

# Campbellsburg Christian Church

## Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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### Musical Musings

*The following article is by Rachel Woho.*

If you've ever watched fireworks, then you know how mesmerizing the view can be. Each tiny light makes its way into the darkness, and two perfectly timed fuses within a shell perform their duty to create an illuminous masterpiece. If the shell sits in a covered box, protected from anything that might ignite it, then the beauty it contains is never seen. The incredible vision of light it provides is, sadly, never displayed.

We should have faith like fireworks, but sometimes expressing faith in Christ is challenging. I've had times when I've struggled with how to be a witness for Christ, and I'm guessing you have too. Putting our faith first can rub someone the wrong way or explaining a differing opinion can be taken from the opposite view we intended. Yet, God's Word reveals that we are called to be a light in the world. Matthew 5:14-16 CSB reminds us:

"You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lamp-stand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

While it's tempting to keep our "shells in the box" and avoid revealing the light of Christ inside our hearts, living our faith out loud isn't an option if we truly love the Lord. As Christians, we must not be afraid to shine God's light into the night sky, revealing the beauty of the Gospel to a dark world.

So how can we do this? Just like the perfectly timed fuses contained with the shells of fireworks, the Holy Spirit within us can show us the way to spread the Light of the world. Watch for opportunities to share your own faith story in open situations. Always be read to talk about the hope God has entrusted in you. Be in tune to say the right word at the appropriate time. Take action by serving others and meeting their needs, both physical and spiritual. What a wondrous display of God's light to live each day intentionally, doing our part to love others!

In His service,  
Cheri

### From the Chair

In thinking about what to write this month, the obvious thing for me is Freedom. We celebrate our nation's Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Declaration of Independence states that people "are endowed by

their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." God gives that to us, but people often attempt to take it away. We have our forefathers and the blood of many soldiers to thank for our ability to live in this country and enjoy freedom in our life, our liberty and our happiness.

As you all know, our son, Andrew, is currently serving our nation. He recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate your prayers on his behalf. I have also had several well-meaning people say to me, "He's doing what he loves." Is he? Are ANY of our military "doing what they love?" Do they really want to be away from their families and be in the face of danger? Or are they doing what they do FOR those they love? When Andrew told us that he was going to enlist, he said, "To whom much is given, much is required." He told us that he felt a DUTY to give back.

Adam and Eve gave up their freedom in the Garden of Eden by disobeying God. The Old Testament continues to record many times where the people lost their freedom, and time and time again God rescued them. Ultimately, God sent His Son to give us freedom in Him. Jesus left His home on high and gave His earthly life for those He loves.

As He prayed in the garden before His betrayal, Jesus "*fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*" I don't believe Jesus wanted to die on the cross. He was doing His duty. For us, for those He loved.

Galatians 5:13 tells us, "*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*"

Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying, "Those who deny **freedom** to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, can not long retain it." He is also quoted, "Adhere to your purpose and you will soon feel as well as you ever did."

Let us each strive to adhere to our purpose and serve one another through love.

In Jesus' name I pray,  
Kim

### Scripture of the Month

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'  
**John 8:31-32**

## Financial Info

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As of June 30 <sup>th</sup> :	
Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 43,405.15
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 6,255.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,998.90

## July Calendar

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- July 4<sup>th</sup>: **Independence Day**
- July 5<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Truman Simpson*
- July 7<sup>th</sup>: **Independence Sunday**  
Call to Worship – Amy Lyle  
Elders – Kim Mullikin  
Alice Lyle  
Deacons – Jill Bohman  
Patricia Carpenter  
Acolyte – Ethan Lyle
- July 9<sup>th</sup>: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –  
*Our Best* – 11:30 am
- July 10<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Dylan Rankin*
- July 14<sup>th</sup>: Call to Worship – Kevin Mullikin  
Elders – Chet Lawrence  
Kevin Mullikin  
Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney  
John Ellegood  
Acolyte – Logan Bush
- July 17<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Allison Bickers Jesse*
- July 19<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Patricia Carpenter*
- July 21<sup>st</sup>: Call to Worship – Gina Lyle  
Elders – Les Lyle  
Kim Mullikin  
Deacons – Mindy Lawrence  
Ben Lyle  
Acolyte – Amy Lyle  
*Happy Birthday – Carl Rucker*
- July 25<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Mary Ann Courtney*  
Ben Lawrence
- July 28<sup>th</sup>: Call to Worship – Adam Lyle  
Elders – Chet Lawrence  
Alice Lyle  
Deacons – Greg Simpson  
Tina Spencer  
Acolyte – Ava McKinley  
*Potluck Luncheon following Worship*  
*Happy Birthday – Emily Masters*
- July 29<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Anniversary – Les & Gina Lyle*
- July 31<sup>st</sup>: A.D.M.er's – *Cattleman's Roadhouse* –  
LaGrange – Noon
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Jim Wolfe*
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Matt Sprague*
- August 4<sup>th</sup>: Call to Worship – Les Lyle  
Elders – Jim Chambers  
Kevin Mullikin  
Deacons – Jill Bohman  
Isaac Schwarz  
Acolyte – Ginny Lyle
- August 6<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday – Alice Lyle & Ben Lyle*
- August 7<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice – 6:30 pm  
*Happy Birthday – Erin Bush*

## Choir

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There will be no choir practice during the month of July so our members can come back refreshed in August. Please see Cheri if you would be interested in singing special music during the month of July.

