

THE COPELAND CHIMES



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Happy Independence Day!



God Bless You!

A Note from Rev. Lewis

Hello my friends,

Here we are in the midst of the summer. For me, summer is a time of slowing down. It's a time when I have less on my plate- fewer responsibilities to undertake. If the same is true for you, then I have a question for you. How is your relationship with God?

I have a friend named Laurel Blackwell. Laurel is the wife of Fred Blackwell who spoke at our church about the Make Way Partners. Laurel says that she used to try to study her bible at night. However, she found that by the end of the day she was spent. She was so tired that she got little or nothing from it. So she decided to begin her study first thing in the morning- to give God her "first fruits" rather than her last. She says that that practice really helps her to get through the day.

Today's world is full of many stresses. If you were to go the doctor and complain of being depressed you might get some medicine and be referred to some counseling. You might also be given a list of suggestions: get more exercise, get more sleep, stay hydrated, pick up a hobby, etc. These are all good suggestions. I just want to add two items to the list. Read your bible, and begin a regular prayer regimen.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Scholarship Ministry Team Fundraiser

I am proud to announce that the Scholarship fellowship fundraiser and bake sale was a huge success. We raised \$505.00. Thank for very much for supporting our Scholarship Ministry Team and your generous donations! Praise God!

Stephen Ministry

The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

Since 1975 nearly a half million Christian men and women from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers in their congregations. Most decide to become Stephen Ministers as a way to help hurting people in their congregation and community—but very quickly discover that God gives them amazing blessings in return.

"Being a Stephen Minister has been a blessing in so many ways. It's drawn me closer to God. It's allowed me to be Christ's presence to another person—an amazing feeling. And it's made me part of a loving, caring family of Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders who support each other in their ministry."

*Frank Noble
LCDR (SC), U.S. Navy (Retired)
Ballwin, Missouri*

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen.*

Children's Mission Ministry Team

The children took a field trip to Bulid A Bear and made a donation to the Gulf Oil Spill Wildlife Foundation to help with the animals who have been affected by the Oil Spill. We also went to the Huntsville Humane Society to enjoy God's animals.

Children's Prayer:



May the glory of Independence Day
Remain in mind in heart
May we cherish our hard-won freedom
That it never falls apart.

Because those who walked before us
Believed in freedom's cause so much
We can carry forth a torch
Of honor and 'In God We Trust'.

That first Independence Day
Now more than two centuries past
Must live forever in our thoughts
Never forgotten - never a lapse.

It is a precious land we hold
In safekeeping for our children
That they, as we, may enjoy
Lives bountiful, worth living.

May God's blessings ever
Ring out over all our land
**A toast of praise we raise today
Americans - join hand in hand!**

Prayer credit - Susan Kramer

July Bible Verses:

John 8:32

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. [\(NIV\)](#)

Ephesians 3:12

In him [Christ] and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. [\(NIV\)](#)

Special Notes:

PW will not meet until September.
No Choir Practice in July.

Independence Day

In the United States, Independence Day (commonly known as the Fourth of July) is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, baseball games, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States, but is often also viewed as simply a summer festival, apart from its patriotic overtones.

For more information visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_%28United_States%29

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

Words: Samuel F. Smith, 1832

Music: America, Thesaurus Musicus, 1744 (MI-DI, score).








These words were born because Smith's friend, Lowell Mason, could not read German. Mason had received several German hymnals, and sent them to Smith, who he knew understood German. In one of them, Smith ran across the tune now used for My Country 'Tis of Thee. Noting that the German words were patriotic in nature:

I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America' as it is now known everywhere. The whole hymn stands today as it stood on the bit of waste paper.



Dr. Smith visited the Board of Trade in Chicago [Illinois] in May of 1887. While sitting in the gallery he was pointed out to the some of the members. Soon he became the center of considerable notice. All at once the trading on the floor ceased, and from the wheat-pit came the familiar words, "My country 'tis of thee." After two stanzas had been sung, Dr. Smith arose and bowed. A rousing cheer was given by the men on the floor, to which Dr. Smith was now escorted by the secretary of the Board. The members flocked around Dr. Smith and grasped his hand. Then they opened a passage through the crowd and led him to the wheat-pit, where they took off their hats and sang the rest of the hymn.

For more information visit: <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/m/c/mctisoft.htm>

SUPPORT FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

DATE	 GREETERS & USHERS	 WORSHIP ASSISTANT	 CHILDREN'S STORY	 NURSERY
4 July	C.H., Jean Moore & Mae Todd	Steve Turner	Anita Raby	Paulette Turner
11 July	Linda & Ron Dunivant	Anita Raby	Tom Lewis	Beth Faulk
18 July	Bill & Vickey Hutton	Cindy Saseen	Lynn Johnson	Mae Todd
25 July	Tommy & Janice Hutton	Steve Turner	Anita Raby	Carol Barts
1 Aug	Steve & Paulette Turner	Anita Raby	Cindy Saseen	Emily Johnson
DATE	 TODDLERS	 PRAYER CORNER	 CONTACT VISITORS	
4 July	Sandra McDonald	Anne Turner	Steve & Paulette Turner	
11 July	Vickey Hutton	David & Brenda Gilmore	Jean Moore	
18 July	Linda Faulk	Steve & Paulette Turner	Mae Todd	
25 July	Barbara Lewis	Jeff, Carol & Colin Barts	Steve & Paulette Turner	
1 Aug	Mae Todd	Tim & Melia Collier	Jean Moore	

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

 BIRTHDAYS	 ANNIVERSARIES
4 th – Chase Moore 14 th – Tommy Hutton 4 th – Colin Barts 19 th – Lauren Fagan 6 th – Jeff Barts 28 th – Vickey Hutton 6 th – Paula Barts	None