

July

2025

COMMUNITY-CHURCHES

Freedom in Christ: Living by the Spirit

As we wave flags and watch fireworks this July, we're reminded of the price that was paid for our national freedom. Brave men and women gave their lives so that we could live without tyranny. But friends, there is a greater freedom still, the kind that no earthly war could win and no government could offer. **It's the freedom found in Jesus Christ.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Evangelism Class Waldeck 7:00pm	2 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	3	4 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	5
6 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.	7	8	9 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	10	11 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	12 Gospel Sing Senior Center 11am-5pm
13 Waldeck Preaching Service 10:00 am.	14	15	16 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	17 Serenity Care Service 6:00 pm	18 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	19
20 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.	21	22	23 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	24	25 Street Church 370 Broad Street 8:00 pm	26
27 Waldeck Preaching Service 10:00 am.	28	29	30 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	31		

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."
Galatians 5:1

"Pastoral Perspectives"

As we gather this July to celebrate Independence Day, our hearts swell with gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this country, freedom to speak, to worship, to live and work and raise our families in peace. But let us not forget that there is a **greater freedom**, a freedom not secured by soldiers on a battlefield, but by the Savior on a cross.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:1 that we are to "stand fast" in the liberty that Christ has given us. This isn't just freedom from earthly bondage, it's freedom from the power and penalty of sin.

Romans 6:22 tells us, "*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*" What a promise! True liberty isn't the right to do whatever we want, but the power to do what is right, by the Spirit of the Living God.

In 2 Corinthians 3:17, Paul writes, "*Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*" Freedom and the Spirit go hand in hand. When we walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), we no longer fulfill the lust of the flesh. We are led by the Spirit to bear fruit that reflects our new identity in Christ, "*love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance*" (Galatians 5:22–23).

And yet, with freedom comes responsibility. Paul warns us in Galatians 5:13, "*For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*" Freedom in Christ is not about pleasing ourselves, it's about loving God and loving others.

Let me ask you this, church family are you walking daily in the Spirit? Or are you dragging around chains that Christ already broke? Are you living in the joy of your salvation or just going through the motions?

Here's the good news: every morning brings new mercy (Lamentations 3:22–23). Every moment is a fresh opportunity to say, "Holy Spirit, lead me today. Help me live like I've truly been set free." That's what it means to live by the Spirit. Not perfect, but surrendered. Not in chains, but in Christ.

This month, as the sky lights up with fireworks and patriotic songs fill the air, let's remember the greater freedom we have a freedom not earned by our merit but by His mercy. Let's live by the Spirit, love one another, and shine like a light to a world still bound in darkness.

Let freedom ring, both in our nation and in our souls.

In Christ's love and liberty,
Pastor Johnny R. Davis

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well". - Psalm 139:13-14 (KJV)

Pam Morrison	7/1
Edna Rush	7/2
Sandy Carpenter	7/6
Rose Sholes	7/6
Mildred Casto	7/16
Josh Second	7/16
Lee Coplin	7/27
Dick Carpenter	7/28
Angie Davis	7/30

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LEWIS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

FREE BBQ

JULY 12 | 1 PM

SAVED BY GRACE
WIRELESS CONNECTION
DENTEN KING
SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS
HILDA CARTER
AND MORE...

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP PROVIDED

Bring a friend

Food served @ 12pm.

The Word of GOD.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:2 (KJV)

OUR NEIGHBOR

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

FOR

July is

Laundry Detergent



"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"