

**One Nation
Under GOD**



JULY, 2025 NEWSLETTER

FOUR MILE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

2950 New Market Road

Henrico, Virginia 23231





- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Prayer Warriors meet at 10:00 a.m.
- July 4: Fourth of July Independence Day
- July 6: Communion
- July 8 : Primetime WMU and Mattie Wrenn WMU are having a pool party at Brenda Wright's home beginning at 4:30 p.m. Hotdogs and ice cream will be provided. Please let Brenda Wright or Janie Kirby know what side dish you wish to bring.
- July 20: Deacon Meeting immediately after our Worship Service.
- July 21: CSC Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- The WMU continues to invite the entire church to help us pack 75 to 100 zip lock activity bags for children. These bags will go to VCU Health to be used by children with health problems such as cancer. Please fill each bag with the items listed in each bag and return the completed bag or bags to the same tub by the organ by August 3. Thank you.
- There will be no Bible Studies for the month of July due to Summer break.
- Pauline Gray is our July "Shut-In of the Month." Cards and letters can be sent to her at 404 Whiting Creek Road, Locust Hill, VA 23092
- FISH for July is assorted canned meats.
- July Operation Shoebox WOW event is 'Christmas in July.'
- The deadline for articles to be sent to me for the August, 2025 Newsletter is August 26th.

Independence Day
BLESSINGS

FISHERS OF MEN MINISTRY PARTNERS

Fishers of Men Fishers of Men Ministry Partners are a group of professional anglers that have joined with in using their platform, as pro anglers, to profess Christ and build the Kingdom. These men have shared their time and resources to assist in events to present the gospel and share their experiences as Christian anglers on the national stage. The organization began in 1998 as a small four division tournament trail; however, the event has grown into one of the largest fishing tournament organizations in the country. This event consists of a professionally run fishing tournament on Saturday preceded by a meeting on Friday evening. Four Mile Creek was blessed to host the meal on June 13, 2025 by providing a spaghetti dinner for the anglers. We were also blessed to hear one of the anglers give his testimony on how GOD has changed his life and encouraging others to follow. He challenged the anglers “to cast their net” when the opportunity presents itself to tell others about Jesus and encouraged anyone that didn’t have a personal relationship to reach out to the leaders in the group.



Fourth of July: Remembering America as a Nation Under God

America became a free country on July 4, 1776, however, what many may not know - or forget - is that America is also a nation under God founded on Christian principles.

54 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Christians, 27 held theology degrees. Many went on to form Bible societies.

The signers intended the document to officiate the separation between America and Great Britain. However, they based the Declaration which has served as a foundation to the beginnings of the American nation upon a greater foundational belief that God, or as written in the Declaration "Creator", was the source for men's irrevocable rights.

Samuel Adams, who signed the historic document and writer of the Rights of the Colonists (November 1772), once said, "Just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty, in matters spiritual and temporal is a thing that all men are clearly entitled to by the eternal and immutable laws of God and nature, as well as by the laws of nations and all well-grounded and municipal laws, which must have their foundation in the former."

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration, also believed "God who gave us life gave us liberty."

Two of the Continental Congress' first actions were to hire military chaplains and to purchase 20,000 Bibles to remedy a national shortage.

Although America was already a free nation during the presidency of George Washington, the first president of the United States, he suggested that only religion could uphold its morality. During his farewell address he said, "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Even if America's roots were traced back to its primitive stages, the marriage between the early inhabitants of the land and Christianity are inseparable. The Pilgrims clearly stated the purpose for their voyage even before stepping off the Mayflower: "...undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith..."

The U.S. Supreme Court also identified America as a Christian nation in 1892, after 10 years of examining hundreds of documents on the foundation of the country. The justices came to the unanimous conclusion that the documents undeniably "add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a religious people, a Christian nation."

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, summed up the historic event that led to America's independence best when he said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

The conviction that God cannot, and should not be moved from the social and governmental construct of America continues to echo in the voice of the USA's more recent leaders.

According to the late Ronald W. Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, "Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience....without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure....If we ever forget that we are one Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."

By Katherine T. Phan
Ecumenical Press

ONE NATION



UNDER GOD

Operation Shoebox

It's that time of year for - CHRISTMAS IN JULY. Pick your tag off the Christmas tree to help provide items for the packing party in November (date to be determined) The tags range for \$10 to \$20 max. This was a great success!! Request for monetary will be used to buy bulk items. All items can be found in either Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. We are planning to pack 100 boxes again this year. I want to thank those that have given money or brought items in the past few months. If you have any questions, please give me a call or shoot me an email Debra Blackwell

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The CREEK is known for its prayer support. I am grateful to be associated with such wonderful praying congregation. As I have said before, it is a joy to serve as your pastor. Anne and I are grateful to be a part of The CREEK family.

