

Tidings of Peace



Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate FREEDOM! The 4th of July marks our nation's formal declaration of independence from the oppressive rule of the English monarchy. There is much to celebrate when we are delivered from oppression. Though it's worth noting that July 4th, 1776, remembered as "Independence Day," marked the beginning of a state of war. Here are three points to consider this month as we celebrate freedom.

First, Freedom is Valuable and comes at a cost.

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" - Romans 8:32

Freedom from oppression comes at a great cost. Throughout the course of the American Revolutionary war, an estimated 6,800 Americans were killed in action, 6,100 wounded, and upwards of 20,000 were taken prisoner. Historians believe that at least an additional 17,000 deaths were the result of disease, including about 8,000-12,000 who died while prisoners of war. But for those Americans who lived under the weight of oppression, the value of freedom was worth their blood shed and their lives spent. Can

we comprehend the great value of freedom- those of us who have lived all our lives under the framework of freedom? I think we can if we attend to it. Because we have all experienced oppression. Even while living in

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a country that is founded upon freedom, Oppression is first and foremost a matter of the spirit. For the spirit is by nature, bound under the oppression of sin and the dominion of death. But the good news of the Gospel is that God so loved us that he sacrificed His only Son so that we who have faith would not perish but have eternal life. There is no greater state than "Eternal Life." It is the opposite of our natural state- under bondage to sin and death. And this priceless treasure was attained at a great cost- the very life of Jesus Christ.

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Second, Freedom is established by grace.

Ephesians 2:8

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

If our inner oppression to Sin and Death is not addressed, we will live as prisoners even if we live in the most free country in the world. While our Nation’s freedom was declared in paper, and established by blood, the VAST majority of us benefit from that freedom as a gift. WE didn’t sacrifice our comfort or shed our blood to attain the peace of this nation, we live and enjoy that freedom because of the sacrifice of others. This reality should humble and inspire all of us who benefit from the freedoms that our country protects. Humble because others died to give us such freedom. Inspiration because such a costly gift must be maintained by each generation. Grace should produce a lifestyle of gratitude within us, and for Americans, there is no greater gratitude than protecting the freedoms attained at such a high cost.

Likewise, our Eternal Life, lived now as we glorify God and enjoy Him in fellowship with the Holy Spirit and anticipated in heaven forever, was established not by our sacrifice but by that of another. Jesus laid down His own life so that we could live. Jesus took upon Himself the guilt of our sin so its debt could be paid in His death on the cross. Jesus gifted us Eternal Life as He rose from the dead. And Jesus sealed us into freedom as He poured out His Holy Spirit into our hearts.

As a result, may we live lives that celebrate that great gift- both by maintaining the true faith in Jesus, and by living lives that glorify God.

Third: Freedom is Bound by Love and Law

Romans 6:18

“You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.”

As we celebrate our nation’s birthday, it is crucial for us to recognize the role of faith and law in the viability of freedom. The old hymn “America the Beautiful” has a few golden lines that perfectly express this concept:

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

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This song is a prayer that God would bless America with life-producing freedom. May God crown our nation's good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. May our nation's ultimate treasure be not in wealth or might, or size, but in love of one another, and may that sense of brotherhood reach across this entire nation.

May God mend our nation's every flaw: self control and law are expressions of faith in Jesus. We are free people- but Freedom that is lived out by self-interest and lawlessness brings suffering and death. Freedom that produces life, blessing and joy is bound by self control and lawfulness. God confirms our liberty in law.

This is true for America and its true for the Church. Jesus has set us free from oppression to sin and death and into Eternal Life- not into absolute freedom. As Paul said, we "have been set free from sin and become slaves to righteousness." Eternal Life is marked by a TYPE of life: one that loves God and loves our neighbor. A saved life is marked by self-control (saying no to the lusts of the flesh, the pride of life and temptations of the eyes) and submission to service to Jesus- in order to glorify and enjoy God forever.

Paul further states, "let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law." - Romans 13:8

May the Lord bless us by drawing us into repentance- back to the first things of faith, of valuing the sacrifices made for us, and submitting ourselves to self-control and love for neighbor.

It turns out, what works for a nation is the same thing that works for the Church. May God bless America and the Church which makes this nation strong.

In Christ and for His glory,
Pastor Aaron



July 2021

July 2021							August 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2 Office Closed	3
4 Celebration Sunday 10:30am Communion 10:30am Worship	5	6	7	8 1:30pm Laura's Bible Study	9 Office Closed	10
11 9:00am Worship Comm 10:30am Worship	12	13	14 6:00pm Session	15 11:00am Missions & Outreach	16 Office Closed	17
18 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	19 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	20	21	22 1:30pm Laura's Bible Study	23 Office Closed	24 11:00am Memorial Service - Joe Riker (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)
25 10:30am Worship	26 1:30pm Building & Grounds	27	28 12:30pm PMWMG Study (Fireside Room)	29	30 Office Closed	31

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE IS A-COMIN'

It seems early to talk about it, but it'll be here before you know it. The Deacons will be organizing our annual Rummage and Bake Sale, August 13 and 14. So now, while you're doing your spring cleaning and closet organizing, set aside items to contribute to the sale. If you have items you want out of the house before August, you can bring them early. We'll be happy to store them. Just give Geri a call and we'll arrange to meet. But please remember that even though "one's man's trash is another man's treasure," some times trash is just that - trash. We welcome your donations, but please make certain they are in resale condition- no broken equipment, no stained and torn clothing.

