



# Calvary Connection

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## Pastor's Pen

As we go into the month of July and as we celebrate Independence Day, our thoughts go to the various ways we are going to celebrate our Fourth of July holiday. Cookouts. Fireworks. Parades. We all have such fond memories and traditions of what we do on the Fourth of July Weekend. Some of us go camping. Some of us stay. But all of us should use this time to remember the freedom that we have in this country and how blessed we truly are to be living in the United States in America.

As a boy, I was reminded by my father and grandfather regularly that we lived in the greatest country in the world. As a kid, I don't think I truly understood that until I started traveling as an

adult, both domestically and overseas. When comparing my country with others, I began to be even more grateful for my country and the freedom that I took for granted.

We have a tendency to be like that with our relationship with Jesus Christ as well. We know we shouldn't, but we take our relationship with Christ for granted. We take that salvation that can only be attained through Jesus Christ for granted as well. Galatians 5:1 tells us: *"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."*

We are free in this country because of brave men and women who fought and died to make sure



that the United States of America was the greatest country on earth. But let us be reminded that we are free and not slaves to sin because of the sacrifice made for us by Jesus Christ. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I for one will be grateful for both.

God Bless America.



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## Reminders

- July 5: Finance and Building & Grounds Meeting
- July 10: Deacons Meeting and Business Meeting
- July 11: Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
- July 12: Children's Ministry Meeting
- July 14: BWC
- July 18: Quilters Meeting



### Welcome Back!!

We hope you enjoy our newsletter as we bring it back!!

This month we focus on the month of July, Freedom, and thanking God for the good ole USA!

## One Nation Under God

### News from Our Youth—From Emily

What a month we've had! It's been a busy and exciting time for the youth group this last month!

At the beginning of the month, on June 4th, our youth students got to help out and enjoy time at Calvary's Community Day.

June 8th brought our first ever annual Hunger Games youth night. Our students competed with one another to be the last person standing in the arena.

On June 15th, the youth spent an evening of fun and fellowship at the Massie's Mill Carnival, riding rides, playing games, and having a blast.

Our Youth Mission Week followed beginning June 20th and lasting until the 25th. The youth spent the week staying at Calvary and serving the community. We served at 15 different worksites, had opportunities to share the gospel, and raised over \$550.00 for the

Nelson Food Pantry. This year we had 30 participants. We had students serving from 5 different counties, in 2 states!! Praise God for an amazing group of students and the phenomenal leaders we had!

We ended the month with vacation Bible school. We had 8 youth members help serve at VBS.

What an amazing month it's been serving Calvary, Nelson, and God!

### Music Notes—From Beth and Theresa

*Let us know what your favorite Praise and Worship song and your favorite Hymn! Let Beth, Theresa, or the office know!*

We took a survey several years ago here at the church to see which are the favorite songs of the members. We wanted once again to see which hymns are the most popular among our congregation.

The 3 songs at that time were:

- #1 – In The Garden
- #2 – How Great Thou Art
- #3 – He Lives

We would be interested in seeing which songs are most popular now. This should include any Praise Songs, and hymns (not just the songs in the Baptist Hymnal).

Please let one of us know your selections by writing them down and turning them in to either Beth Pierce, Theresa Martin, or the office.

Our piano in the sanctuary is being tuned on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> by Bill Boring from Lynchburg.

### A Little 4th of July Trivia

***Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks?***

People have carried on the tradition from the first 4th of July. Taking

a cue from John Adams' call for "Bonfires and Illuminations," a wartime Congress decided to light up the night with fireworks, with similar celebrations held in Boston in 1776. In addition to the

rockets, which would have been relatively crude in the 18th century, there were also raised platforms with fizzing fireworks that displayed patriotic images.





## Newsletter Ideas or Articles

It was suggested that we get our newsletter, the “Calvary Connection” going again. It’s been a while, but welcome to our first issue as we wish our country a happy birthday this month!

I would like to ask you, the reader, to offer your ideas, suggestions, or comments for future issues. We would like to use the newsletter to keep our members and community up-to-date on the happenings at CBC, share the Good News with others, and hopefully offer inspiration to all who have the chance to read this.

Let me know what you would like to see in future issues. Please send your ideas to the office to Brenda or Jeremy.

Thank you and God Bless, Tammy Ponton

Please let us know if you have ideas for the next issues of the Calvary Connection

## Anniversaries for July

July 1	Tim & Penny Geelan	July 17	Gene & Mary Lee Beard
July 3	Rodger & Stevie Ashley	July 17	Dickie & Mary Houchens
July 3	Jeff & Addie Stevens	July 18	Randy & Kathy Helbert
July 5	L.D. & Bonnie Campbell	July 20	Kevin & Joanne Drumheller
July 8	Greg & Kelly Troxell	July 28	Al & Brenda Ponton
July 14	Jason & Crystal Mohler	July 29	David & Theresa Martin
		July 29	Wayne & Lori Ponton

*“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*

*- Colossians 3:14*

## Birthdays for July

July 1	Charlotte Morris	July 14 – Ryan Adcock	July 27 – Jonathan Bradley
July 1	Setha Bennett	July 14 - Lee Gordon	July 28 – Lizzie Chaney
July 3	Greg Troxell	July 14 - Brian Habel	July 30 – Homer Ponton
July 5	Christy Vestal Martin	July 18 Kimberly Maddox	
July 9	Hanna Rivera	July 18 Bettye White	
July 10	Danner Bachman	July 19 Mack Parrish	
July 10	Samuel Bachman	July 19 Scott Rorrer	
July 19	Coty Painter	July 21 Bruce Moyer	
July 10	Erin Adcock	July 23 Tyler Lucas	
July 11	Brett Adcock	July 23 – Alex Humphrey	
July 12	Pat Napier	July 25 – Kent Barton	
July 14	Audrey Bachman	July 26 – Adrianna Allen	

*“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. “*

*Psalms 139:13-14*



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Scatter to Serve”*

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### **Prayer for our Country**

Almighty God,  
Ruler of all the peoples of the earth,  
forgive our shortcomings as a nation,  
purify our hearts to see and love the truth,  
give wisdom to our leaders,  
and steadfastness to our people,  
and bring us at last  
to that fair city of peace  
whose foundations are mercy,  
justice, and goodwill,  
of which you are the designer and builder;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

By Woodrow Wilson