



'Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love'



"FREEDOM"

"Freedom" is a word that is very special both for us as Americans and for us Christians. This month, we will once again celebrate the birthday of our great nation. While our homeland may have many problems and be far from perfect, we Americans enjoy blessings of freedom that those in other nations only are able to dream about. Of all the many blessings which we have, certainly the freedom of religion is the most precious for us Christians. The freedom to be able to worship God in the way they believed is what brought many of our forefathers to this country so long ago. Yet, with the many freedoms that we have in this country there is also a certain responsibility that befalls us. We are obliged to obey the laws of the land...laws that are meant to protect all, "for the common good". What's more, we are obliged to pay taxes and in times of war many are called upon to defend our freedoms.

However, as Christians we also enjoy another freedom. One which is infinitely more valuable and precious for us than the political freedom that we have in these United States. Thanks to what our Lord Jesus has done for us with his obedient life and with his atoning death, we have been set free from sin and its terrible curse. St. Paul talks about this when he writes to the Romans: "Thanks be to God, though you used to be slaves to sin...you have been set free from sin." (Romans 6: 18) Likewise, St. John speaks of freedom when he says, "Jesus Christ...has set us free from our sins by his blood." (Rev. 1: 5) Because of that we are "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

Yet, with our freedom from sin our Lord also gives us a great responsibility. St. Paul tells us that when he says, "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." God has not freed us from sin so that we might do whatever we want, whatever we think is right. He has freed us from sin so "that I might be his own and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness." (Explanation to 2nd Article of Apostles' Creed) He has freed us from sin so that we might "take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ." (2 Cor. 10: 5) St. Peter also talks about our freedom as Christians when he says, "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil.; live as servants of God. Show respect to everyone! Love the brotherhood of believers, honor God, respect the king." (1 Peter 2: 16, 17)

As we once again celebrate our freedom as Americans, let us also remember the freedom which Christ has won for us sinners, also recalling that with freedom always comes responsibility and commitment.

God's blessings,

Pastor Jeff G. Gavin



Starting July 7, our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** is on hiatus for the summer. We hope you will come and join us **in September** on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class**.

Starting July 3, our **Mid-Week Bible Class** (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM) is on hiatus for the summer. Mid-Week Bible Class will resume **in September**.

PASTOR . . . has resumed taking Fridays as his "Day Off". Even though he may sometimes be in his office, he is scheduling no work; so Please do not Visit him, or Phone him on Fridays. If there is a true Emergency, call him on his Cell: (630) 776-2382. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . .

DUE TO NEW FLOWER PRICES...ALTAR FLOWERS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$20.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, **(or confirm your "standing order")** please contact please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **(847) 593-7670** or email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**



Please Note: When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE

From **Sunday July 7th thru Sunday September 1st (Labor Day Weekend)** . . there will be one worship service at **9:15 AM.**



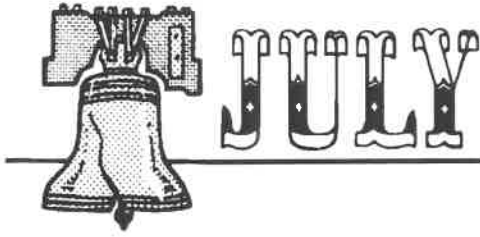
Once again this decision is based on the acceptance that: worship attendance here, as elsewhere, tends to be lower during the summer. The time of 9:15 AM is exactly halfway between our regular worship times of 8:00 and 10:30 AM. Note also that our Sunday Bible classes do take a summer hiatus.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.

If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . **"Happy Anniversary"**:

Ken & Jacqueline Koeppen	July 3
Martha & Tyler Hengels	July 5
Ted & Patti Imburgia	July 11
Kenneth & Denene Schoo	July 12
Jon & Eileen Christensen	August 1
Peter & Lori Dewey-Soranno	August 21
Pastor Jeff & Lynn Davies-Gavin	August 24



BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS

Barbara Pyde	July 1	Brittany Coleman	July 18
Christina D'Attomo	July 1	Ryan Kick	July 20
Brian Zumpf	July 6	Arnie Johansen	July 22
Bryce Ambrus	July 7	Christopher Hetrea	July 24
John D'Attomo	July 8	Harlan Imburgia	July 24
Marsha Ruff	July 10	William Brockie	July 30
Alexis Clesi	July 14		

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May God Bless You on Your Birthday



Daniel Gajewski	August 2	Deborah Christensen	August 14
Wayne Limpinsel	August 3	Taylor Coleman	August 16
Phyllis Betts	August 4	Todd Imburgia	August 17
Denise Christensen	August 4	Steve Rainbolt	August 22
Nancy Pyde	August 5	Kathleen Marin	August 22
Michele Demzien	August 7	El-Roy Schoo	August 23
Denene Schoo	August 9	Bill Franz	August 27
Daniel Imburgia	August 12	Marius Hetrea	August 31
Christel Limberger	August 13		

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WHAT...

YOU MEAN THAT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN
SUCH A SIGN ON THE FRONT LAWN
OF OUR CHURCH?

WELL...IT'S NO WONDER...

BECAUSE YOUR CHURCH DOESN'T
GO ON VACATION.

Throughout the summer, God's Word will continue to be preached and taught, worship services held, bulletins produced, church business conducted.

That means that even during the summer, there are: lights used, power consumed, supplies needed, salaries to pay...just as during the rest of the year.

Vacations are wonderful things. If you're going on vacation..have fun, relax and enjoy yourself. But remember...your Church doesn't take a vacation...God's work goes on, even during the summer.

SO...BEFORE YOU GO ON VACATION, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH:

- ✠ Don't reduce your giving during the summer...it's still needed.
- ✠ Consider bringing your weekly offering envelopes, for those vacation Sundays too, with you to church before you leave.
- ✠ You many want to mail your vacation offering envelopes to your church when you know you'll be away.
- ✠ Or...bring those vacation Sunday offering envelopes back with you when you return to church after your vacation.

Have fun, if you're taking a vacation this summer...

BUT PLEASE REMEMBER...while YOU'RE away, your CHURCH is still here: for the work of our Lord and His Church never takes a vacation.