

## FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE!

July is a special month for Americans! We celebrate freedom as we look back almost 250 years to the day the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. This declaration established the colonies' freedom from Great Britain, and The United States of America has never looked back!

Galatians 5:1 says, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Our political freedom as Americans is a great example to help us understand our spiritual freedom in Christ. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. He offers freedom from something far more overbearing than any government. He offers freedom from sin. Imagine if Americans decided to submit ourselves again to the rule of Great Britain. Just suppose we said, "Fighting for freedom is too costly. It's hard work! Submission is easier!" That would be crazy, right? Yet, how many Christians forfeit freedom from sin by returning to the same old lifestyles, habits and struggles we experienced before we met Jesus? Proverbs 26:11 says, "Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly." American freedom was not easy. It meant war. It called for sacrifice – even death! Many brave men and women sacrificed and died for this freedom we celebrate in the USA. Being a Christian is not always easy either. It means spiritual warfare. It calls for sacrifice. It even calls for the death of our old self. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice purchasing our freedom on His cross. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

I pray for safety and rest as you celebrate American freedom this July. I also pray that we will all be reminded of our spiritual freedom through Jesus Christ. We would never consider looking back as Americans. Let us leave our sin behind and press forward as Christians also! God bless you and God bless the United States of America!

Bro. Byron Benson

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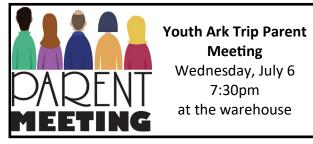


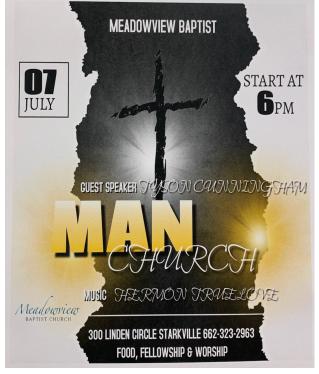
#### 3 Ways to Give

- During the service in the offering boxes
- Give online by going to our website: www.eastendbc.org
- Or give by text: Text GiveEEBC to 73256



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th





Sign up at the Welcome Center



Sunday, July 10 • Staff Meeting - 3:30pm

Wednesday, July 13

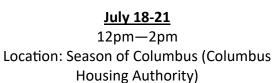
- Church Council 5:30pm
- Finance Committee Meeting 7pm

Sunday, July 17 • Deacons Meeting - 4pm

# college & career summer bash

Saturday, July 16 5pm At the warehouse. See Cindy Ming for more information

W.I.N. COLUMBUS MISSION VBS Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center



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### JULY 21-22, 2022 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL



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Let Josh know by Sunday, July 10th if you would like to attend. Anyone going will be responsible for their own hotel room and \$50 registration fee.



Silver Belles Thursday, July 28 5:30pm Shirley Faulkner's house Contact Shirley Faulkner if you need transportation

# Youth Bear Creek Trip

Saturday, July 30 (open to anyone in church) Sign up sheet at the Welcome Center

Cost: \$40—rent kayak \$60—rent canoe \$10-bring own canoe/kayak

Bring your own lunch and drinks



5th Sunday Fellowship and W.I.N. Columbus Testimonies Sunday, July 31 at 5pm Watermelon & Ice Cream Bring your favorite ice cream to share



Children & Youth Summer Bash (Church invited) Sunday, August 7 at 5:30pm Slip n Dip \$5 each for non children and youth Sign up at the Welcome Center