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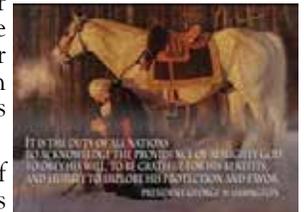
July 2018

Birthdays

- 01..... Larson Steed
- 02 Margaret Dorn
- 03Mara Ramon-Gutierrez
- 05 Sandra Brown
- 06Linda Fleming
Betty Gene Lovingood
- 10..... John Self
Tracy Steed
- 11.....Joe Dey
- 12..... Robbie Hendrick
Jenny Townsend
- 13..... Kelly Caruso
- 15Billy Hatcher
Derrick Smits, Jr.
- 21..... Warren Jones
Dale McPherson
- 23 Sheryl Alba
- 30John Dunsmore
- 31.....Matthew Fliermans

God's Invisible Hand

It is poignant that the first rays of sun that illuminate our nation's Capital each morning first fall upon the eastern side of its tallest building – the 555-foot monument to the father of our country. And there on its top, inscribed on the eastern side of the four-sided aluminum capstone are the Latin words "Laus Dea" (Praise be to God.)



These simple words, placed where they are for the eyes of heaven alone, are a fitting reflection of George Washington's deep conviction that the securing and maintaining of American liberty is owed to divine blessing, for which all American's should humbly give thanks.

When Washington took the oath of office on April 30, 1789, he asked that the Bible be opened to the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 28. Immediately following the oath, Washington added, "so help me God" and then bent forward and kissed the bible before him. He then delivered America's first inaugural address, in which he made note of America's indebtedness to our Creator, saying:

No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential agency.

As we celebrate the birth of this great nation, may our prayer be that we remain committed to the constitution of it, which clearly states:

God is the Lawgiver

("the laws of nature and nature's God")

God is the Creator

("endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights")

God is our Supreme Judge

("the Supreme judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions")

God is our Protector

("the protection of Divine Providence")

Prayer: God, we thank You for all of those who, early on in the formation of this country, were following Your guidance. We thank You for all of those who have given their life so liberty could be attained. We thank You that Your Sovereign hand has led us today, and we pray that as the baton has been passed, that You would continue to govern, direct, and bless us as we seek to do Your will.

God we thank You that You have created everything visible and invisible, and that You created us in Your image. We thank You that You also gave us Your law, that not only teaches us how to live, but also convicts us that we have sinned against You and need a Savior. We thank You that You are our Supreme Judge, and that all of Your judgments are good and just, that You are a God Who by no means will clear the guilty, but a God Who has promised protection for those who call upon the name of Your son Jesus Christ. The One Who died on the cross for our sins, and gave His life as a ransom for many. The One Who, by Your grace alone, through faith alone, in Him alone, forgives iniquity, transgression and sin. Forgive us our sins, both personally and nationally, and continue to bless and pour out Your spirit upon us as a nation. Amen.

Various excerpts from *Rediscovering God in America*
by Newt Gingrich

Anniversaries

- 09 Mary & Jay Weidman
- 11..... Joanna & Tony Miller
- 16..... Helen & Wade Caldwell
- 21..... Natalie & Ora Parish
- 25 Ilona & McDonald Law
- 26 Tracy & Brent Steed

Independence Day Celebration

July 1st after evening worship

- ♦ **Finger Food & Ice Cream**
- ♦ **Patriotic Music**
- ♦ **Fun Inflatable Activities**

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Everyone Welcome

Trail Life Trek

John Norkus, Troopmaster

On May 31, six Trailmen and three adult leaders from Trail Life Troop GA-2215 ventured from Christ Church to their home for the next five days, Table Rock State Park. Our adventure would include triumph, fun, relaxation, and sustenance in the Lord. While checking in at the Visitor's Center, menacing clouds were noticed rolling in over a mountain as we heard the distant rumbling of thunder. Soon after, the rain began and plans changed, but God was right there with us.



