



JULY, 2026 NEWSLETTER
FOUR MILE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Prayer Warriors meet at 10:00 a.m.**
- **July 4: Independence Day**
- **July 5: Communion Sunday**
- **July 7: The Mattie Wrenn WMU Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.**
- **July 12: Fellowship Luncheon celebrating American's 250th Anniversary.**
- **July 20: CSC Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- **July 26: Quarterly Business Meeting following our Worship Service.**
- **July 27: This is the deadline for articles, etc. to be sent for the August, 2026 Newsletter.**
- **Marty Munn is our "Shut-In for July." Cards and letters can be sent to her at Barrington at Hioaks, Room 239, 350 Hioaks Road, Richmond, VA 23225**
- **FISH for July is powdered milk.**



For Christians, the Fourth of July is both a celebration of national freedom and a reflection on spiritual liberty in Christ.

Spiritual Significance

The Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, marking the birth of the United States as a nation founded on liberty and self-governance. From a Christian perspective, this day is an opportunity to reflect on **God's providence, justice, and the responsibilities of living as faithful citizens** in a free society. The Declaration's acknowledgment that all people are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights" points to the biblical truth that human dignity and freedom are gifts from God (Genesis 1:27). Early American leaders, including George Washington, recognized divine guidance in the nation's founding, emphasizing that freedom is ultimately a gift from God.

Biblical Reflections on Freedom

Christians are encouraged to see the Fourth of July as a reminder of both **national and spiritual freedom**. Key Bible verses highlight this dual perspective:

- **Galatians 5:1**: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery," emphasizing spiritual liberty in Christ.
- **John 8:36**: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed," linking eternal freedom to Christ's work.
- **Psalms 33:12**: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," reminding believers that a nation's blessing is tied to reverence for God.
- **2 Corinthians 3:17**: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom," reinforcing the spiritual dimension of liberty. These scriptures encourage Christians to honor God while celebrating the liberties granted by their nation, promoting moral responsibility, compassion, and gratitude.

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Ways to Celebrate Faithfully

Churches and families can integrate faith into Fourth of July celebrations in meaningful ways:

- **Worship Services**: Include patriotic songs like "America the Beautiful" or prayers for leaders and the nation.
- **Scripture Readings**: Highlight passages on freedom, justice, and God's providence, such as Galatians 5:1 or John 8:36.
- **Community Activities**: Host outdoor worship, picnics, or service projects to honor both God and country.
- **Reflection and Prayer**: Encourage personal or family devotionals that connect national independence with spiritual liberty.

Christian Liberty and Independence

The Fourth of July mirrors the spiritual journey of freedom in Christ. Just as the colonists sought independence from oppressive rule, Christians reflect on liberation from sin, fear, and spiritual bondage. This parallel encourages believers to embrace **peace, joy, and purpose in Christ**, while also appreciating the freedoms and responsibilities of citizenship.

By combining patriotic celebration with spiritual reflection, Christians can honor both God and country, recognizing that true freedom encompasses both **earthly liberties and eternal salvation**.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY

**PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR OUR
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY,
JULY 12TH CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH
ANNIVERSARY. PLEASE BRING A COVERED
DISH AND/OR DESSERT TO SHARE. CHICKEN
AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.
LET'S CELEBRATE BY WEARING RED, WHITE,
AND BLUE.**

BRING A FRIEND!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

YOUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM



WANTED!! LOTS OF COOKIES!!

RACE WEEKEND: AUGUST 14-15



The WMU is asking for homemade cookies needed for Central Virginia Raceway Ministries taking place in August. These should be bagged in small, clear zip lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies each. NO peanut butter or nuts please. You may deliver your bagged cookies to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 9, and place on the counter. Thanks so much for your help with this worthwhile project!

Linda Acors



WMU MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR FOUR MILE CREEK

Your FMC WMU is busy at work planning some new exciting mission and fellowship opportunities for our church family. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and the newsletter. Within the next two months we have Christmas in August. During that time we choose a missionary to help with items they need to help in their ministry. Be on the lookout for ways you can help.

Also we are presenting to the church family an opportunity to purchase a new book on Hope. As Pastor Buddy talked about, we all walk through valleys at times during our life and hope through Christ helps us get through these valleys. Watch your bulletin for ways to purchase this book and a future opportunity to meet the author.





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



July 7	Walter & Carole Givens
July 19	Ernie & Diane Craig
July 21	Bill & Lynnette Nelson

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Prayer Warriors 10:00 a.m.	3	
5 Communion Observed Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am	6	7 Mattie Wrenn WMU Meeting 10:00 am	8	9 Prayer Warriors 10 am	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:15 am, Church 10:30 am Fellowship Luncheon after Worship Service	13	14	15	16 Prayer Warriors 10 am	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am	20 CSC Meeting 6:00 pm	21	22	23 Prayer Warriors 10 am	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting	27 Deadline for August Newsletter Articles	28	29	30 Prayer Warriors 10 am	31	

