physical freedom was often tied to their spiritual disobedience. However, time and time again, God forgave them and rescued them. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to free humanity from spiritual slavery and death.

2. God's answer to our loss of freedom has always been Jesus Christ

When Jesus began his short period of ministry on earth, He announced He was the One that God's people had been waiting for since the fall of humanity. He was the One that had been prophesized, the Messiah... the Savior of the world.

3. Jesus came to free us from death, sin and anything that enslaves us

The core message of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ rescues us from the slavery of sin and offers true freedom in this life and beyond. Faith in Jesus frees us from the death we deserve. As followers, we still battle sin; however, we are no longer slaves to it. Through His power, we can be set free from the bondage of greed, vanity, pride, any sin under the sun. John 8:31-32 "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

4. God gives us freedom to choose our own path

God offers us choice to accept His Son, Jesus Christ. He gives each person free will to accept or reject His salvation. Those who choose Christ are not forced to obey Him at every turn, but God makes it clear in His word that the best life is one that is devoted to honoring Him. Galatians 5:13 "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

God's word points to freedom in Christ and it starts with acknowledging our brokenness and admitting we are slaves to sin and it ends with choosing Jesus and following Him daily. Only He can break the bonds of slavery and lead us to true freedom now and forever.

(some excerpts from Billy Graham, July 2019)



What Can We Learn From Lady Liberty?

She stands tall on Liberty Island in the middle of New York Harbor. She holds her beacon of light above her head and is attired with a flowing robe and crowned with a seven point headpiece. She isn't considered a Christian symbol and she wasn't intended to honor Almighty God. But she DOES stand for freedom. She is an emblem of the personal liberty upon which our country was built. Everyone agrees that there are huge problems in our country and things need to change... the question is what can Christians do? Maybe we can learn from Lady Liberty?

A Torch & Robe- Our torch or beacon of light is what emanates from our being. Let Him shine through us! Our robe should be a robe of righteousness which was given by the One who died for us. **A Crown-** One day we will receive our crown and it will reflect His radiance and the good works He has worked through us. **Liberty-** Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. We have liberty and are free from bondage in that, Jesus paid for all our sins through His death on the cross. The Holy Spirit is working in us daily transforming us in the likeness of Him. **Law-** Lady Liberty holds a tablet (Declaration of Independence) in her hand. God have us His word as a lamp until our feet to live by. He commanded two laws to be written on our heart: Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said, thou shalt love the Lord thy God will all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. We need to remember that we are to first love God and establish our hearts with His grace (Hebrews 13:9). When we do that, we will be strong in our relationship with Him and then His love will flow through us to all others. Our country was founded on biblical principles and godly men. Unity among God's people is of the utmost importance. Unity was important to Jesus; He prayed for unity with each other and with God (John 17:11) Just as Lady Liberty represents freedom of our country, we can stand tall representing the freedom we have in Christ. Let His light shine through you and proclaim His Law and Love to a world that desperately needs it.

(some excerpts Shari Abbott Reasons for Hope 7/2014)

Notes from Tim

Hymn Story: O, How I Love Jesus

This hymn has special meaning for me. I remember this as one of my favorite songs we would sing at Vacation Bible School when I was young. I remember learning sign language and hand movements we would use on the verses and chorus. So many of these wonderful hymns we learn at an early age stay with us to bless and inspire us for a lifetime!

Frederick Whitfield was born in Shropshire, England on January 7, 1829. After attending Trinity College in Dublin, he became an Anglican Church clergyman and is credited with more than 30 books of religious verse.

The text to the verse *O, How I Love Jesus*, is believed to come from Philippians 2:5-11 "that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." The entire hymn revolves around the "name of Jesus." What a powerful name! The name of Jesus promises us great things from our Heavenly Father. It promises to be with us in every circumstance and how we should love Jesus for all the great things He has done and is doing for us.

*There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.*

*It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.*

*It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.*

Chorus:

*O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!*

The chorus was added to the hymn and is an American melody of unknown origin, but most likely is believed to come from the camp meeting era. The first printing of the hymn is recorded to be in tract form dating back to 1855. Hymnologist William J. Reynolds traces an early appearance of the text to the 1864 edition of Goodman's Village Hymnbook. It was used in Dwight Moody's Evangelistic Crusades beginning in 1896. However, Hymnologist Harry Eskew traces the hymn tune back to the 1869 edition of the Revivalist. Fred Whitfield died September 13, 1904 in London, England.

