

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*denotes Anniversary MMM denotes Monday Morning Ministry SS denotes Sunday School 3 Tommy McBride Isaiah Sparks Children's Musical Deacon Meeting 10 Matthew Aycock Patrick Minor Phyllis Myhan Adam Myrick Brenda Simkovich Penny Townsend Spiritual Growth University Kickoff Children's Trip 17 *Brandon & Rebekah Burleson *Hillard & Betty Jeffreys 24 Molly Banes *Kevin & Dana Massey 31 Lord's Supper New Members Dinner	Birthdays WMU-Women's Missionary Union C&C denotes College & Career 4 Independence Day— Office closed 11 Kelly Kavanaugh 18 WMU 25 MaKayla Sauls	5 12 Taylor Risner *Ricky & Shelia Aycock *Doug & Mary Jane McDonald 19 Zach Tverberg *Richard & Carol Kuykendall Long Range Planning 26 Nettie Harmon	6 Business meeting 13 *Bobby & Michelle Stutts 20 Emily Cannon Steve Houston *Jim & Mary Meadows C&C Meal & Bible Study 27 Linda Counts School Supply Giveaway	7 Dara Dewberry Mary Jane McDonald *Larry & Shelia Creasy *Tim & Wanda Downey Children's Trip 14 21 Destiny Simone Barbara Wright *Bradon & Denise Hodge Children's Trip 28	1 Mary Morgan 8 Amanda Gomez Mollie Jeffreys Martha Martin 15 Claire Bowling Wayne Hester Molly King Marty Nichols *Donna & Jimmy Arnold Newsletter Article Due 22 Scott Hester Darryl Tverberg 29 Ronnie Dewberry *Byron & Valerie Aycock	2 Coleby Sauls *Bobby & Lisa Tolbert 9 16 Betty Lamar JoAnn Nix Mark Underwood *Ronnie & Angie Dewberry 23 Men's Ministry Breakfast Gym Reserved (afternoon) 30 Brooke Borden Ruby Morgan Colten Simone Gym Reserved

NURSERY CARE
Sunday, July 3
 am - Sue Jeffreys, Patricia Gomez, April Simon, Breanna Newell, Amber Shell, Wanda Downey
 pm - Tiffany Hill, Phyllis Myhan
Wednesday, July 6
 Wanda Berry, Shelia Creasy
Sunday, July 10
 am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Meagan Rumble, Rodney & Cassie Sparks, Nita O'Brien
 pm - Penny Townsend, Tonya Reid
Wednesday, July 13
 Mary Jane McDonald, Susan Rackley
Sunday, July 17
 am - Tina Tverberg, Mary Dreaden, Katie Looney, Freddie & Carol Morris, Rhonda Keenum
 pm - Carol Kuykendall, Norma Hallmark
Wednesday, July 20
 Brenda Nixon, Carol Aday
Sunday, July 24
 am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Logan Nix, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez, Doug McDonald
 pm - Lura Agee, Joy South, Shelia McCrary
Wednesday, July 27
 Lura Agee, Susan Young
Sunday, July 31
 am - Sue Jeffreys, Patricia Gomez, April Simon, Breanna Newell, Amber Shell, Wanda Downey
 pm - Tiffany Hill, Phyllis Myhan

"Without a vision, the people will perish."
Proverbs 29:18

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2016

Every Week

Sunday School.....	Sundays 9:15 am
Morning Worship	Sundays 10:30 am
Celebration Choir	Sundays 4:30 pm
Spiritual Growth University.....	Sundays 5:00 pm
Evening Worship	Sundays 6:00 pm
Clothing Ministry	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Boy's Basketball Ministry	Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Children/Youth Meal Time.....	Wednesdays 5:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities.....	Wednesdays 5:35 pm
College & Career	Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer.....	Wednesdays 6:15 pm

3rd.....	Children's Musical 10:30 am
3rd.....	Deacon Meeting 4:00 pm
4th.....	Happy 4th of July (Independence Day)
6th.....	Business Meeting 6:15 pm
7th.....	Children's Trip
10th.....	Spiritual Growth University Kickoff
10th.....	Children's Trip
15th.....	Newsletter Article Due
18th.....	WMU 10:00 am
19th.....	Long Range Team Planning 6:00 pm
20th.....	College and Career Meal & Bible Study
21st.....	Children's Trip
23rd.....	Men's Ministry Breakfast 8:00 am
27th.....	School Supply Giveaway for our children
31st.....	Observance of the Lord's Supper
31st.....	New Members Dinner

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM
 3 - Wayne Jeffreys, Jeremy Scott
 10 - Darryl Tverberg, Larry Allen
 17 - T. C. Hallmark, Doug Myhan
 24 - Bo Keenum, Dan Roberts
 31 - Gary James, Charles Lamar

