

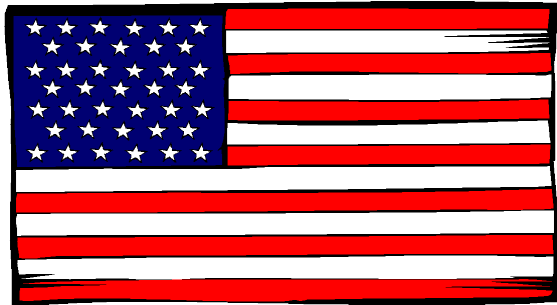
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## INDEPENDENCE DAY



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...

Psalm 33:12

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:36

# JULY 2026

## LORD'S DAY MEETINGS

(...They continued in...doctrine and fellow-ship,  
and in breaking of bread...)

◆ **The Lord's Supper** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

◆ **Sunday School** 10:30 - 11:10 a.m.  
Current study in I John.

◆ **Family Bible Hour** 11:15 – 12:10 p.m.

### SPEAKERS\*:

July 5 USA 250<sup>th</sup>/Fred Kosin\*\*  
July 12 Jim Gibbons  
July 19 Neil/Mike  
July 26 Chris Mattix/FL\*\*

\*Sign up in the kitchen or see Mike or Paul if you'd  
like to host a speaker.  
\*\* See coming events.

## WEDNESDAY MEETINGS

(...They continued...in prayer...)

◆ **Prayer & Bible Study:** 7:00 pm

### BIBLE STUDY\* LEADERS:

July 1 Neil  
July 8 Tom  
July 15 Mike  
July 22 Neil  
July 29 M. E.: Gideons/ Abbie

\*Current study in Acts.

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LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION AND REFRESHMENTS	
July	Jeanjaquet
August	Cianci
September	Port
October	Stello
November	P. Glendinning
December	Gogginheimer
January, 2027	R. Glendinning

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## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 4: as our nation celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, we'll have a Low-Country Boil at the Partenheimers'. Come any time after 2:00 pm, enjoy the pool, games, fellowship; supper planned for 5:00 pm.

Sunday, July 5: USA birthday program, followed by Fred Kosin.

Saturday, July 11: Ladies' Tea/Shower for Abbie; 3:00 pm, Bonnie's.

Sunday, July 26:

9:00 a.m., Lord's Supper

10:00, Break

10:30, Singspiration/Abbie Bryant

11:00, Chris Mattix

11:45, Fellowship Luncheon

## GOSPEL AND BIBLE STUDIES:

Mondays, 6:00: American Heritage Girls;  
Trail Life (boys): resumes Sept. 14.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: Reflections  
Assisted Living

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.: Bible study in Carolina Shores, see Mike for info.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Happy Birthday, United States of America! This month we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day. Our political freedoms were paid for at a high cost. Some reading this know personally of those who have given their all. And, we join with our Nation in celebrating our independence. But, there is another independence which is even more important than national freedom. It, too, was purchased at a high price. It is the freedom that comes from knowing Christ as your personal Savior, a relationship which required Him to die for you.

**Life's irony** (John 8:30-36) Those in the world believe they are free. But, the irony is that those who are servants of Christ are the ones who are free—free from the law of sin and death while the world is a servant of Satan and subject to sin and death.

**Two aspects** (Romans 5:15-18; 6:7, 18-22; 7:3; 8:2; Galatians 5:1) There are two aspects to the Believer's freedom. He is free from the bondage of sin and free to live for the Son. (Is. 61:1) We are: Free from sin's penalty—death. Free from sin's power—bondage.

When the signers of the Declaration of Independence signed that document, they declared themselves free from the laws of England. However, they did not then retire to their homes, put up their feet, and hope things would work out. They knew that their decisions meant their "...lives...fortunes and...sacred honor." In this day of "easy believe-ism," especially here in the United States, there is often little thought given to the commitment one is making to Christ when he accepts Him as his Savior. There are

men and women around the world today who know when they accept Christ that they will be cast out by their families, ostracized by their friends, and potentially jailed by their governments. Yet, they gladly follow Christ. Those original signers were free from English tyranny; they were then free to serve the New Nation. New born Believers are free from Satan's tyranny; they are now free to serve Christ. Many of the gifts we receive from Christ have a double fulfillment. We cannot fully enjoy them living on earth in corruptible bodies. However, when Christ takes us to be with Him for eternity, we will fully realize the extent of what He's given us.

**Free from corruption** (Romans 8:18-23; I Corinthians 15:42-58) On earth our physical bodies are subject to the laws of entropy. But, our new, incorruptible bodies won't be. We are not in bondage as is the condemned creation; we have perfect liberty in Christ.

**Free to drink** (Revelation 21:6; 22:17) Christ told the woman at the well, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14) In Christ, we are permitted to drink the water of life.

Are you enjoying and using the freedoms Christ died to give you? Why not use this Independence Day to reassert your freedoms and pledge your "life, fortune, and sacred honor" to the One Who makes you truly free!

(Copied from July 2013 bulletin.)