May these beautiful words of faith and love inspire your hearts this day and always. *Tim*



SERVERS for July, 2020

If you are unable to serve, please, contact someone to switch with you or call
Lynda Bryant: 336-924-1695 or
Jo Stanley: 336-813-2522

ELDERS: Ken Davis, Betty Simpson
DEACONS: Betty Barker, Jack Bryant, Robert Flynt
COMMUNION: Pending
CLOSING: Scott Robertson
Thank you for your part in ministry at PCC!



Crisis Control | Neighbors Helping Neighbors
 MINISTRY

200 East 10th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 336.724.7875 431 W. Bodenhamer Street, Kernersville, NC 27284 336.996.5401

Thank you...

...to those who continue to support our community's needs by bringing food items and financial contributions to support various food pantries. Every form of outreach makes a difference for those living day to day. If you have cans of food you would like to contribute and do not wish to venture out, please contact the church office and we will pick these up off of your porch.

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

Our church will be collecting peanut butter & jelly this month for Crisis Control. Please place your donations in the donation box and/or contact the church office should you have a donation you wish to be picked up. Thank you for your giving and loving hearts.

To Honor You

Pfafftown Christian Church Congregation
A gift of love, a gift of peace, a gift of hope
has been given to help neighbors in need through

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

from
Jackie Romanello

Thanks to my church members for supporting Crisis Control

Thank You Messages

Dear Pfafftown Christian Church,
Just a note to thank you for sharing a copy of C. C. Ware's 1965 Centennial Church History- Star in Wachovia. I know our great grandparents along with other relatives were buried in your church cemetery. As soon as I thumbed through the book, I saw pictures and read interesting history with family connections. Please accept this small donation to the cemetery fund in honor of family who were members of your church. Thank you, Traci, for your help. Wrenn Conrad

Pfafftown Christian Church,
My husband and I have so enjoyed the beautiful and worshipful music Rev. Tim Shoaf has shared through Facebook during this pandemic season. Unfortunately, we do not get this quality and type of music in our church. There is nothing more beautiful and comforting than the old hymns. Enclosed is just a token of our appreciation. In Christian Love, Betty & Don Tate

PCC Garden News:

We have set a tentative corn harvest date for **Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.** We will maintain social distancing as we harvest this year's crop. Thank you!



Challenge Accepted
 Pursuing Jesus with Others

July's memory verse is:



A new commandment I give unto you,
 That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
John 13:34

DailyVerses.net



Please Call the Church Office And Update Your Yearbook Information

Now is the time to check your Yearbook's directory (name, address, contact information) and update this as needed. Everyone in charge of a ministry/program of our church is asked to update your information in the Yearbook. **Please call or come by the office with this information by July 31. Thanks!**



Congratulations!
Emma Robertson
 Our 2020 Graduate
 We are proud of you!

Remembering in Prayer



- Brighton Gardens:** Edna Williamson
Rose Tara: Vallie Cline
Willowbrook Rehabilitation: Bud Barker
Church Family: Pat & Frank Barber, Christine Faircloth, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Bill Simpson, Ed Snuffer, Garland & Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Tommy Timmons, Richard Yarbrough
- Others:**
 Jason Alexander: Jack & Mary Groffs' friend
 Haley Burns: Skip & Jo Stanley's friend
 John Davis: Ken and Vicki Davis' friend
 Tommy Disher: Traci Canter's Uncle
 Jennifer Durham: Irma & Fred Muetzel's granddaughter
 Geraldine Edwards: Ann Fletcher's aunt
 Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister
 June Fulton: Jill Robertson's friend
 Elaine Grice: John Grice's sister
 Betty Haddock: Sharon Binkley's mother
 Cayden Kingsbury: Rodney Stilwell's grandson
 Chuck Kolstad: Evelyn Nifong's son-in-law
 Sharon Linscott: Gerald & Marlene's friend
 Ramon Mandry: Pat Millsap's family
 Scott McDaniel Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friends
 Sue Miles: Jo Stanley's friend
 Plemmons Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friend
 Pam Reynolds: Traci Canter's friend
 Daniel and Lewis Shields (infants): Jill Robertson's friends
- Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister
 Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson's niece
 Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson's sister
 Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin
 Brandon Whitley: friend of the Fletcher family
- Loved Ones in the Military:**
 Joshua Hughes, Norfolk, VA.; Chase Lee, Guam; USS Key West; Major Hope Poster, NG, Texas; Cpt. John G. Van Hoy IV, Fort Campbell, KY

"Pray without ceasing."
 1 Thessalonians 5:17

