

Declaration of Dependence

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Tomorrow is Independence Day for Americans. We must not think that we are simply celebrating our independence, because no one is totally independent. We celebrate our freedom from the rule of the English monarchy. Many people just want independence without any accountability, but a Christian must recognize His allegiance to Christ. We need to declare our dependence on God. These words from Psalm 33:10-22 give us some reasons why.

The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm for ever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;

From his dwelling-place he watches all who live on earth—

He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

From John 8:31-36 we see how true freedom is based on being dependent on Jesus:

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: Lessons from James. Pt 1

Paul will be preaching today

Scripture Reading: James 1: 1-8

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul is starting a study of the book of James.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** Canceled this week.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday July 17th.**
- ❖ **Ladies' Class -Tuesday July 5th, Lesson 9, Day 4.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- July 31st**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30th – August 11th**



MAGI BOXES

Lists of needed items are posted upstairs in the auditorium and also downstairs in the fellowship room. We will need **plastic bins** and **cardboard boxes** to organize the donations, and **money** toward items we order in bulk. Remember that we are now collecting things for **ages 11+ (about size 12, or 10-12). It's summer now, so let's look for flip-flops (size M 5-7Y) and sunglasses, boys' shorts (size 10-12), and other hot weather items.** Hygiene items are always on sale somewhere.

Arthur and Sandy spent most of Saturday at the **75th Anniversary of Camp Hunt** in Hubbardsville, NY. We saw friends from many parts of the country and from long ago. We helped Beth Wilton in the kitchen and joined in the evening singing, which was very uplifting and beautiful.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!**
- **Pray for Carrie and Mike Walls.** They are currently in Los Angeles for treatment of Mike's dementia. Mike had surgery to correct Saggy Brain Dementia on Thursday, which went well. Now they will spend the next week in CA while he recovers, and they will check to see if the surgery has solved the problem.
- Please pray for **Henry Rounsville**, a friend of Paul's who recently had cancer surgery in Rochester. Pray that he and his sister Caroline, who lives with him can manage his medical needs.
- **Pray for the Endless Mountain's church which currently meets in the Rivera house in Nicholson, PA. They need support for a preacher and place to meet.**
- Pray for **Arthur**. He has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and will have a heart catheterization this Wednesday, July 6th.
- We are thankful to the Lord that **Mary Wallenbeck**, who was in the hospital for a seizure (possible stroke), lupus and leukemia, more recently in rehab, is home now and doing well.
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer) moving in with daughter
 - **Dan Myer** (lung cancer, needs chemo)
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Jerry Lowe** (recovery from heart attack)
 - **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's and possible Parkinson's, needs cataract surgery)
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, taking part in a study as last resort)
 - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- liver cancer
 - **Steve Noble** (lung transplant difficulties)
 - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer, still working and baptizing people)

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.