

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life. **Worship Resources:** A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards and you are invited to share specific concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

Come in, greet each other and chat, but when the music begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers!
***Indicates people stand as they are able**

- Gathering Music
- Welcome and Announcements Minister
- The Call to Worship
 - Minister: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
 - People: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.**
 - Minister: Bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.
 - People: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.**
- *Hymn #698 Roberts
God of the Ages
- *The Opening Prayer of Confession (In Unison)
- Almighty God, ruler of all nations: we pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders. May we be mindful of Your favor and obedient to Your will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free. Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance, and from greed and self-centeredness. Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries and for the poor and afflicted in our own land, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to that day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- *The Time of Friendship and Welcoming Everyone
- The Time with the Children Minister
- The Anthem – Chancel Choir Mauldin
Patriotic Medley
- The Scripture Lessons Minister
Galatians 1:1-12, John 8:31-36
- The Sermon Minister
What Sets You Free?
- The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
- *The Hymn #389 Owens
Freely, Freely
- The Response to the Word
- Concerns and Prayers
- Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings Minister
- The Offertory Jacobs/Steele
This is My Country/America Our Heritage
- *The Doxology #95 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- The Invitation to Holy Communion
- The Great Thanksgiving
 - Minister: The Lord is with you.
 - People: And also with you.**
 - Minister: Lift up your hearts.
 - People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
 - Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: Father, as we celebrate our nation's heritage, it is fitting that we give You thanks and praise. You created a land rich in resources and set before the founders and pioneers of our nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom that might be a blessing to all the world. We cannot congratulate ourselves on what we have done with Your creation and with these opportunities, but when we consider Your bounty and Your mercy and see afresh the dream You set before us we join with Your people in every land on earth and with all the company of heaven in Your unceasing praise.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: Most of all, Father, we thank You that You gave Your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. He proclaimed justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. On the night He was arrested and sentenced to death, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." When supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to His disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood, which seals God's promise, poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins." We remember and proclaim the mystery of faith. He suffered for the sin of the world. He died to free us from the power of death. He rose from the dead, so that we might also rise to new life. At His ascension He promised to be with us always. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to His coming in final victory.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Send your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that in this holy sharing we may recognize the Christ, who gave His body and blood for us all. May this offering of praise and thanksgiving, in union with Your Son's offering of Himself for us, be a holy and acceptable offering of ourselves to You. Hasten the day when the prophets' dream shall come to pass, when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Distribution

*The Benediction Minister

*The Benediction Response #717 Chorus *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* Howe

*The Postlude

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Assisting with Today's Service

OrganistCharlotte Newman Pianist.....Gielda Reese Choral Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt
 Nursery Attendants.....Elaine and Cortney Davidson

Opportunities

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School 11:00 AM Tuesday: Something for Everyone

11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	69	Church Budget	\$2,648.00
Morning Worship	153	Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 6.00
		Food Pantry	\$ 35.00
		Future Fund	\$ 25.00
		Cookbooks	\$ 30.00
		Music Fund	\$ 100.00
		Youth Fund	\$ 40.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Hutchison Family in honor of Jake and Laura Herron's wedding.

Something For Everyone: Join us on Tuesday as we travel to Turkey Creek to eat at Mimi's Café. After lunch we will go to Cokesbury Book Store. They have a wide selection of books, gifts, and other items. On the way home, we will make a stop in Lenoir City at the Baskin-Robbins. We will leave the church at 11:00 AM and return between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. Please make your reservations with Charlotte or Kathy by today.

Pantry Needs: The supply in our food pantry is low. If you would like to donate canned goods, you can bring them to the church or you can make a monetary donation and we can buy items in bulk.

Choir Break: The Choir is taking a summer break so we are looking for anyone that would be interested in doing special music for July and August. If you would be willing to share in music, please contact Nathan Windt at 513-460-3121 or you can call the church office at 745-1560. Thank you!

Men's Group: The Men's Group will meet next Sunday morning at 8:30 AM. All men are invited to attend.

Church Council: The Church Council will have its quarterly meeting next Sunday night at 7:00. All members of the council should attend. If you want to place anything on the agenda, please see Tim Sharp.

Golfers: Golfers are needed for the Coordinated Charities Tournament on July 13th at Springbrook. The cost is \$75 per player on a 4 person team and includes lunch. Tee off is at 1:00. For more information see the Pastor.