By this time you are aware of the crisis in the Middle East with the war between Israel and Iran. As Christians and believers in and followers of the Bible let me refer you to Genesis 12. "The LORD had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you'" (Genesis 12:1-3).

God calls Abraham out from his home in Haran and tells him to go to a land that He will show to him. God also makes three promises to Abraham: 1) The promise of a land of his own; 2) the promise to be made into a great nation; and 3) the promise of blessing. These promises form the basis for what will later be called the Abrahamic Covenant (established in Genesis 15 and ratified in Genesis 17). What really makes Abraham special is that he obeyed God. Genesis 12:4 records that, after God called Abraham, he went "as the LORD had told him."

And if you will note in verse 3, God states He will bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel. That is why we, as Christians, support Israel as God's chosen people to introduce His love to the world through Jesus Christ.

Below is a guide for praying for the Israel-Iran situation:



How Can We Pray for Israel and Iran?

As violence escalates between Israel and Iran, please join us in prayer for peace in the Middle East. We pray for an end to the bloodshed. We pray for compassion, mercy and restraint.

Our response should be prayer. Not politics. Not panic. Not partisan opinions. Just honest, faith-filled intercession before the Lord.

So, How Can We Pray?

In moments like this, the Church must not stay silent or frozen in confusion. Instead, we are called to stand in the gap (Ezekiel 22:30) for Israel.

Here are six key ways we can pray right now:

1. Pray for the protection of Israel and its people.

We believe in God's covenant with Israel. Pray for the safety of civilians, for wisdom for leaders, and for divine protection over the land and its people (Psalm 121).

2. Pray for the innocent in Iran.

While Iran's regime is hostile, over a million Christians live there, many secretly following Jesus under threat of persecution. Pray for their safety, and for all innocent lives caught in the crossfire.

3. Pray that in their time of need, both Israelis and Iranians would cry out to Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah and Savior.

May this be a time of spiritual awakening, where both Jews and Muslims encounter the living Christ. Pray for dreams, visions, and divine encounters.

4. Pray for unity among believers worldwide.

The Body of Christ must rise above nationalism and division to become a global force of intercession, standing together for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

5. Pray for protection over the Jewish people globally.

In times of conflict, Jewish communities around the world often face increased antisemitism. Pray that they would be protected and not used as scapegoats or targets.

6. Pray for truth to prevail in the media.

So much of the conflict is fought not only with weapons, but with words and propaganda. Pray for Israel to be represented truthfully, and for the media to reflect justice, not bias.

"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." Psalm 145:18

God hears. God sees. And God responds to the cries of His people

These are days that call for discernment, courage, and compassion. While the world watches conflict unfold, the Church must be found on its knees – crying out for mercy, for protection, and salvation of God's kingdom in the Middle East.

Let's be stirred to pray. He is near. He is just. He is in control.

I care about you, Pastor Buddy

WOOOHOOO

Please let Brenda Wright or Janie Kirby know what side dish you would like to bring. Pool fun is a'comin!!





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COMING IN AUGUST

On Sunday, August 17th immediately following the Worship Service, we will have our church-wide Family & Friends picnic! Please dress casual, bring a friend and your

favorite lawn chair.



Get ready for lots of food, fun, games, and fellowship at the 'Creek!'

More information to follow...

Linda Aigner and the uFellowship Team.



Church Picnic








Denise Krevonic	July 1
Patrick Coleman	July 3
Bryan York	July 6
Suzanne Ricks	July 6
Tom Harding	July 7
Carol Browning	July 9
Rhonda Cooley	July 9
Judy Vaughan	July 14
Bob Thompson	July 15
Brenda Walker	July 25



Ted and Peggy Grivetti	July 10
Ernie and Diane Craig	July 19
Bill and Lynnette Nelson	July 21

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Prayer Warriors 10 am		5
6 Communion	7	8 Primetime and Mattie Wrenn WMU pool party beginning at 4:30 pm	9	10 Prayer Warriors 10 am	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Prayer Warriors 10 am	18	19
20 Deacon Meeting after Church	21 CSC Meeting 6:00 pm Deadline for Quarterly Mtg. Reports turned in	22	23 Deadline for articles for the August News- letter	24 Prayer Warriors 10 am	25	26
27 Quarterly Business Meeting after the Worship Service	28	29	3	31 Prayer Warriors 10 am	