## Prison Ministry

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The Friday night prison ministry at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex is in dire need of volunteers. Some folks are there every week, while others, like myself, attend once or twice a month. The inmates are hungry for God's Word and interaction with people from outside the prison. There is no skill required to volunteer...just a handshake, a smile, and a few kind words. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

In His Service,  
Cheri

## Luncheon...

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Our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon for July will be held on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, following our worship service. The Kitchen Committee has designated this luncheon as a cookout. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs to grill, but we need of a couple of grills and a couple of people to do the grilling. If you are able to help in this way, please see Tina, Mary Ann or Ann Sherrie. The rest of the meal will be potluck with tea and water provided. Be sure to join us for great food and fellowship.

Mary Ann has also suggested that everyone wear their church t-shirts to add to the cookout atmosphere!

## A.D.M.er's

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The next outing for the A.D.M.er's will be held on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at *Cattleman's Roadhouse*, 1018 New Moody Lane, LaGrange. The group will meet at the restaurant at noon. A signup sheet will be on the front pew in the sanctuary, be sure to sign up today so that Marie can call ahead to ensure adequate seating.

## Among Our Own

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### Many thanks...

... to the **Christian Education Committee** for the lovely Mother's Day flowers and the delicious Father's Day cookies!...

... to **Kelsey Mullikin** for representing our church at *Camp Wakon Da'Ho* CYF 2 Camp for 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>...

### Our Christian Love and Sympathy...

... go out again to **Ken Parker** and the rest of the family of Susie Parker. Susie went home to her Lord & Savior Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, after suffering a massive stroke. Her final burial was held in Danville Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>...

... and to **Ava McKinley** and her family. Ava's grandfather passed away Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>...

... May God Comfort all those who mourn...

A few achievements were inadvertently omitted from our last newsletter...

### **Congratulations...**

... **Ava McKinley** completed her junior year at Henry County High School...

... **Ethan Lyle** was chosen for an internship at Northern Kentucky University this summer in the IT department. He will attend NKU this fall..

... **Michael Lyle**, Mark and Ruth Lyle's son and **David and Alice Lyle's** grandson, graduated from Lexington Christian Academy. He will attend Georgetown College in the fall...

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## **Prayer Concerns**

**Please See Newsletter in Church for Specific Prayer Concerns Due to Confidentiality**

**All our military personnel**

**Our Church & Our Pastoral Search**

**Everyone involved with Church Camp**

**Our Nation**

**WORLD PEACE**

## **The Liberty Bell**

*Proclaim LIBERTY Throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants Thereof Lev. XXV. v X. (KJV, as recorded on the bell)*

It is a bell like no other, an iconic symbol of the American Revolution and the birth of this country's independence. But the name "Liberty Bell," at the time it was cast, has more to do with the lettering found around its shoulder than the founding of our nation. After all, when the order for the bell to be cast was issued in 1751, America was still a colony under British rule and there were no overt plans for a revolution and "liberty" from England. The symbol of freedom it has come to represent would not find an association with the bell until nearly 100 years after it first sounded.

The bell familiar to us is actually the third casting from the materials of the original bell, shipped from England in 1752 to serve on the Pennsylvania State House. When the bell arrived from its voyage, it cracked the first time it was sounded, prior to being hoisted into the roof. Local Philadelphia founders Pass and Stow, whose names now adorn it, volunteered to recast the bell. At its first public ringing, however, it made what observers said, "was a most unpleasant sound," as it revealed their inexperience as bell makers! It was broken apart and re-cast. Third time being the charm, it rang in a more pleasing tone, and was thus hung in the bell tower in July 1753.

The bell rang for various purposes early in its life, including for the assembling of public meetings, temporarily calling a congregation to worship while the nearby church building was under construction. Despite legends to the contrary, the bell did not ring on July 4, 1776, as the Declaration of Independence was not read publicly until July 8, 1776.

Remarkably, the origin of its famous crack is uncertain. There is no historical record of when the bell first suffered the trademark fissure, which may have occurred as early as 1817. It is pictured uncracked in a publication as late as 1837, but in 1846 the Public Ledger

reports it had rung on the anniversary of George Washington's birthday "though it had long been cracked" and that it "fell forever dumb" after that date.

The words from Leviticus that "ring" around the upper portion of the bell are words with the power to inspire. "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." One need not proclaim liberty if freedom already exists. The statement announces an emancipation long hoped for has come, or one that is soon coming. Perhaps that is why the first known use of the image of the bell was not to celebrate independence but to promote the abolition of slavery. The 1837 publication above was from the Abolitionist Society, and the image of the Liberty Bell became associated with that movement until the Civil War.

During Reconstruction, and in celebration of the nation's centennial, the bell became a symbol for unifying the recently divided-and-reunited country. It toured the United States, traveling by rail from 1885 to 1915, to be seen by tourists in cities, expositions and fairs. Later, while the bell was still making its way around the country, the women's suffrage movement cast a replica of the bell and chained the clapper of the reproduction to prevent it from ringing. They sought liberty of a different sort, the right to vote, won in 1920 when the 19th Amendment was passed. The amendment was ratified in August 1920, and the chain restricting the clapper was symbolically cut.

The bell would once again find its image used during the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, working to fully realize the emancipation of American people of color had sought for a century. Who can forget Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech from the National Mall in Washington, whose impassioned plea was that we should "let freedom ring" and in doing so all of us, despite our diversity "...we all will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty we're free at last!'"

If liberty and freedom had a sound, what do you suppose they would sound like? What in your own life needs liberation and release? Are there systems or circumstances which hold people captive in your community that you can help to alleviate?

*by Bruce Barkhauer, coauthor of America's Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on Our National Parks.*

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