

The Pleasant Traveler

July 2023

Pleasant Chapel Community Church
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Worship 10:00 am

July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Jul 12 Fran Morris
Jul 13 Gina Fairchild
Jul 14 Phil Colclessor
Jul 15 Deborah Hunter
Jul 20 Janell Simons
Jul 24 Lindsey Johnson
Jul 25 Tom Lickey
Jul 27 Tammy Schacht
Jul 29 Ella Fairchild

Anniversaries

July 6 Rev. Rex and Kathy Charles
July 10 Dan and Karen Sherbahn
July 12 Tom and Kelly Nei
July 20 Tony and Rene Hicks
July 28 Jess and Abby Morganthaler
July 28 Nick and Kasey Wisel

Events

Jul 4 – Happy Birthday US!
Jul 5 – Brofest 7am
Jul 5 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Jul 9 – Cemetery Board 3:00 at PC
Jul 12 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Jul 12 – PC Women’s meeting time and place TBD
Jul 19 – Brofest 7am
Jul 19 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Jul 22-26 – Huntington County 4H Fair at Hier’s Park
Jul 26 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Jul 31 – Junior Church Helpers 6:45

Acolytes

Jul 2 Amicks
Jul 9 Hands
Jul 16 Ayers
Jul 23 Hands
Jul 30 Wisels
Aug 6 Roehms
Aug 13 Hoffmans
Aug 20 Roehms
Aug 27 Amicks

Birthdays

Jul 2 Candy Raichart
Jul 2 Jocelyn Sherbahn
Jul 5 Jessica Sherbahn
Jul 6 Nancy Buckingham
Jul 6 Joe Rogers
Jul 8 Greg Rupert
Jul 8 Leona Bear
Jul 9 Conner Hicks
Jul 9 Sue Law
Jul 9 Randy Dinius
Jul 10 Susan Lahr

Greeters

Jul 2 Karla and Candy
Jul 9 Phil and Nicole
Jul 16 Tom and Sherry
Jul 23 Tammy S. and Julie
Jul 30 Larry and Joyce
Aug 6 Matt and Stephanie
Aug 13 Nick and Kasey
Aug 20 Tom and Tammy L.
Aug 27 Harley and Ann

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson’s home each Wednesday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this! Sign-up papers for 2023 snacks are on the table in front of the mailboxes.

Children’s Church is held each Sunday morning after the children’s story. Thank you to all the helpers who make children’s church a great experience for our young saints!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped in any way with vacation Bible school here at Pleasant Chapel from June 12th through the 16th. We had an enrollment of 31 boys and girls with an average attendance of 27.

All of the teachers, helpers, and workers which numbered close to 30, did a special and wonderful job.

Thank you again for your time and talent!

PC Women's Group

The Pleasant Chapel women's group met on Wednesday, June 21st at 1:00 PM at Cynthia Chesterman's home.

President Jill Law opened the meeting. Cynthia had devotions.

Cards were signed to send friends and shut-ins.

Cynthia served delicious refreshments. Thank you, Cynthia, for hosting us.

4 Ways July 4th Can Be Like Freedom in Christ - Jason Inman

July 4th reminds me of freedom in Christ. I promise, this isn't some smelly mixture of patriotism and Christianity. I just think there's some powerful imagery in Independence Day. Let me explain.



First, why does America celebrate the 4th of July? Something about apple pie, explosions in the sky, baseball games, and BBQ flames, right? No. On July 4, 1776, thirteen colonies in North America decided they were done paying their taxes and over their allegiance to the King of England. Colonial leaders got together to write the Declaration of Independence and then sign it into being. The Revolutionary War had already begun, but this was a statement of unity and determination to gain freedom from England's rule. You might recognize this portion:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

– The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

So, here are 4 reasons July 4th reminds me of freedom In Christ.