Our adventure began with physical sustenance – breakfast – and spiritual nourishment – Psalm 18. Time was spent drawing closer to our Lord as we read through and discussed this Psalm describing God as "... my rock and my fortress and my deliverer..." We would experience this truth first hand. Our journey included a strenuous, seven-mile hike up Table Rock Mountain where God delivered us to spectacular views of the South Carolina foothills upon reaching Governor's Rock; He then led us to serve Him through picking up trash in the picnic area, along the waterfront, and down the lake trail; we remembered the Sabbath and



kept it Holy by attending service at Holly Springs Baptist Church – we were warmly welcomed by all; and rafting down class III rapids on the Chattooga River with Wildwater Ltd. and going back for more as we rafted Dick's Creek Falls.

Throughout our five-day trek, God's direction would be enjoyed as plans changed often: thunder storms interrupting our initial camp site set up and two opportunities for swimming, and the last leg of rafting cut short due to unsafe, fast water. However, we praise God for being with us and bringing us back home safely. Through it all, we enjoyed developing lasting friendships with one another and each strengthening his daily walk with the Lord. Let's not forget His sustenance provision . . . our meals! Our meals included oatmeal, dutch oven mac n' cheese, beef stroganoff, dried apple pie, chicken parmesan, spaghetti, blueberry and apple cobblers, bacon, rice, and chicken kebabs. No peanut butter or hot dogs – praise God! Everyone pitched in with daily chores of camping which allowed for each trailman to learn to become proficient with necessary basic tasks.

We also took advantage displaying our Trail Life flag at our camp site and wearing our shirts, which provided opportunities to speak to fellow campers about Jesus and Trail Life USA.

If you know of a boy who would be interested in outdoor adventure and Trail Life USA, have his parents contact me by phoning 706-373-2173, by sending an email to thenorkusfamily@comcast.net, or by visiting www.christchurchpres.org.

Ministry thru Music

Stan Pylant, Director of Music

The **Augusta Youth Chorale's** ninth season has come to a close. Traveling to Atlanta in early June was marvelous with their singing in two churches and two retirement communities. Auditions for their tenth season will be held during August and rehearsals begin in late August. If you know someone who might enjoy new friends in a choral setting with wonderful opportunities to share their gifts with others, have them check our updated website for information – www.augustayouthchorale.org or contact me.

Children's Choir continues to rehearse during the summer according to their Director, Kay Lovingood. During this time, no other group is rehearsing, though the Sanctuary Choir continues to sing Sunday mornings during worship.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." 1 Chr 16:34, NIV

Getting Acquainted: The Wiggill Family, Associate Members

We are the Wiggill family from South Africa; Emil, Desiree, Hildemarie, Gabi & Arno



Just over a year ago, we embarked on this new chapter in our lives, which took us more than 8,000 miles from the country we called home. We lived in Pretoria, the administrative capitol of South Africa, also known as "Jacaranda City" for the thousands of Jacaranda trees.

We are typically South African; part of the so called "rainbow nation" due to our diverse cultures and languages: we pray in german, tell jokes in afrikaans, and enjoy english teas.

Emil, a mechanical engineer, always wanted to live and work in the U.S. and the job offer at GIW Industries in Thompson came at the right time to make this move. Emil enjoys kayaking and building model airplanes.

I, Desiree, am a flutist and music teacher. I enjoy worshipping with the sanctuary choir, instrumental ensembles, family time, a cup of coffee with friends, reading, and being outdoors.

Hildemarie (21) is persuing a career in psychology. She plays the cello, enjoys singing in choirs, volunteering, and riding bicycles. Also, she is a cat lover.

Gabi (18) has graduated from Greenbrier High School recently. She wants to make a difference in peoples lives as a medical doctor. She is also a ballet dancer and plays the piano in her free time.

Arno (12) is our "life coach". He has Down Syndrome and constantly reminds us to treasure the small miracles in life. He is a pupil at Greenbrier Middle School (Special Ed class).