BUCKET BRIGADE will be taking the summer off!!!

We will resume in September!!

This lady left a note on our door with the following offer.

Loreen Murphy is offering (Free of Charge) to share her single family home in Klamath Falls (ON A TEMPORARY BASIS) to give shelter to ONLY mothers and small children (Max 2 children.)

**Loreen lives in a single family home with
1 Private bedroom and 1 Private bathroom.
(702) 561-0063**



The Inheritance of Israel

A Journey through the book of Joshua

With Pastor Aaron Beaty and Deacon Geri Coker

Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM

Fireside Room

WELCOME TO THE NEW ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT

Contemporary Christian artist, Matthew West, wrote in his lyrics, "Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of People living in poverty, Children sold into slavery, The thought disgusted me, So, I shook my fist at Heaven, Said, "God, why don't You do something?" We probably didn't shake our fists at Heaven, but when we saw on television two toddlers dropped from the border wall in New Mexico by their coyotes and that frightened 10-year old boy from Nicaragua abandoned in rural Texas, we may have prayed that same question, "God, why don't You do something?"

The Mission Committee of Peace Memorial has been called to help answer that question. The fight against human trafficking is now a designated mission concern for our church. This is only right, for the Church has always been in the lead to abolish the evils of human trafficking, the 21st century term for slavery. You might recall from history that the famous abolitionist John Brown became involved in the abolitionist movement following the brutal murder of Presbyterian minister and anti-slavery activist Elijah P. Lovejoy in 1837. Does this mean the Mission Committee is planning a road trip to Harpers Ferry? That would be no. So what does this mean?

Our vision is to be the Basin's face of this new abolitionist movement. We shall be working with the Klamath County Human Trafficking Task Force to promote awareness and prevention of trafficking, and restorative care for victims of enslavement. We'll be receiving assistance from the Rebecca Bender Initiative (you may want to get information by going to rebeccabender.org) on how we can best fulfill our mission. The Polaris Project has identified 25 categories of human trafficking in the US. That's HUGE area and the RBI can help us identify our place in the anti-trafficking movement.

Why is it so important for Peace Memorial to jump in with both feet? Human trafficking is a man-made evil from the get-go. And man alone cannot stop the evil he initiated. God, using people of faith, is the only Power that can tackle this. West continued in his song, "God, why don't You do something?" He said, "I did, yeah, I created you." People of prayer and passion- that's us.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Financial Report

April 2021

At a glance

Operating Inc.:	\$16,084.39
Operating Exp.:	\$9,956.51
Monthly Net:	\$6,127.88
Ckg Acct Bal 5/31	\$50,005.70
MMkt Bal 5/31	\$54,735.50

May 2021

Here is our monthly update on finance:

April Operating Income:....\$16,084.39

Expenses:.....\$9,956.51

Monthly Net:.....\$6,127.88

YTD Net:.....\$14,724.16

Checking 5/31/21:.....\$50,005.70

Money Market 5/31/21:..... \$54,735.50

Hi Friends,

Thank you all for your continued support during this very hot summer! Wishing you and yours health and happiness as we mark Independence Day and the passing of half of a year already! Many Blessings!

Kathy Todd

JULY

Birthdays

7TH MARY IRVINE

17TH ANN WINCENTSEN

19TH MATTIE SMITH

29TH BARBARA DEAN

31ST CHERYL PERSHALL

31ST VICKY TOMSON

Anniversaries

2ND FRED & SHARON HADDOCK



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*“In all your ways acknowledge
Him, and He will make your
paths straight”
-Prov. 3:6*



7/4 - Rescue from Our Enemies II: Demonic Spirits
Mark 5:1-20

7/11 - Rescue from Our Enemies III: Death and Sickness
Mark 5:21-43

7/18 - Guest Preacher

7/25 - Rejected by His Own
Mark 6:1-6

Your SESSION

Elders

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Session Moderator
Noreen Rhoades-	Clerk of Session
Kathy Todd-	Finance & Stewardship
Don Perryman-	Christian Education
Linda Dart-	Mission and Outreach
Jim Zeller-	Building and Grounds
Sally Heaton-	Worship

Your DEACONS

Geri Coker– Chair

Bev Moulton

Susan Orton

Jocelyn Shellito

Vicki Zeller

*The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each
month following worship.*

Your

TRUSTEES

Harold Heaton

Stephen Goode

Sharron Goode

Sharon Haddock

*Session meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month
from 6-8PM.*

