

The Informer

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Happy 4th of July

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 7/5	
Sunday School.....	10:00am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Praise Band Practice	4:30pm
Discipleship Training.....	5:00pm
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Monday, 7/7	
Children to Aquarius Pool.....	6:00pm
Men's Ensemble Practice	6:00pm
Wednesday, 7/8	
Children's Activities.....	6:00pm
Youth Bible Study.....	6:30pm
Prayer/Bible Study	6:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

SERVANTS: June 28 2015

NURSERY AM

Mary Jean Carlson

USHERS

Jan Thomas, Joey Oswald,
Charles Kennedy, Nix Loadholt

GREETERS

Jule & Angie Young

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josi Loadholt

JULY TELLERS

Butch Sauls, Gordon Kears

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MUSC Hosp., Charleston: Mary Reid, Joel Kalman (Ashley Kalman's father)

Greenwood, SC: David Lightsey (surgery 6/24)

Pruitt Health Rehab: Clyde Furman (401 Witsell St., Walterboro 29488-Cell 803-584-9058)

Unihealth Nursing Home, Barnwell: Mr. Joe Oswald, Jr. (for rehab)

Mt. Pleasant: Resa Monts

Louise Davis: Presbyterian Home, 201 W. 9th Street, Unit 187, Room # 307, Summerville, SC 29483 Phone # 843-819-7018

National Healthcare: 2993 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia 29169 - Evelyn Ruff

Jacksonville, Florida: Willard McGraw

Chicago: Dean Morisesset (Larry's brother-in-law)

JEH Nursing Home: Jacqueline Kearse, De-lore Brunson, Jean Ferguson, Hazel Mathis, Cecilia Jones, Betty Sanders

Briana's Residential Care: Hilda Rahn

St Matthews Convalescence Center: Omma Lee Folk, Box 157, 601 Dantzler St., 29135

Emerald Gardens Assisted Living: 201 Overland Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646 (Rm. 315) - Ann Tyler

At Home: Pearl Barnes, Sammy Causey, Joe, Louise & Donna Kay Cook, Sara Cook, Joe Anna Crosby, Donnie Jones, Richard Kinsey, Peggy Loadholt, Billy Main, Linda Rowell, Susan Royster, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, L. R. Thomas, Dot Whitson, Dwight Williams, Mary Williams

Friends & Family: Don Altman, Thomas Benton, Redmond Bowers, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Jimmy Burbage, Kenny Cone, David Cook, Jr., Rev. Gene Carroll, Ashley Carter, Clyde Collins, DeLacy Crosby (Glory's Cousin), Michael Dyches (Cecelia's brother), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn), Faye Gooding, Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Trevor Horn, Lucille Hutchinson, Betty Hutto, Jamie Jones, Sue Ann Kearse (at Cecelia's), Ann Keys, Marie Lee, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Terri Marshall, Lori Loadholt Martin, Bill Mills, Beverly Milner (niece of Hazel Loadholt), Wayne Mole, Lexie Monroe, Rev. John McKeown, Reid Porter, Jr., Dr. Rahman, Anthony Rivers, Mary Rouse, Dot Scoggins, Rachel Stanford, Nellie Sullivan, Patfi Sullivan, Sharon Teems, Buddy Terry, Vernell Ulmer, Merle Ann Wall, Deborah Welch Warren, Timothy Williams, Blanche Winstead, Charlie Young

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY: Chaplain Brian Bailey, Chaplain Warren Sibley, John Mark Cook

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

DISCIPLESHIP

Abraham's Faith

Abraham's faith was great indeed. He not only trusted God for the route he would take from Ur and then from Haran, but he went with no promise of property because God only told him of the land inheritance after he reached Shechem (Gen. 12:6-7). Though Abraham was pledged the land by divine decree, he never took possession of it during his lifetime.

SON OF FAITH

God had promised Abraham a son in his old age and gave him strength to impregnate Sarah. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 when their son Isaac was born (17:17). God worked a miracle (Heb. 11:12).

A number of wonderful applications can be made:

- Every Jewish person ever born was conceived because Abraham exercised faith and trust in God's promise.
- God was willing and able to provide the promised son (Isaac), but He acted on the basis of Abraham's faith.
- Abraham did not waver at God's promise but, by faith, claimed the impossible.
- God honored Abraham's faith and gave him a vast multitude of descendants.

The key to the impossible is faith in God.

STEADFAST FAITH

Abraham and his descendants clung to the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (v.13).

Although they could only view the promises from a distance, their steadfast faith gave them the assurance and conviction that God someday would deliver what He promised.

If Abraham had yearned to return to Ur, he could have done so:

And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them (vv. 15-16).

The word *desire* means to "stretch out, yearn and strive after." Abraham and his posterity had a continual, consuming desire while

on Earth for a homeland in heaven where they would be with God because that is what He promised them.

Fourth of July

In the state capitol at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, it is hard for liberal politicians to forget that our nation was founded by Bible believers. There are Scripture verses on the walls and in the windows. In the ceiling one reads "*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32). This is also true in other state buildings in the U.S.

On this Independence Day, let us remember where we came from as a nation. President Andrew Jackson said, "The Bible is a rock upon which our republic rests".

President Dwight Eisenhower took his oath of office on the steps of the U.S. Capitol expressing his faith in God and then (at his inaugural ceremony) offering a prayer! "*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*" (Ps. 22:12).

America's Founding Fathers

George Washington: "It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible."

Benjamin Franklin: "God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid".

Thomas Jefferson: "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?"

Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man....But for this Book we could not know right from wrong".

DEACONS MEETING

The Deacons will meet on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00pm.

PREACHER FOR:

Sunday, July 5-Dr. Kenneth Sandifer - AM

Sunday, July 12 - Dr. Kenneth Sandifer - AM & PM

CHILDREN GO TO AQUARIUS POOL

Tuesday, July 7th at 6:00pm

Monday, July 13th at 6:00pm

Monday, July 20th at 6:00pm

Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00pm

YOUNG AT HEART

Monday, July 27, 2015

6:00PM

Program planned

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Mary Jean and Elizabeth will begin a new Youth Bible Study, The Revelation, on the book of Revelation on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. **Come and see!!!**

CHURCH WEB SITE

If you can read the Newsletter on the church Web Site please let us know in the church office so we can take you off the mailing list. Less mail outs would save some money. www.fairfaxfbc.org.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 6/28/2015

SS Enrollment/Attendance	127/73
SS Visitors/New Members.....	1/0
Morning Worship.....	100
Building Fund	\$50.00
Community Missions	\$4.00
CD's	\$2.00
Budget Offering	\$2804.00
Budget Needs (weekly)	\$3798.00

He who thinks he knows, doesn't

He who knows he doesn't know,
knows