

Lines from Larry

It has been 243 years since the United States of America declared itself independent. The Declaration of Independence begins, "**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America....**" It was a unanimous decision to become independent. Many decisions since that decision have not been unanimous. When Congress voted on what the official language would be it was determined by one vote. If the vote would have been cast differently, we would be speaking German instead of English.

In the church, we make decisions that are not always the popular choice. We elect leaders to help us stay focused on keeping Christ the center of our decisions. In John 17:23, Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he encouraged them to be united in Christ. It is easy to cause divisions in the church. It is easy to cast doubt on what God is doing in the local assemblies. The hard part is figuring out what needs to be done to spawn spiritual growth. One thing I know is complaining never solved any challenge. It takes unity of all believers.

When I lived in Kentucky, I remember the state's motto, "United we stand. Divided we fall." If a state can see it takes unity to grow, surely, we as the body of Christ can see the importance of unity. Let us find ways to encourage one another to continue in the faith. We need to pray for the unity of all believers like Jesus prayed. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and not lose sight of our goal to help people come to Jesus. We must intentionally seek to help and not hinder. We must not choose to undermine growth but rather choose to remain united together in Christ.

May God richly bless the RCC family.



Lines from Colin

This past month, Leah and I took a group of students to a CIY Move conference in Cedarville OH. During this conference, the messages being preached were about Elijah, specifically the story of how Elijah has this massive showdown with the priests of Baal on Mt. Caramel, and immediately after went and hid himself away in a cave because he was afraid. This message preached at the conference resonated with the students as well as with Leah and myself.

See, it is something special to realize that the people in the Bible aren't these larger than life figures. They're just people too! They mess up, they get emotional, they run away and hide in caves!

The whole point of this story at CIY was to encourage the students that their lives are much like Elijah's. They go through highs and lows, their emotions can overwhelm them, and sometimes, we find a coping mechanism that isn't healthy instead of trusting in God completely (i.e. hiding in a cave).

So as we continue to wear on through the summer, and we're unsure about our crops, or sweating the budget for a vacation you *might be able to take, or stressing about the health of your loved ones, or just trying to figure out your own emotions, let the story of Elijah come to mind.*

When times get hard, will you run full speed into God's arms, into the warm embrace that has held you so many times already? Or will you turn your back, find some worldly coping mechanism, and hide yourself in a cave?



Sermons for July

July 7 - Josiah: Renewed Covenant with God, 2 Chronicles 34:1-33

July 14 - James: Elder for Jesus, James 1:1; Acts 15:1-35 (13)

July 21 - Onesimus: Slave for Christ, Philemon

July 28 - Phoebe: Servant of Christ, Romans 16:12-2

Those serving in July

	7	14	21	28	
Front Door Greeters	Peggy	Alice	Blaine	Tina	
Greeters	Ruby & Betty D.	Sue & Jimmy	Barb F. & Vicki S.	Judy & Kaden	
Musician	Youth	Cheryl	Cheryl	Marcia	
Screen	Heaven	Rodney	Nate	Rodney	
Sound	Nate	Mark	Rodney	Andy	
Vocals	Youth	Jancye, Hannah & Tina	Jancye, Tina & Hannah	Larry, Joni & Hannah	
Scripture Reading	Tina	Heaven	Barb K.	Youth	
Opening Prayer	Blaine	Scott	Roger K.	Youth	
Communion Med/Prayer	Colin	Marc	Scott	Roger K.	
Offering Prayer	Rodney	Larry	Marc	Scott	
Nursery	Hillary/Kayla	Stevie/Ruby	Heaven/Barb F.	Leah/Peggy	
Children's Church	Brenda & Judy	Joni & Peggy	Colin & Leah	None	
Sunday School Teacher	Heaven	Brenda	Jancye	Joni	
Communion Prep	Joyce T.	Joyce T.	Joyce T.	Joyce T.	
Communion to Shut-ins	Roger K.	Larry	Rodney	Larry	

Announcements

July 7: Birthday Sunday.
Collecting for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.
Youth Group 4th of July party at 5 PM.