What has stood out from our journey so far, was that no matter where we are in the world, we are always within the reach of God's endless love, joy, peace, grace, and blessings.

Thank you Christ Church family for your kindness and making us feel at home in your midst. God bless America!



JULY

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray daily for our CC,P supported missionaries and missions agencies listed in italics. Those listed without their last name are serving in harm's way. Also, if their name is underlined, it's their birthday.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Independence Day Celebration <i>John & Liz Steketee</i>	<i>Steve Smith</i>	<i>Kurt & Pat Nelson</i>	<i>Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher</i>	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting <i>Glenn & Charlene</i>	6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer <i>Greg & Julieann</i>	<i>Rick & Betty Aschmann</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Trail Life	6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting	<i>Karl & Debbie Dortzbach</i>		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
<i>Child Evangelism Fellowship</i>	<i>Jay & Nancy Bob & Andrea Burnham</i>	<i>Agape Ministries</i>	<i>Institute for Creation Research</i>	<i>Noah & Karleigh Stephens</i>	<i>Paul & Laura Chinchin</i>	<i>Chris & Cary Drinkard & Promise 686</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5:00 p.m. Missions Prayer Bands	7:00 p.m. Trail Life				6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
<i>David & Erin Pervis</i>	<i>Augusta Care Pregnancy Center</i>	<i>Louis & Anne Carter</i>	<i>Institute for Creation Research</i>	<i>Heritage Academy</i>	<i>Tim & Lana Higginbotham</i>	<i>Steve & Kellie & Palmer Home for Children</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Trail Life			7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m. Men's Prayer	
<i>Cheryl Crocker</i>	<i>Doug & Amy Nunziato</i>	<i>John & Cris Oliver</i>	<i>Clay & Darlene Quarterman</i>	<i>American Heritage Girls & Trail Life</i>	<i>Charles Rector</i>	<i>Gordon K. Reed & Jews for Jesus</i>
28	29	30	31			
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Trail Life					
<i>Dick & Nancy Baggé</i>	<i>Eliseo & Paula Guadagno & Paul Volpitto</i>	<i>Kermit & Cheryl</i>	<i>Steve & Sherri Letchford</i>		<i>Maddie Bailey Orphan Camps with Bring Me Hope July 5 thru Aug 5</i>	



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Missions Matters

David & Erin Pervis – Mission to the World – Athens, Greece

David and Erin have served with Mission to the World for 19 years. From 1999 to 2012, they served on the MTW church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria, establishing a multifaceted English program as an avenue for evangelism and assisting a Bulgarian church planter. From 2012 to 2017, they served on the MTW church-planting team in Kyiv, Ukraine, teaching ESL, leading evangelistic English clubs for two church plants and discipling new believers. As of 2018, they are part of the MTW church-planting team in Athens, Greece, using English instruction as a means for evangelism among Greeks and refugees from the Middle East and Asia.

Prayer:

1. Pray for Pastor George Tolias' leadership and for the growth of the Glyfada Church in Athens, Greece.
2. Pray for smooth transition from U.S. to Greece via move from Ukraine in July.
3. Pray for God's blessing on their marriage as they parent from afar and start a new ministry.
4. Pray for God to use the English and Russian Bible studies in Kyiv to strengthen believers and to reach the lost.

Look For:

Independence Day Celebration

July 1 following Evening Worship. Bring a gallon of homemade or store-bought ice cream and/or baked goods to share and join us in celebrating God's blessings on our country. There will be fun inflatables for the kids.

Fish Tank

Drop by the Church Office and see our newest addition: a fish tank. It has been delightfully arranged with plants and drift wood, and currently there are approximately 15 fish calling it home. Nature is a beautiful creation.

New Summer Sunday School Class

Living Life Outside the Garden – Led by Rick Hammond. This series will examine the Christian experience attempting to live a godly life having been barred from paradise. What provisions has God made for His children to experience along the difficult journey? We will explore ten related subjects designed to equip us to embrace God's comfort and to effectively minister to others as they struggle. Join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.