



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

6 Freedoms Christians Can Celebrate on Independence Day

1. The freedom to believe as we choose.
2. The freedom to live out our faith daily.
3. The freedom to worship the LORD.
4. The freedom to pray anytime and anywhere.
5. The freedom to vote according to the dictates of our consciences.
6. The freedom to pursue happiness in Jesus.

2019 - 6 Projected Behaviors of Americans

1. \$6.8 Billion: For 4<sup>th</sup> of July food.
2. 150 Million: Hot dogs to be eaten.
3. \$1.6+ Billion: For 4<sup>th</sup> of July beer and wine.
4. \$1+ Billion: For 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.
5. \$5.4 Million: For American flags imported from China.
6. 47+ Million: People will travel 50+ miles from home.

Have a safe and blessed Independence Day!

Les

**Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, July 3  
6:30 p.m. – Christian Ed

Sunday, July 7  
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

**Teachers for July 7**

**Nursery**  
Evalyn Fate / Alexis Collins

**Kids' Time**  
Ruth Ann Monroe / Chris McFarren

**LOL**  
Remain in service – summer break

**Stewardship Report**

June 30, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	4,416.00
Missions	305.00
Building/Maint Fund	65.00
Deacons	15.00
Match Fund	10.00
Memorial	25.00
Funeral Dinner	75.00
Helping Hands (Food)	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,061.00</b>

## Picnic & Swim Party



Our All-Church Picnic and Swim Party at the Wells Community Pool is Sunday, July 21. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the picnic area adjacent to the pool, and then swim at 6:30 p.m. The Christian Ed Board will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, drinks, and table service. Please bring a large side dish to share with all. RSVP on your Welcome Card this Sunday.

## Becomers Class Schedule

The Becomers Class encourages reading ahead to prepare for class discussions. The readings for July are: July 7 - Luke 4:1-13

July 14 - Luke 4:14-30

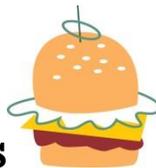
July 21 - Luke 4:31-44

July 28 - Luke 5:1-16



## Fellowship Opportunity

Bud & Jan Abrams, our previous pastor and wife, will be here next week and expect to be at church on July 14. You also have an opportunity to share a meal with the Abrams at 5:30 p.m. on July 13 or 14 at the Wanner's home. If you would like to share in one of those meals, please call 565-3552.



## Helping Others

Thank you to those who contributed last Sunday. We collected enough donations for the 22 pounds of ground beef we signed up for and an additional 15 pounds of hamburger patties for another meal. Pastor Les delivered it all to Helping Hands to feed supper to people in Montpelier.



## Thank You

- Thank you for the wonderful meal that allowed our family time to breathe and relax and be nourished (body & spirit) following Don's memorial service. The prayers and support of our church family has been such an encouragement to us! The family of Donald Langel
- Dear Church family, Thank you for your generous box of goodies and surprises sent during my finals. Thank you for thinking of me each semester. I greatly appreciate all of your prayers, thoughts and support. Love, Ashleigh Houtz

## A Final Letter

Well folks, this is it! It's been a little while since you've heard from me and a lot has changed! The last couple of months have been a whirlwind. April and May involved traveling all over my city visiting different campuses, having countless conversations and cups of milk tea, and hours spent studying, teaching, praying and preparing myself and my students for my departure.

The month of April brought a fun opportunity. Once a week we took an afternoon to explore new campuses and search for students who already know Jesus. Our hope was to connect them with national staff who could talk with them, build relationship, and challenge them to start a movement on at their university. It required a lot of planning, strategizing, and long hours walking and talking, but by His goodness, we explored 7 new campuses, finding at least 1 Christian student at each one. Pray for these students.

May and the start of June brought goodbyes and transitions. After a week with my family, I said goodbye to them and began to transition into a time of closure. Two of my roommates left not long after my family, beginning the start of goodbyes to teammates and students. My remaining roommate and I slowly began to pack up our home and I prepared gifts, notes, final meetings, and vision plans for my students.

I left this year with 3 remaining disciples that will be passed on to incoming staff. Violet, Polly, and Caroline were answers to so many prayers. Violet has been a large part of my ministry and a genuine friend and sister. I am happy to share with you that the day before my departure, she was baptized! I praise God to have gotten to celebrate with her and share this special moment in her walk with Jesus. Polly and Caroline joined us for a final dinner where Violet got to share her experience and encourage them to also be baptized. Our final moments together were filled with words of thanks, encouragement, and sweet prayers for one another. Never did I imagine the Lord to provide 3 best friends! They made all of the long, gray days and moments of frustration completely worth every second. It's hard to believe this chapter is over!

So Mykayla, what's next? Great question! I am happy to share that I safely arrived in the states 1 week ago and will be stateside for the foreseeable future. As you know, I've been praying about next steps for a long time! My hope is to return to nursing while also continuing to pursue ministry. I am trusting the Lord to direct my steps and the Holy Spirit to help me be obedient to His will. I'll be taking a little time to pray and process and hope to use this time to visit friends, family, prayer & financial partners that I haven't seen much of these last 2 years!

For those of you who have partnered with me financially, I can't tell you how much I have appreciated and enjoyed having you as a part of my team. If you have any questions about ending your giving, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for joining me and being a part of forwarding His Kingdom through your gifts.

Until the whole world hears,

Mykayla J Rodenbeck



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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

### Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

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### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service