1. **It's a gift.** For all living Americans, July 4th is a gift. We didn't earn it—we received it from the people who lived, led, and died to fight for it. Everyone who gets a gift has two questions. First, "Who is it from?" Second, "What does it do?" My freedom in Christ is from Jesus. I didn't earn it. He died for it. That's who it's from, but what does it do? [Galatians 5:1](#) reminds me, it's *for freedom* we've been set free. What does my freedom do? Give more freedom. It's freedom for me, my marriage, my kids, my friends, my co-workers, and my neighbors. I was given this gift to share.
2. **It's a mid-war declaration.** July 4, 1776 came only about a year after the revolutionary war began and about six years before it would finally end. Yet, it's the single most revered day of American history. This reminds me of battles we face. You may be fighting for your marriage, struggling financially, or just trying to raise godly kids. Either way, it may be time to make a mid-war declaration of your freedom in Christ.
3. **It's a celebration of restoration.** Remember apple pie, explosions in the sky, baseball games, and BBQ flames? All to celebrate liberty once lost—but now found. Humans love to celebrate finding lost things because we were made in God's image, and God parties big for restoration. Jesus told a story about this called the Prodigal Son. When the son came home, the Father killed his best cow and threw a party ([Luke 15:11-24](#)). Jesus even suggests angels celebrate in heaven when someone discovers freedom in Christ ([Luke 15:10](#)). And what

happens when we all meet Jesus? A glorious supper ([Revelation 19:16-17](#)).

4. **It's united.** The Declaration of Independence was written by thirteen different colonies, but within the document, they are called "we." "We hold these truths to be self-evident ..." Jesus set you and me free as individuals, but *we* live out this freedom as His Church. One body with many parts ([1 Corinthians 12:1-27](#)). When your "I" becomes "we," it's amazing what *we* can accomplish.

VBS WAS AWESOME!

Heroes among us.





July News

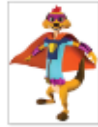
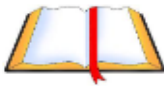
CONGRATULATIONS

to
Hannah, Ivy, and Braxton Z. for
receiving 10 punches for
attendance on their punch cards.
They received their
Matthew 5:13-16 t-shirt.



The next Junior Church Helper
Meeting will be **July 31** at 6:45.

August 27, 2023 will be a very
special Sunday for our youth.
Please plan on being at church
this day to recognize the
future of Pleasant Chapel with
a special gift.



Superhero Hotline VBS
was a HUGE success!
The kiddos learned that
Heroes are called to
Follow Jesus, Help
Others, Work Together,
Listen to God and Show
Grace. They had bible
stories, songs, science,
crafts, snacks, and
games. Thank you to
everyone who helped
with VBS, whether it was
behind the scenes or
came each day to help.
During the Sunday
morning service the
superheroes sang their
newly learned songs and
said their bible verse.
A special shout out to
Annabele, Braxton Z.,
and Sawyer for their
special solos during the
Sunday morning
performance! You rocked
it! Thanks to ALL of our
Superheroes!

"So let's strive for the
things that bring peace
and the things that
build each other up."
Romans 14:19

One Sunday morning, the
pastor noticed little Alex
standing in the foyer of the
church staring up at a large
plaque. It was covered with
names and small American
flags mounted on either side of
it.

The six-year old had been
staring at the plaque for some
time, so the pastor walked up,
stood beside the little boy, and
said quietly, 'Good morning
Alex.'

'Good morning Pastor,' he
replied, still focused on the
plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?'
The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a
memorial to all the young men
and women who died in the
service.' Soberly, they just
stood together, staring at the
large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely
audible and trembling with fear,
asked, 'Which service, the 8:30
or the 10:45?'



And with God's help and blessing,
we will give our children what they
need. With love in Christ,



Vicki Sprunger
Director of Children's Ministry

	April 2, 2023	April 9, 2023	April 16, 2023	April 23, 2023	April 30, 2023	May 7, 2023	May 14, 2023	May 21, 2023	May 28, 2023	June 4, 2023	June 11, 2023	June 18, 2023	June 25, 2023
Attendance	54	115	53	64	85	50	71	55	59	42	60	72	56
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Late one night in July 1776, a young man from the Massachusetts colony, exhausted from the day's labors but too emotion-charged to sleep, took quill pen in hand. Writing to his wife Abigail by candlelight from the stifling boarding house quarters, he described a momentous event which had just taken place in Philadelphia. In years to come, he predicted, that day would be remembered as "the great anniversary festival."

The man? John Adams.

The event? Adoption of the Declaration of Independence, which he hoped would be commemorated as "the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God almighty."

His vision was indeed prophetic.

