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What is "Real Freedom?"

July 4, 1776 - the day we celebrate the birth of our nation. From the Revolutionary War to the war in Iraq-Afghanistan, thousands of men and women have sacrificed to give us the nation we live in. Without fear of contradiction I can say that many things

have changed in America. Freedom - what a word. We should be thankful for the freedom we have. There are, however, millions of people who are free to walk around and go where they want to go but are not free from the guilt and burden of sin. Real freedom is in Christ.

We are now in a hot political contest to determine who will be the next President of the United States. I am grateful that God allowed me to be born in this country. Recently I conducted a funeral service for a WWII Marine. I was reminded of the sacrifice his generation made to keep us safe. I was also reminded that, while I am proud to be an American, my real citizenship is in Heaven. There are no "politicians" there. The Lord reigns in righteousness.

Robert



Prayer Changes Things

How many of you have been praying for something that you really want God to do, but He hasn't answered yet? I have been reading a book by Mark Batterson on prayer and there is a quote that keeps jumping out at me:

"We pray out of our ignorance, but God answers out of His omniscience. We pray out of our impotence, but God answers out of His omnipotence. God has the ability to answer the prayers we should have prayed but lacked the knowledge or ability to even ask" (The Circle Maker).

There are times when I don't even know how to begin praying for things, but scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit intervenes for us. I just want to encourage you this month that your prayers have the power to change the course of history so **DON'T GIVE UP! KEEP PRAYING!** Miracles are the byproducts of prayers that are prayed by and for us!

Don't miss out on opportunities for ministry that are coming up. Give me a call and get involved. Our ministry at these two events could change the world. These events are Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth opportunities right here in our backyard. At each of these events we will have people from all over the world and an opportunity to share Jesus with them. I pray God calls you to be a part of what He is going to do!

Big League World Series: July 26-August 2. We need volunteers for our ministry booth and for the laundry unit.



Upper SC State Fair:

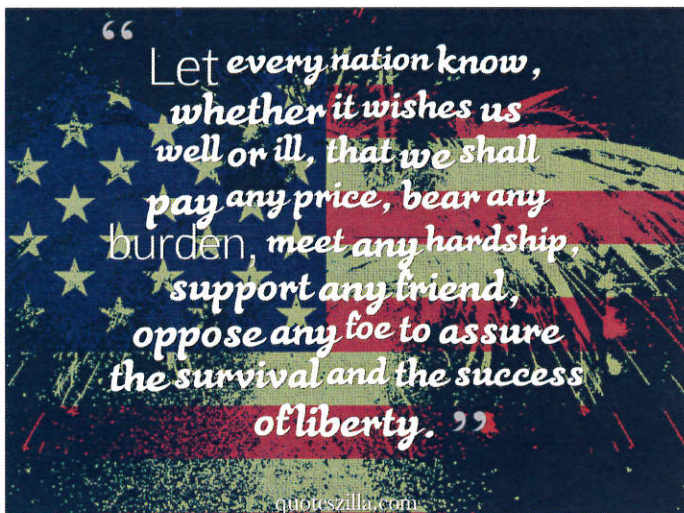
August 25- September 5. We need volunteers for ministry booth, laundry unit, and groups to provide breakfast for the workers.

If you would like to help in any of these ministries, please give us a call.

Blessings:
Chris



Area-Wide Crusade
September 11-14
Rock Springs Baptist Church



Treasurer's Report May 2016



Contributions from Churches	21,095.57
Other	1,000.00
Total	22,095.57

Monthly Budget Required	26,344.28
Budget Required thru April	131,721.40
Receipts to date	117,827.47
Difference	-13,893.93

