

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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**BUDGET REPORT FOR JUNE 1-24, 2018**

JUNE 1-24 RECEIPTS .....\$30,020.45  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$30,597.86  
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET .....\$ 422.59

**ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT**

JUNE 1-24 Receipts .....\$30,020.45  
 JUNE 1-24 Expenses .....\$16,129.55  
 JUNE 1-24 Receipts over expenses .....\$13,890.90

**FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR MAY 2018**

RECEIPTS .....\$24,271.05  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$30,597.86  
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET .....\$ 6,326.81

**FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT**

MAY 1-31 Receipts .....\$24,271.05  
 MAY 1-31 Expenses .....\$19,132.10  
 MAY 1-31 Receipts over Expenses .....\$ 5,138.95

**JULY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK\***

1—Jon Huguley      8—David Peck  
 15—Mike Sullivan    22—David Anderson  
 29—Mark Burquest

**USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

Curtis Dalton      Jon Huguley  
 Ray Durham      David Burquest

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**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE**

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 71  
 MORNING WORSHIP— 95

If you are not plugged in with a Small Group Bible Study, you are missing a blessing. Small Group Bible Study begins at 9:15 a.m. Join Us! We have groups for all ages!

The office will be closed  
 Wednesday & Thursday, July 4th & 5th  
 in observance of Independence Day.

**HAPPY 4TH**  
CELEBRATE FREEDOM

No Prayer Meeting, Choir or Band Practice.

**Deacon Meeting**  
 Tuesday, July 10th  
 11:15am

**Keenagers Trip**  
 Tuesday, July 17th  
 11:00am

**Trip to Yoder's Restaurant and Brown's Farm. Please see Jon or Susan Huguley for more information.**

**Quarterly Family Meeting**  
 Wednesday, July 18th  
 6pm

All department leaders are asked to be in attendance.

**WMU—Current Missions**



Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** (occasional exceptions) We encourage our ladies to join us as we study, share, and plan for mission opportunities. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 19, 2018.**

**All Age Breakfast**  
 Sunday, July 1st and  
 Sunday, July 29th

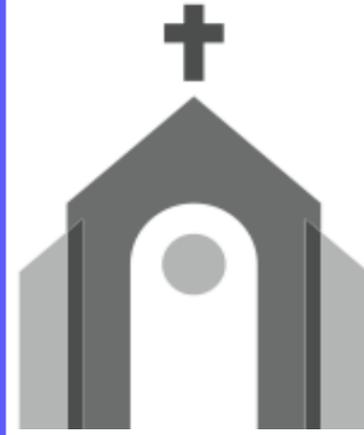
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*"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"*

**Our Ministerial Staff:**

**Dr. Randy Marshall**      Interim Pastor  
**Nick Prieto**              Worship & Youth Pastor  
**Rusty Grace**              Discipleship & Systems Pastor

Atop a hill in Washington, D.C. stands the Capitol building of the United States. The cornerstone of the building was laid in 1793, but the finishing touch is a 19' 6" tall bronze statue located on top of the rotunda. It is known as the "Statue of Freedom" or "Freedom Lady" and has crowned the dome since 1863.

Sculpted in Rome, "the Lady" was brought to America aboard a sailing ship. During the trip across the Atlantic Ocean, a fierce storm developed. The Captain ordered cargo thrown overboard to lighten the load. The sailors wanted to throw the heavy, 15,000 pound statue overboard, but the Captain refused, shouting over the wind, "No! Never! We'll flounder before we throw 'Freedom' away." The protection of freedom has been a common cry throughout our nation's history; freedom...we'll debate it, fight for it, preserve it, protect it, hold it, and always treasure it.

One of our nation's cornerstone freedoms is the freedom of religion. Faith and religious expression are embedded within the DNA of our nation. When we worship, pray, share, and live out our faith, let us be grateful we live in a country that acknowledges this God-given right. May we always be mindful of the gift of freedom, a national treasure that should always be respected, guarded, and honored.

This month, as believers, we will celebrate not only the freedom of our nation but also the greatest freedom of all – the spiritual freedom we have in Christ. On Sunday morning, July 1 we will focus on our spiritual freedom. In the Sundays following, we will examine some "Great Discoveries" that come from walking in faith. This month, let's reflect upon and celebrate our freedoms – in particular the freedom we have in Christ and the Great Discoveries He has in store!

