

The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

July 2017

Hope4You

I marvel daily that God would allow a nobody like me to preach His Word. I pray over every sermon many times and add and subtract parts as I feel God leading me.

I was told by a wise friend some time ago to save things that inspire you and cards that encourage you because there will be times and people who will make you want to quit. So now I pass that on to you. Hold tight to that which inspires. And serve Christ wherever He places you.

I take seriously the verse that says that those who teach will face a stricter judgement. Jesus' brother James says that "not many should desire to teach."

So this month, I thought I would give you quotes that encourage and inspire me from some of the greatest men of God the world has ever known. I hope they inspire you too.

George Whitefield; "It is a poor sermon that gives no offense; that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher."

Martin Luther; "The Gospel can not be truly preached without offense and tumult."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer; "Silence in the face of evil is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless."

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Jonathan Edwards; "Resolution number one: I will live for God. Resolution number two: If no one else does, I still will."

Billy Sunday; "The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees."

Charles Spurgeon; "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

Alistair Begg; "This is no time for wimpy Christians. It's time for soldiers of Christ to arise!"

Greg Laurie; "Either you will have harmony with God and friction with people, or you will have harmony with people and friction with God."

Franklin Graham; "God hates cowards."

E. M. Bounds; "The church is looking for better methods. God is looking for better men."

George Mueller; "There was a day when I died. I died to the approval or blame from brothers and friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God."

These all say the same thing. Galatians 1:10b; If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

As Jesus Himself said, "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

Live for Christ - and He will do amazing things through you.

I love you guys.
Pastor Brian



4 Reasons for Christians to Celebrate Independence Day

By: Dr. Dillon Burroughs

1. Gratitude for Religious Freedom First, America offers significant religious freedom for Christians (and others) to freely worship.

Thank you Jesus that we can attend the church of our choice, openly read the Bible on our own or with others, and openly pray to God.

2. Appreciation for Those Who Defend Our Freedom Second, Christians can thank God for those who serve and have given their lives to defend our freedom. This includes past military veterans, current military personnel, as well as honoring their family members.

3. Thanksgiving for the Opportunity to Participate in Government Third, we can thank God for the opportunity to participate in the democratic process of our nation. While politics is often viewed negatively, governing leaders are ordained by God (Romans 13) and are to receive honor from those who follow Christ.

4. Thankfulness for Peace with Family, Neighbors, and Friends Fourth, we can express appreciation for a nation at peace. We can take a moment to thank God for the peace He has provided for our family, our community, and nation. As [Jeremiah 29:7](#) teaches, we can seek the good of the city where we live and work to impact those around us with the love of Christ.



Alex Fun Days Parade July 15th

Meet at the Captain Scotts house for line up.
Let Patti or Brenda know if you can help that morning!



July 16, 2017
at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Church Meeting

Make plans to stay following church for this important part of our family life –

The Middlers

Bottles for Life 2017 report:

Thank you all so much for making this a successful moneymaker for such a worthy cause. With your **contributions** we were able to give **\$955.19 to the Heartbeat** organization.



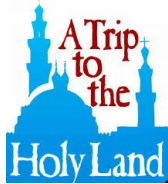
3rd Quarter mission is Adam & Amy Burkey in Macedonia

GOAL: \$1000.00



July Mini Mission

Our mini mission for July is.....
Our local Food Pantry



Bible Land Exploration Tour

Trip Date: June 4, 2018 - Trip Length: 10 Days
Optional Trip Extension: 6 Days to Cairo & Route of Exodus

*Join us as we take communion in the Garden of Gethsemane looking at Golgotha and the borrowed tomb.
Or Pass the word-----Open to everyone*

Register by July 4th and receive \$150 off

Brochures available on the table in the Fellowship Hall
For more information call Terry Green 740-924-5378



CHURCH FUNNIES!!

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages.

"I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation. Ricky was so nervous, when it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

JULY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKERS

July Snacks: Deb Brown

July 2

Jr Church Leader: Cheryl P

Jr. Church Helper: Olyvia

Nursery: Bash's

Primary (1st - 4th) Teacher: Patti

Helper: John G

PreTeen & High School: Brian

Helper: Brenda

July 9

Jr Church Leader: Cheryl P

Jr. Church Helper: Abby G

Nursery: Marcia & Penny

Primary (1st - 4th) Teacher: Patti

Helper: Stacey H

PreTeen & High School: Brian

Helper: Brenda

July 16

Jr Church Leader: Cheryl P

Jr. Church Helper: Kerrington

Nursery: King's

Primary (1st - 4th) Teacher: Patti

Helper: Brittany

PreTeen & High School: Brian

Helper: Brenda

July 23

Jr Church Leader: Cheryl P

Jr. Church Helper: Rachel A

Nursery: Lynette & Jessica

Primary (1st - 4th) Teacher: BRENDA

Helper: Amy

PreTeen & High School: Brian

Helper: Ann Caldwell

July 30

Jr Church Leader: Cheryl P

Jr. Church Helper: Kylie

Nursery: Shaw's

Primary (1st - 4th) Teacher: Patti

Helper: Helen

PreTeen & High School: Brian

Helper: Brenda



