



The Living Stone Link

July 2018 News Letter

Our Freedom, Our Liberty

“ IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen
united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This week we will be celebrating the Freedom of Independence that our County obtained from living under the authority of the King of England. In this small excerpt from the Declaration of Independence, I would like to make three points.

First, “Nature’s God”, the founders believed in God and the equality we have with other under God’s Laws. Period!

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Mission Moment

History of NAMB - North American Mission Board (Part 6 of 7)

1984 - The RTVC enters the satellite communications arena and expands its television ministry through the launch of American Christian Television System (ACTS), a cable television network. The Brotherhood Commission begins coordination of disaster relief ministry with state Baptist conventions.

1990 - The Brotherhood Commission starts a youth coed missions project called “World Changers,” to involve youth in missions.

1991 - RTVC acquires FamilyNet television network to meet the demand for quality, family program service for broadcast TV stations.

1995 - The HMB celebrates its 150th anniversary and moves to new office building in Alpharetta, Ga.

1997 - As part of the Covenant for a New Century, the SBC creates the North American Mission Board (NAMB), which combines the HMB, RTVC and Brotherhood Commission.

For prayer needs or questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jim Hess @ 207-642-2309 or visit our website www.livingstonmaine.org

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“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Gal 3:28

Second, “endowed by their Creator”, the founders believed that God is the Great Creator.

Thirdly, “Liberty”, what is Liberty? Oxford defines Liberty as “the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views.”
As we celebrate Independence Day we may have opportunities to share Jesus with others lets remember the ultimate Liberty we have in Christ.

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” Gal 5:1

In Christ,

Elder Jeff

Calendar Notes for July

July 14; 8:30 AM. Men's Breakfast
July 21; 9:00 AM. Deacon's Meeting
July 23 - 27th; VBS

Regular Weekly Services

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Life Groups at 11:15
Sunday Evening Discipleship-U at 6:30
Tuesday Morning Prayer 6:00 AM
Friday Youth Groups at 6:00
Thursday Children Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:15.

Birthdays

July 8th - Michael Seavey
July 26th - Paul Caron
July 26th - Sheila Foster
July 31st - Mike Ames

Wedding Anniversaries

July 18th - Jeff & Kelley Hunt
July 19th - Dick & Cindy Hunt

(If you would like family birthdays and anniversaries listed in the news letter, please submit to Elder Jeff.)



2018 Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week is November 12th – 19th

In 2018 we are going to expand out Shoebox contributions by having monthly collections items. In July we will be Clothing Items.



Clothing Items

For August we will be collecting School Supplies.

See some of the testimonies in the Special Report Magazine on the table in the hall.

Need some ideas for shoe boxes, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/