See you Sunday,  
 Randy

# JULY 2018

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

## Rusty's Ramblings

\*Birthdays

**Sundays**

8:30 am Prayer Group  
 9:15 am Small Group Bible Study  
 10:30 am Morning Worship  
 6:00 pm CONNECT

**Wednesdays**

6:00 pm Mid-Week Activities  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm Band Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Age Breakfast	2	3	4 Independence Day Holiday—Office Closed	5 Independence Day Holiday— Office Closed	6	7
8 Connect 6—8pm  *Terry Wood	9	10 Deacon Meeting— 11:15am  *Dennis Prichard *Caleb Cavanah	11	12   *Matthew Nasworthy	13	14
15 Communion Church Council— 3:30pm Stewardship—5pm Connect 6—8pm	16	17 Keenagers Trip—11am  *Penney Lockett *Isabelle Gonzalez	18 Quarterly Family Meeting—6pm  *Anabelle Wood	19 WMU—10am	20   *Annalyn Kegley	21   *Tom Hall
22 Connect 6—8pm  *Marsha Hall	23   *Brian Megahee	24	25	26	27	28   *David Peck *Jana Shugart
29 All Age Breakfast CSM WRHS Feeding Program Connect 6—8pm *Dale Evans Smith *Pam Sweatt	30	31				

I am writing from Colorado as our family is with Hannah's family on vacation. I enjoy thinking and writing when I am away and have a little more rest and different perspective. The Lord often speaks in fresh ways when I break the regular routine. I was on a bike ride in the mountains on our first full day in Colorado and loving the beauty of God's creation. The air is cooler, drier and thinner. Most of the first half of this ride was uphill which made it more challenging. The air being thinner made it even more difficult. There were times as we climbed that I just wanted to give up. There were also the thoughts of wanting to turn around and head back to the house. However, we pressed on and saw the most beautiful landscapes. Breathtaking mountain peaks and valleys with cattle grazing. There was a complete absence of buildings and noise from cars driving. If I had stopped earlier when the ride was most difficult, I would have never seen the incredible landscape and enjoyed my relationship with the Father to a different degree. Sure, it might have physically felt better by taking a simpler path but through the perseverance and pressing through the struggle, I could experience something far greater. What about our personal walks with Christ? What if God has something far greater for us if we would just endure the struggle and continue to press into Him? What big dreams or visions have God called you to pursue that the cares and struggles of life are slowing you down? God said to Joshua after Moses died to "...be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you..." (Joshua 1:7). Joshua had a task and mission he was called to fulfill. We do as well. Regain focus and discipline yourself to know God and obey what He is leading you to do no matter the cost. The result of your obedience is far greater than you could ever imagine.

Nick

This month, we celebrate our nation's independence and founding. Naturally, many of us will be reminded at some point of the service of those who served our nation and paid the price for our freedoms. There were men and women who labored, suffered, and died years upon years before any of our grandparents were born. There are people alive today who have stood in the face of danger for our safety and our liberty. It is right that we, as Americans, recognize and appreciate the blessings that God has given us through the bravery and sacrifice and hard work of others. Doing so is humbling, and is beneficial for us. It is good for us to realize how much we stand upon the shoulders for others. It makes us more grateful and helps to encourage us to come to the aid of others and work for the good of others as we have opportunity.

But this is something that all Americans can do as Americans. We, however, are not only or even primarily Americans. We are followers of Jesus. How ought we to relate to our nation? Here are a few thoughts. First, we should recognize that we are first and foremost followers of Jesus Christ, who confess Him as Lord, and who gratefully acknowledge that we are His blood-bought people, ransomed from the "futile ways of our fathers" to be "His own possession." Our citizenship is first and foremost in heaven. We are called to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Consequently, as Peter said to the Sanhedrin, "we must obey God, rather than men." Secondly, we should seek to be good citizens. Human government has been ordained by God for our good. While our loyalty to any human government, human laws, or nation on the earth is secondary and limited by our primary identity in and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to obey the laws of the land insofar as we can. We are also called to seek the good of our nation. I would submit that this is chiefly done by working hard, paying our taxes (gasp!...it's actually in Romans 13 that we have to!), being good neighbors, seeking justice, practicing generosity, avoiding working evil and practicing whatever good we can. We can and we should use our religious liberty to actually join together in corporate worship, in small group Bible study, in missions and service. So many believers around the world who do not enjoy the blessing of religious liberty put so many of us American believers to shame by their commitment to the things of God in the presence of great opposition and danger. We should also pray for our nation; we should pray for God's mercy for our national sins, which are many; we should pray for God's continued care and protection for our nation; we should pray for hearts to be opened to the life-giving message of the Gospel and for a spirit of repentance to take hold of the church and the nation. We should pray for our leaders, for those we like and for those we don't like. We should seek to be faithful to proclaim the Gospel and to share the love of Christ. In short, we should seek to be faithful to our Lord. Faithfulness to Christ above all is the best thing we can do for our nation. It's the best thing we can do for our families, for our friendships, and for every other relationship we may have. Only when we surrender to Christ can we be who we are supposed to be. May God help us to surrender to Him.

Rusty

Our WMU is sponsoring a collection for the annual GBC Appalachian Backpack Ministry. This ministry provides filled backpacks for 40,000 children at Christmas, many of whom get no other gifts. The backpacks are to be filled with specific school supplies, clothing items, hygiene and food items, etc. which will cost approximately \$40 each. We are asking FBC members to consider contributions to this ministry. Please mark checks for WMU Missions. Thank you!

Nehemiah Project  
Raising the Roof at FBC