SECURITY TEAM
 3 - Barry Minor 10 - Lee Aday
 17 - Jimmy Tedder 24 - Doug McDonald
 31 - Jeremy Scott

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE
Wednesday, June 1
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Hillard South
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Joy South
Sunday, June 5
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Betty Bradford
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Don Bradford
Wednesday, June 8
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Mary Jane McDonald
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Justin Gasque
Sunday, June 12
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Susan Young
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Greg Newell
Wednesday, June 15
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, John Permenter
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Sharon Permenter
Sunday, June 19
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Jim Sanderson
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Barry Minor
Wednesday, June 22
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Larry Creasy
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Shelia Creasy
Sunday, June 26
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Ashley Carpenter
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Randy Tate
Wednesday, June 29
 Van 1 - Reba Newell, Norma Hallmark
 Van 2 - Nancy Hall, T. C. Hallmark

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FROM
YOUR
PASTOR

Our nation is in deep moral and spiritual trouble and it seems to be getting worse every day. Isaiah 62:6 says, "I have posted watchmen on the walls, O Jerusalem: they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest."

When God sets a watchman on the walls of a nation, what's on the heart of God? God never sets watchmen on the walls of a nation unless it's in a critical moment of its history... When God sets watchmen on the walls of a nation, God knows there's impending judgment. The enemy is up to something. The watchmen were designed to watch careful night and day and whatever they saw they were to announce so that God's people would know how to respond... What if God were saying, and I believe He is, "I have set a watchman on your walls, O America." Dr. Henry Blackaby

Not only is America culture hurtling downward to a new depths of moral decay, but the church itself stands in desperate need to return to biblical justice and righteousness and then revival will happen. Churches are supposed to be influencing our culture instead it seems like it's reversed. Matthew 5:13-16, says, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

It is so sad that statistics show that there is little difference between the morals of American church members and morals of the unchurched.

The only hope we have is in true revival of the church and it has to start with me and you of getting right with God and allowing God to reveal the secret things in our heart so that we can get right with Him. It must begin with pastors and churches. Scripture call for us to humble ourselves before God, seek His face and pray, and turn from our sinful ways so that God can restore our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

I'm calling for our church at Valley Grove to become a house of prayer, crying out for revival, a spiritual awakening in our nation, moral renewal in the culture, and righteousness and justice in our government leadership and laws. I'm calling out to preach the whole counsel of God without apology or oral issues being debated in the public arena, remind all of us about our stewardship as Christian Citizens and encouraging people to pray for our leaders that are local, or national.

E. M. Bounds said this, "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be against evil. We do greatly need somebody who can set the saints to this business of praying."

On July 3rd we are calling for a CALL2FALL. We must seek the face of God if we are going to see the hand of God move in our nation. Our problem demands a spiritual solution.

Working and praying together, with God's grace and mercy, and as He hears our prayers, mix them with the prayers of others that are crying out to Him both day and night. Then enable us to do what we can and then let Him do what He does and awaken our nation. I encourage you to use social media to get our message to your friends and family and let other people know that July 3rd we are going to be on our knees praying for God to awaken this nation and turn back to God.

Bro. Greg

Does Your Faith Work?

James 2:1-26

A working faith shapes our attitudes, verse 1. It is when God rebuilds our attitude. The example is a rich man and a poor man.

A working faith doesn't show favoritism. We do this in different ways. Often it is because we want to be with people who act like us. However, we are to think about people as Jesus did. Did Jesus just love those who loved Him, no, He loved the world. James was very explicit about this, a working faith is when God reshapes our attitudes.

A working faith determines our actions, verse 17. Faith if not accompanied by action is dead.

In verse 15...suppose one is without food or clothes, what good is it if we send them off with God's blessings. Faith not accompanied by works is dead.

Working faith is when God rebuilds our lives. We are not saved by our works, we are saved by the grace of God...when we are saved, our works happen because we are saved.

For instance, the faith of Abraham, it is one thing to say I believe and another to say I trust.

So often we ask God for something and He has already provided.

If our faith is not thinking as Jesus does, let's put our faith to work.

Bro. Lynn

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

One of the greatest promises in Scripture is the fact that God will never leave us nor forsake us. Psalms 46:1 reminds us that God is our refuge and strength.

When I think of the word *refuge*, I think of a place where there is safety, solace, where God will comfort us when we are going through struggles. It's not necessarily a physical place but a spiritual place, where we know God will meet with us.

Have you ever sung this chorus to Ludie D. Pickett's 1897 hymn?

"No, never alone, no, never alone;

He promised never to leave me;

Never to leave me alone."

Maybe you have a hard time believing God is really there to comfort you when you have trouble or feel lonely. We don't have to see God to know He is there. We can't see the wind, but we know it's there when we feel the breeze blowing through our hair.

