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Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Toni Huntley—new job in Austin
 Carol Kimberlin—rehab and recovery
 Shirley McEver—rehab—Home
 Ron Meek's Aunt Auleen—health & well-being
 Ron Meek's neighbor
 Claudia Montgomery—health
 Tom Montgomery & wife (Bob's brother)
 Montgomery family (travel)
 Katie Myers (Konnor's mom)—health
 Lawrence Shipley—move to Colorado

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom Anderson—health & well-being
 Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory;
 Shelley & Allen Cloud—health
 Bette Fehrle—health
 Gary Goree—well-being—vision/upcoming move
 Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
 Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
 Danny Imhoff—health
 Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—radiation
 Littleton family—unspoken
 Chris McEver
 Pam & Ron Sherrod
 David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, heart issues
 Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
 Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
 Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—declining health
 Government leaders
 The People of Iran—to hear/believe the gospel
 The People of Israel

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd & Twila Howard's grandson

Our Homebound

Sam Castleberry (Legends at Jefferson Gardens,
 Edmond)

Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burleson, TX)
 Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace, Bethany)
 Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)

Our College Students & Graduates

Hallie Benedict—Wichita State University
 Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
 Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
 Mieka Pietzsch—University of Oklahoma
 Kaylie & Mikah Rocco, Harper Montgomery,
 NE Oklahoma State, Friends University

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a
 righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

July Birthdays

1 Reese Phillips
 10 Mieka Pietzsch
 13 Donavon Pietzsch
 15 Madelyn Montgomery
 Daniel Phillips
 17 Danny Imhoff
 18 Toni Huntley
 22 David Kimberlin
 23 Justine Hoel
 Andrew McCutchen



Falls Creek Youth camp is July 7.

Cost:

\$115 for church members
 \$135 for nonmembers.

Stewardship for Morning	6/29/2025
Budget Receipts:	\$1,980.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Over/Under:	\$1,914.57
FC Camp Food:	\$100.00
FC Scholarships:	\$270.00
TAB:	60.00



Luncheon &
 Shower after
 the morning
 service for
 Rachel and
 Daniel.
**NO EVENING
 SERVICES**

School Supply Sales Days Are Coming

It's that time of year for school supply sales promotions. Please
 be on the lookout for deals and consider purchasing backpacks
 (most schools require them to be clear) and supplies.

The WMU would like to sponsor a "Back-to-School" supply
 giveaway along with a gospel presentation.



Office Closed on Independence Day

No Evening Services on July 6



Independence Day!

Many Americans call the holiday coming this Friday “The Fourth of July.” While that is the calendar date for the holiday, I prefer to call it “Independence Day” because it is not merely a date. The American Revolution did not begin with the signing and adoption of the Declaration of Independence; its roots lie deeper in history. Historian George Bancroft, son of a Revolutionary War soldier, wrote, “The first voice publicly raised in America to dissolve all connection with Great Britain came, not from the Puritans of New England, nor the Dutch of New York, nor the planters of Virginia, but from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians” (<https://discoverulsterscots.com/emigration-influence/america/scotch-irish-america-timeline/1776-83-revolutionary-war>). Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, eight were Irish and at least five of them had direct Scots-Irish (Ulster Plantation) family connections (https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/fs/doc/new_range_of_ulster-scots_booklets/US_and_Dec_of_Ind_BK4_AW_4.pdf). (Ulster Plantation was an endeavor by the English government that sought to establish a Protestant community of Scots in predominantly Catholic Ireland.) According to W. F. Marshall, George Washington reportedly said, “If defeated everywhere else I will make my last stand for liberty among the Scotch-Irish of my native Virginia,” referring primarily to the “over-mountain” men on the west of the Appalachians. South Carolina’s colonization began in 1670 with Irish settlers at Albemarle Point across from Charleston. A greater immigration from Ireland to the United States, primarily New England, began in 1718. Five ships full of Presbyterians and their ministers departed to start a new life in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. My own Scots-Irish ancestors departed Ulster Plantation in 1767 to begin a new life in South Carolina’s Ninety-Sixth District (Edgefield-Saluda-Newberry) with the promise of free land and passage by the government of South Carolina.

The prevailing British opinion of the American Revolution is that it was a religious war. Charles Inglis, the first Anglican bishop in North America, wrote, “It is absolutely certain, that on the part of many, the present is a Religious War” (https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/09/presbyterian-rebellion/-_edn9). Kevin Phillips in *The Cousins’ Wars: Religion, Politics, and the Triumph of Anglo-America* twice noted “King George III and other highly placed Britons called the colonists’ rebellion a ‘Presbyterian War.’” William Nelson in *The American Tory* observed that most historians of the past believed the revolutionaries were “congregational or presbyterian republicans.” George Trevelyan noted that “loyalists alleged that ‘political agitation against the Royal Government had been deliberately planned by Presbyterians It was fostered by Presbyterians in every colony.’” Captain Johann Heinrichs, a Hessian mercenary fighting for the British wrote to a friend in Germany in 1778, “Call this war, dearest friend, by whatsoever name

you may, only call it not an American Revolution, it is nothing more nor less than an Irish-Scotch Rebellion.”

The roots of the American Revolution grew from the soil of the Puritan congregationalism of New England watered by the Scots-Irish’s individualistic faith and personal soul liberty beliefs. That was the air the Founders breathed. Witness this statement by signer Benjamin Rush: “My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!” (*The Autobiography of Benjamin Rush*, p. 166). Congregationalist John Adams posed this scenario: “Suppose a nation in some distant Region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Eutopia [sic], what a Paradise would this region be” (*Diary and Autobiography of John Adams*, Vol. iii, p. 9). Here’s John Adams’s cousin, Congregationalist Samuel Adams’s perspective: “The right to freedom is the gift of God Almighty... The rights of the Colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading, and carefully studying the institutes of the great Lawgiver and head of the Christian Church: which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament” (“The Report of the Committee of Correspondence to the Boston Town Meeting,” Nov. 20, 1772, p. 419).

Many secular historians ignore this deep vein of faith and freedom that runs through the lives of the Founders, dismissing them as merely formal religionists; but gold lines that vein. Their faith cannot be ignored because it was the foundation on which their lives were built. In a letter to cousin John in 1790, Samuel Adams wrote this: “You ask what the World is about to become? And, Is the Millennium commencing? I have not studied the Prophecies, and cannot even conjecture... Let Divines, and Philosophers, Statesmen and Patriots unite their endeavours to renovate the Age by impressing the Minds of Men with the importance of educating their *little Boys*, and *Girls*... —in short of leading them in the Study, and Practice of the exalted Virtues of the Christian system; which will happily tend to subdue the turbulent passions of Men, and introduce that Golden Age beautifully described in figurative language; when the Wolf shall dwell with the Lamb, and the Leopard lie down with the Kid—the Cow, and the bear shall feed; their Young ones shall lie down together, and the Lyon [sic] shall eat straw like the Ox—none shall then hurt, or destroy—for the Earth shall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord” (<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/06-20-02-0247>).

Baylor University professor Thomas Kidd argued in an interview with *US News* “that religion played a much larger role” than people supposed (<https://www.beliefnet.com/inspiration/quotes/7-christian-quotes-from-americas-founding-fathers.aspx>). Be faithful. Celebrate Independence Day.

Brother Gary