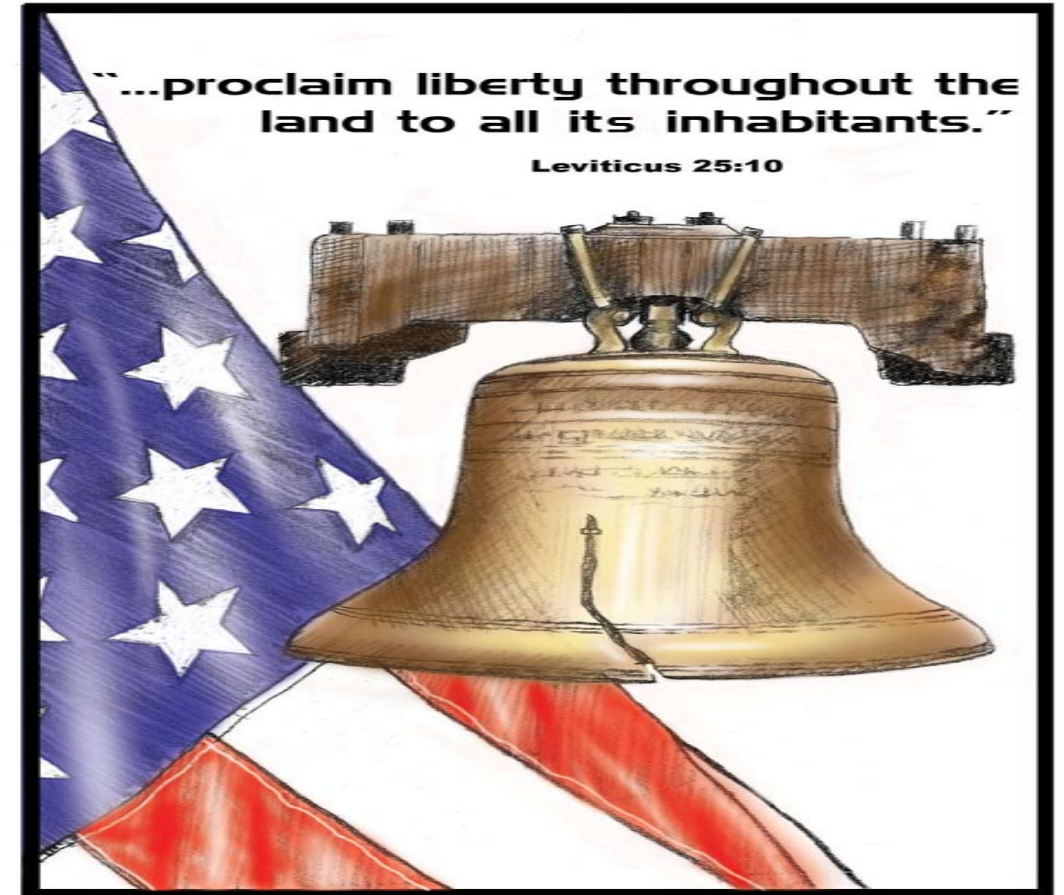
Special Gifts: A special gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of James Guffey by Regina Mayfield. A special gift was given to the Youth in memory of Teresa Eaton by Mattie Hutsell.

Flowers Next Sunday: Ralph & Elizabeth Coleman

We are Praying For.....

Oil Spill in Gulf, Polly Anderson, Vernon Ayre, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Robert Bennett, Lin Birdwell, John Boggess, Norma Bridges, Reba Brown, Al Bryan, Aaron Bryant, Edith Bryant, Michael Bryant, Patti Rae Bryant, Rev. Jimmy Buckner, Bonnie Burmood, Joan & Joe Byrd, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, James Caulfield, Betty Coleman, Tamera Coleman, John Cooley, Stephanie Coppedge & family, Brett Currie, Charlie Davidson, Ron Davis, Sally Davis, Bruce Delmas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joe Delmas, David & Vickie Derrick, Eva & Glenn Dockins, Mary Ann Elrod, Vicki Estabrook, Bernadette Evans, Jerry Fain, Nancy Ferguson, Sandra Finley, Al Gamble Sr., Steve Garren, Rebecca Gray, Rev. Bob Hamilton, Bill Hanner, Patricia Harris, Joe Henry, Dan Herron, Jaynee Holland, Don Hutsell, Joe Hutsell, Jim Hyde, Dewy Jackson, Mike Jackson, Barbara Jarvis, Evan Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Rick Johnson, Millie Lackey, Cheryl & Jimmy Lambert, Lynne Land, Gwen Lane, Raymond Latham, Stephen Lauten, Stephanie Lingerfelt, Charlie Littleton, Jessica Lowe, David Lunn, Matt Marion, Frances Mason, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Hubert Matthews, Patricia McDonald, David McKee, Randy McKeegan, Jerry McLemore, Jim McQuain, Mark Meadows, Frances Mendenhall, Addison & Madison Million, Jan Moses, Dick Moss, Nathan Murray, Jim Neil, Ruth Ann Nichols, Judy Ohman, Amanda Patrick, Levi Peddle, Paul Pierce, Tom Reese, Jimmy Reeves, Eddie Rich, Jason Richards, Dennis Richeson, Duane Rikard, Jerry Roberts, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Wanda Sherrod, Jenny & Keith Shoemaker, Bud Sipe, Tony Skidmore, Jeremy Sliger, Bud Smidt, David Smith, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Rebecca Smith, Shannon Smith, Eric Sohmer, Kay Sora, Mary Sparkman, Britianie Stieb, Nathan Thomas, Roy Thomas, Gloria Thompson, Mildred Vincent, Peggy Wade, David Walden, Justin Walden, Roy Walker, Bob Wallace, Gladys Wallace, Preston Wallace, Bill Wiggins, Alma Yielding; *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Nell Gambill, Eva Ruth Lawson, A.C. Lockmiller, Rubye Maupin, Betty Walker, Marie Walker, *Expecting Mothers:* Hailey Dake, Carla Yielding, *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Boo & Phyllis Hankins, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Chris Russell Family; Pray for our Pastor, our D.S., Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson; *Pray for our Service men & women:* Brandon Carter, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Phillip Humphreys, Anderson Jaramillo, Robinson Jaramillo, Tim Lammers, Wesley Levy, Wayne McKenzie, Tyler Moore, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens and Craig Wolfenbarger.

Church Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for hearts to be open and obedient to God's calling.



6th Sunday after Pentecost

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