No matter where we go, no matter what troubles we may be facing, God is always with us. He can turn our greatest sorrow into joy, if we'll just be still and know that He is God, our refuge and strength.

Molly

* July 3 - Hope

* July 6 - Parable of the Wedding Feast

* July 7 - Sky Zone/CiCi's/Splash Pad 10:00 -3:00

* July 10 - Patience

* July 13 - Parable of the Faithful Servant

⇒Gaitman Park - 5:00 - 7:00 pm

* July 17 - Kindness/Goodness

* July 20 - Parable of the Rich Man/Lazarus

* July 21 - Field Trip - 10:00 - 3:00 pm

* July 24 - Faithfulness

* July 27 - Parable of the Talents

⇒School Supply Give-away for active Church children - 6:00-7:00 PM

* July 31 - Gentleness

On July 4th, Please remember the importance of keeping God first in our country.

Over 240 years ago, the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. The author of this document, Thomas Jefferson, believed that God gave us liberty. John Adams stated that the principles for our independence were based on the principles of Christianity.

On July 8, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read on the steps of Independence Hall in Philadelphia where Leviticus 25:10: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof," was cast on the top of the Liberty Bell.

In 1815 at the Battle of New Orleans, General Andrew Jackson declared the God intervened by His Divine Providence to allow America a success over the British. Rockets were fired on both sides, but the British continued to miss. Over 2,000 British soldiers were killed and only 8 Americans.

In 1837, John Quincy Adams stated that Christmas and the Fourth of July were intrinsically connected. The precepts of Christ's birth were incorporated into the principles of civil government.

During the beginning of the Civil War, the inscription, "In God We Trust," was utilized on coins. By 1957, the inscription was made the United States official motto by President Eisenhower and extended to paper money.

The 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, stated, "Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience...without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure...If we ever forget that we are one Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."

From the very beginning of our nation, God has blessed us with liberty and independence. Unfortunately, we (United States) have turned away from HIM. Pray for our nation to repent, turn to HIM, and restore our National conscience, "One Nation Under God."

Please donate backpacks for our Church Children by July 21.

Thanks, Mary

Are you IN God's army or merely a bystander?

"I Am A Soldier"

I am a soldier in the army of my God.

The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer.

The Holy Bible is my code of conduct.

Faith, Prayer, and the Word are my weapons of Warfare.

I have been taught by the Holy Spirit,

...trained by experience,

...tried by adversity,

...and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity.

I will either retire in this Army or die in this Army;

But, I will not get out,

...sell out

...be talked out

...or pushed out.

I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable.

If my God needs, me, I am there.

I am a soldier.

I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered,

...petted,

...primed up,

...pumped up,

...picked up,

...or pepped up.

I am a soldier. No one has to call me,

...remind me,

...write me,

...visit me,

...entice me,

...or lure me.

I am a soldier. I am not a wimp. I am in place,

...saluting my King,

...obeying His orders,

...praising His name,

...and building His Kingdom!

No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts.

I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

I am committed. I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around.

I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside.

I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

When Jesus called me into this Army, I had nothing.

If I end up with nothing, I will still come out even.

I will win.

My God will supply all my needs.

I am more than a conqueror.

I will always triumph.

I can do all things through Christ.

Devils cannot defeat me.

People cannot disillusion me.

Weather cannot weary me.

Sickness cannot stop me.

Battles cannot beat me.

Money cannot buy me.

Governments cannot silence me, and

Hell cannot handle me!

I am a soldier.

Even death cannot destroy me.

For when my Commander calls me from this battlefield,

He will promote me to a captain.

I am a soldier, in the Army, I'm marching, claiming victory.

I will not give up.

I will not turn around.

I am a soldier, marching, Heaven bound.

Here I stand! Will you stand with me?

We are all in a battle daily, a white flag is not an option.

◆ Your job sites will be blessed

◆ All nations amazed by your prosperity

◆ Blessed childbirths

◆ You'll have needed weather patterns

◆ You'll lead all nations not them lead you

Then I read the curses that will be placed upon God's nation if they gave their love elsewhere. These descriptions should be rated "R" for violence. I quit what I was doing and thought about my sins and shortcomings. I almost dropped my iPad! Remember, We The People of God are called to be a "Holy Nation" of believers. This is from the New Testament.

We are chosen of God to be "salt and light" until we die. We are to be salt to "preserve" our culture and light to shine as "People of The Way". We are to Love The Lord Our God with our whole being and love our neighbor even as we love ourselves. Please don't read Deuteronomy 28:15-68 to see what God allowed to occur in Israel's life. Please just imagine for if you read it you may cry. Righteousness lifts up a nation but sin destroys a nation. Please God, have mercy!!

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◆ Your cities blessed

◆ Your Children, Crops, Cattle blessed

◆ All nations blessed because of you

◆ Nations borrow from you not vice versa

Frankie