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I am starting to sweat; let’s get back to our verse of Scripture. Give thanks to the Lord at All times: The human situation may change many times, but God’s merciful lovingkindness endures forever.

“Those who fear the Lord” would include all of God’s faithful people, Jews and Gentiles...who faithfully obeyed His Word and feared His name. God’s people today have every spiritual blessing in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3) and certainly ought to praise His name. Glorify the Lord after Every Victory: One of the best ways to “seal” God’s blessing to our hearts and make sure He gets the glory is to publicly praise Him...and keep on praising Him! See the Lord in Every Experience: One day Jesus will return as the Stone of judgment and crush the arrogant kingdoms of the world (Dan. 2:34, 44-45).

Every Christian believer can use Psalm 118:22-24 to praise the Lord for the salvation provided in Jesus Christ. It is important that we see Jesus Christ in every experience of life, for then these experiences will help us grow in grace and become like the Savior.

Pray together with Fran and me: “Heavenly Father, as we step into July, we pray for Your abundant provision. Supply all of our needs according to Your riches in glory. Bless the work of our hands, and let our hearts remain full of gratitude and praise for Your continuous blessings. In the name of Jesus, *Amen*.

Peace and blessings,

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The Herald

Rejoice and Be Glad

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24).

Let’s take a moment and look at what the month of July is about; then we will get back to our verse of Scripture.



The first thing we think about is celebrating the “4th of July” with fireworks and picnics/ barbeques. The fourth of July is a federal holiday that celebrates its independence from Britain in 1776; and the formation of the Declaration of Independence. This year is the 250th year the U.S.A. has been a democracy.

People born in July are known for their magnetic charm, deep emotional intelligence, a strong work ethic, and highly optimistic outlook of life. (Why then was I born on April 1st?) July has two beautiful flowers: The “Larkspur” represents positivity, love, and a strong open heart. The “Water Lily” symbolizes peace, rebirth, and spiritual enlightenment. A “Fun Fact” about July: The “dog days” is the sultry heat wave known as the “Dog Days of Summer” traditionally begins in early July. (Doesn’t sound fun to me!)

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Opening the Door to Jesus Revival – A Wonderful Two Night Blessing

What a joy it was to gather for our Opening the Door to Jesus Revival! God blessed us with two powerful services centered on salvation, renewal, and the hope we have in Christ. Our largest night welcomed 56 in attendance, filling the sanctuary with expectation and praise.

The music lifted our hearts, the messages stirred our spirits, and the fellowship reminded us of God's goodness to His people. Many shared how deeply they were encouraged and refreshed.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who prayed, supported, invited others, and came out to be part of these special nights. May the seeds planted continue to bear fruit in our church and community.

Update From the Trustees

- ❖ C&S Professional Services has been engaged to for Payroll and IRS processing and reporting.
- ❖ The Chairman has been authorized to trans funds between accounts for balancing cash flow and investment purposes

Food Pantry News

Our church is preparing lunch bags for children up to age 18. Our day is Monday each week until school starts. Other churches are taking a day Monday through Friday. What a great outreach program this is with the Benton West City Ministerial Alliance.

Bags are delivered to the West City Police Station and Hunter's Trace, with a new location on Fairland Street. With First Christian Church being the place where bags are prepared, we have walk-ins, and all children receiving bags must be present. The quality of food given is outstanding, with our church making ham and cheese sandwiches. Fruit, chips, and a drink are changed each day. The Catholic Church provides peanut butter and jelly on Friday with fruit and chips.

The kids coming to our Fairland Street location do not ask where or who is giving the bag of food—they just know it is good. One 10 year old boy babysitting his 5 year old sister said they made the food last until the evening meal.

Beginning next month, we will enclose stories of the Bible with beautiful colored pictures and easy -to- read text.

A total of 110 bags were given to the children on Monday, June 15.

“Freedom & Faith”

July reminds us how blessed we are to live in a nation where we can worship freely. Fireworks may light the sky, but it's God's grace that lights our way. May we use our freedom to honor Him, love others, and shine a little brighter than the sparklers.

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



July Offering Peanut Butter



Our Ministry Team will take the Good News to **Heritage Woods and Stone Bridge** this month. Join us!

LADIES INVITED TO COFFEE

All ladies are invited to 1st Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on **July 1st** at **9:30a.m.** Bring your prayer requests and a friend.



THIS MONTH

July	1st	9:30 A.M.	Ladies Coffee @ the Buzz
July	3rd	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Heritage Woods
July	8th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
July	14th	9:30 A.M.	Trustee Board Meeting
July	15th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
July	15th	2:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
July	17th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Stone Bridge
July	22nd	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
July	29th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study

WEEKLY

Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

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