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	Jan-May 2016	Jan-May 2015
Agape	913.35	852.00
Arial	2,026.00	1,787.00
Bishop Branch	2,992.36	3,882.72
Brushy Creek	4,000.00	5,000.00
Calumet	492.00	799.00
Calvary Hill	2,895.30	1,930.12
Cannon Memorial	2,024.42	1,500.00
Cateechee	758.00	724.65
Cedar Rock	1,419.40	1,500.04
Central First	1,373.00	1,757.10
Corinth	1,806.24	1,897.35
Crosswell First	500.00	982.18
Easley First	4,299.98	3,669.93
East Clemson	898.49	1,501.07
East Side	1,250.00	1,250.00
Elljean	616.61	499.46
Enon	1,675.00	1,555.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	200.00	200.00
Flat Rock	3,851.58	2,951.70
Geer Mem.	1,626.87	1,722.89
Georges Creek	995.61	1,300.60
Glenwood	1,185.51	1,432.20
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Indian Upstate	.00	100.00
Jones Ave.	3,285.65	3,782.69
Liberty First	2,000.00	2,579.73
Mountain Springs	2,851.82	3,050.01
Mt. Airy	4,000.00	4,000.00
Mt. Carmel	3,498.51	3,322.50
Mt. Moriah	1,250.00	1,000.00
Mt. Pisgah	11,189.35	10,513.97
Mt. Tabor	.00	116.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	4,375.00	4,375.00
Park Street	135.00	111.00
Pendleton St.	1,550.37	996.75
Powdersville First	5,080.55	4,623.60
Refuge	841.65	833.30
Rice's Creek	979.18	200.00
River Road	494.83	522.02
Rock Springs	26,444.25	22,505.81
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	5,311.13	4,953.71
Six & Twenty	840.75	1,333.50
Slabtown	890.00	1,158.00
Smith Grove	600.00	.00
The Neighborhood	500.00	652.24
Trinity Point	.00	193.67
*Warehouse	.00	200.00
Wren	406.43	559.23
Total	115,824.19	111,877.74

*No longer affiliated with PBA.

Frances Eller Offering: March - June 20, 2016	
Agape	123.50
Arial	225.00
Cateechee	155.00
Easley First	495.00
East Clemson	710.00
Flat Rock	50.00
Geer Memorial	504.00
Georges Creek	500.21
Glenwood	215.00
Jones Avenue	452.00
Liberty First	375.00
Mt. Carmel	620.00
Park Street	528.00
Rock Springs	60.00
Slabtown	30.00
Camilla Jameson	100.00
Gladys Williams	100.00
	\$5,242.71

Birthdays:

- 1 Chris Meaders, Missions Minister, Mt. Airy
- 6 Brad Atkins, Pastor, Powdersville First
- 16 Jeff Whiten, Assoc. Pastor/Min. of Music, Bishop Branch
- 27 Dianna Sanders, wife of Pastor, Wren

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 7 Johnny & Kerry Touchet, Pastor, Mt. Moriah
- 12 Bobby & Donna Brock, Min. of Education, Brushy Creek
- 14 Keith & Alicia Harvell, Minister of Music/Youth, Calumet
- 14 David & Shirley Gallamore, Pastor, Rock Springs
- 23 Troy & Jennifer Harrison, Pastor, Siloam
- 28 Rex & Karen Simmons, Pastor, Crosswell First

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1980 George Tate, Pastor, Slabtown
- 1995 Keith Harvell, Minister of Music, Calumet
- 1998 Don Gibson, Minister of Music, Rock Springs
- 2006 Owen Robertson, Minister of Education, Easley First
- 2011 Miles Bridges, Associate Pastor, Powdersville First
- 2012 Benjamin Smoak, Pastor, Mountain Springs
- 2014 Zach Shaw, Pastor, Jones Avenue
- 2014 Rex Simmons, Pastor, Crosswell First
- 2015 Robert Fowler, Pastor, Flat Rock



News
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PBA

Glenwood is seeking a full time pastor. Resumes will be accepted through August 2016. Mail to: Pastor Search Tem, 325 Saco Lowell Rd., Easley, SC 29640 or email to: kathy@glenwoodbaptist.org.

Rice's Creek: Tim Porter resigned as pastor effective June 5, 2016.

Rock Springs: Greg Nelson has been called as Minister of Youth beginning in June 2016. We welcome the Nelsons to PBA.

Needed: "Worship His Majesty" hymnal and 1991 Baptist Hymnals. If interested in getting rid of or sell contact Karen Fletcher at fletchfly@bellsouth.net.

Utica Baptist Church, Seneca would like to donate 80 choir robes (dark navy with white/reversible stoles). They are clean and ready to pick up. Contact Phil Kelley at 864-882-9402.

Volunteers in Medical Missions will have a golf tournament Friday, September 9, Southern Oaks, Easley. For more information call Kathy at 864-885-9023.

PBA Nominating Committee for 2017

Mark Kannarney, PBA Moderator, Liberty First
Zach Shaw, PBA Asst. Moderator, Jones Avenue
Robert Fowler, Flat Rock
Phil McAlister, Geer Memorial
Johnny Touchet, Mt. Moriah
Paul Turner, Mt. Carmel
Scott Willis, Enon

Praise Reports from our Released Time Bible Education for School Year 2015 - 2016:

Pickens County Christian Learning Centers
130 Decisions for Christ.

Christian Learning Centers of the Upstate
111 Decisions for Christ