July 11: Ladies Spring Banquet at 6 PM. Please bring a friend or neighbor to attend with you. We will have a salad supper, bring sandwiches, finger foods, desserts, etc.

July 13: Men's prayer breakfast at 8 AM

July 14: Ken Idleman preaching

July 18: Board meeting at 7 PM.

July 21: Penny Sunday.

Birthday's

7/1	Bob Saunders	7/22	Ben Hortenstine
7/2	Melissa Carroll	7/24	Allen Eddy
7/4	Cynthia Hinton		Allyssa Saunders
7/8	Waylon Davis	7/25	Courtney Wall
7/9	Rodney Hunt	7/26	Joyce Neisler
7/12	Ben Barenfanger		Butch Saunders
7/15	Josie Stewart		Sonny Saunders
	Katie Ridgeway		Terry Sapp
7/17	Micah Wright		Gage Brown
7/21	Tabitha Sampson	7/27	Andrew Carroll
		7/28	Deanna Myers



July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Psalm 74-76; Acts 7:41-60	2 1 Samuel 23-24; Acts 8:1-25; Proverbs 27 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	3 1 Samuel 25-26; Acts 8:26-40	4 1 Samuel 27-28; Acts 9:1-25	5 1 Samuel 29-30; Acts 9:26-43	6 1 Samuel 31; Acts 10:1-22
7 Jeremiah 45-48; Acts 10:23-48 Birthday Sunday Collecting for St. Joseph's	8 Psalm 77-78; Acts 11	9 2 Samuel 1-2; Acts 12; Proverbs 28 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	10 2 Samuel 3-4; Acts 13:1-13	11 2 Samuel 5-6; Acts 13:14-39 Board Meeting @ 7 PM	12 2 Samuel 7-8; Acts 13:40-52	13 2 Samuel 9-10; Acts 14 Men's Breakfast @ 8 AM Ladies luncheon at Noon.
14 Jeremiah 49-52; Acts 15:1-18	15 Psalm 79-81; Acts 15:19-41	16 2 Samuel 11-12; Acts 16:1-24; Proverbs 29 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	17 2 Samuel 13-14; Acts 16:25-40	18 2 Samuel 15-16; Acts 17	19 2 Samuel 17-18; Acts 18	20 2 Samuel 19-20; Acts 19:1-22
21 Lamentations 1-5; Acts 19:23-41 Penny Sunday	22 Psalm 82-84; Acts 20:1-16	23 2 Samuel 21-22; Acts 20:17-38 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	24 2 Samuel 23-24; Acts 21:1-26	25 1 Kings 1-2; Acts 21:27-40	26 1 Kings 3-4; Acts 22	27 1 Kings 5-6; Acts 23
28 Ezekiel 1-4; Acts 24	29 Psalm 85-87; Acts 25	30 1 Kings 7-8; Acts 26; Proverbs 31 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	31 1 Kings 9-10; Acts 27:1-20			

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Offering

5/26 \$1267.00
6/2 \$4000.00
St. Joseph's \$139.31
Birthday Sunday \$9.00
6/9 \$2383.00
6/16 \$2653.00
Penny Sunday \$115.60
6/23 \$1440.00

Attendance

5/26 86
6/2 102
6/9 88
6/16 90
6/23 94

Ramsey Christian Church

Fellowship Time: 8:30 AM

Worship Service: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Adult Electives: 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Sunday night youth at 6 PM. Jr. & Sr. High

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study: 8:30 AM

Missions

Bond Christian Service Camp
Inner City Mission of Springfield, IL
Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
Lincoln Christian University
Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
Pinehaven Children's Ranch-Montana
St. Louis Christian College
Tim Doggett-Africa
Assembly of God World Missions