

To Celebrate America, Thank God First

One of the lessons we learn through the years of celebrating birthdays and Christmas is that the giver is always more important than the gift.

God's greatest gift to humanity is God's gift of Self, when God the Son became human in Jesus, who gave his life (God's self-sacrifice) to save us from sin and death.

But even these great gifts through Jesus – forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and a personal relationship with God – are only expressions of the giver, who is God. The gifts are simply the expression of the love God has for each of us.

On July 4, 2015, we will celebrate the 239th birthday of the United States of America. Even as we celebrate the human and political institution that is our nation, along with being thankful for the abundant beauty and blessings of the natural resources within our national borders, we must be careful to give even more thanks to God.

The Star Spangled Banner, the U.S. national anthem, includes in the final verse, "Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land / Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation." "Power" is capitalized because it stands for God in that sentence. This verse says God made and preserved this nation, rescuing it in wartime.

And as Psalm 33:16-17 tells us, "A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save."

Be grateful for all who now serve, and all who have served, our nation. But begin with gratitude to God.

Session Did Not Meet In June

No Session minutes are included in this month's newsletter because the Session did not meet in June.

At its stated monthly meeting in May, Session decided not to hold a stated meeting in June, but to hold the next stated meeting on Thursday, July 23, and to hold a called meeting if urgent business should arise.

In the absence of any pressing issues, Session did not meet on June 25, so the minutes of the May meeting have not yet been approved. Minutes will be published in the newsletter after they are approved.

July Birthdays And Anniversaries

July birthdays are:

Hope Hickman	1
Cathy Wright	2
Wesley Bentley	5
Roger Wright	9
Cindy Glover	10
Joyce Shultz	11
Larry Mayer	12
Maryanna Turnage	12
Mark Buchanan	14
Reba Edwards	16
Kathleen Gilmer	16
Penny Wood	18
David Hickey	21
Ted Mader	21
Alisa Ratliff	23
Karen Wood Highlander	25



Birthdays & ANNIVERSARIES

Gail Mayer	26
Theresa Smith	27
Fred Smiley	28
Jan Kitts	30
Katie Bratton	30
Susan Piche	30

Very special birthday wishes to Reba Edwards, who will be 85 on July 16.

Congratulations to Junior and Kathleen Gilmer, who will be married 63 years on July 5.

Reminder: If you have been omitted from our birthday list, or if you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648 with the information, as we don't want to miss anyone.

Summer Schedule Continues

Hebron Presbyterian Church will continue to follow the traditional summer worship schedule throughout July and August.

Morning worship is at 10:00 a.m., not 11:00. Adult and Youth Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m., not 9:55. Children's Sunday School is during Junior Church during the morning worship service.


Youth Group will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Bible Study on the book of Romans continues on Friday mornings at 10:00.

Regular hours will resume Sunday, Sept. 6.

July 2015

Hebron Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9 A.M./Worship 10 A.M.

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