Proud to Serve in Worship

July 5, 2020 July 12, 2020 **Opening Prayer Charles Hall** Barry Blackburn Song Leader Joe Burnsed Joe Burnsed Communion .Joe Holloway Sr **Barry Blackburn** Assist Tim Rone Kenneth Jenks Assist Kenneth Jenks Mike Reinitz **Dismiss Services** Wade White Joe Burnsed

Announcements

Calendar for July-on table in foyer

SUPER SUNDAY –was last week. Thank you! It felt like Ellabell again.

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

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<u>EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com</u> to your contact list. Brother Paul asksthatyousimplyemailhimanythingyouwanttoappearon the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

CallList—There are forms on the back table if you want to be added to our call list. If you want a call made, call me or text me and I will make the call and schedule it. 912-667-0519

Prayer List—There is a form on the backtable to add names to the prayer list.

Worship Services Online—Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom. Join us from anywhere in the world online. Subscribe to our You Tube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OdoHWTNUba_av5NqR_Vfg

Worship Zoom Meetings – add your email at you will get an email when we have services

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Dear Ladies,

This Covid has been a trying time for all. One of my student's Stephanie caught the virus and one of my other student's Mother caught it also. Stephanie works at the hospital with Rose Mary our daughter and they were exposed to many sick. Rose Mary is to be tested at work. As far as we know we, our family and church family have not caught it!

Our granddaughters Lily Rose and Gabrielle are now back in school for three times a week. Limited numbers and that is going well. We are indeed thankful for all your prayers.

Because of the virus, Adam, Stephanie and other students like Jean Jacques have not been coming for our studies. Am

thankful for all the families that can be connected for worship on Sundays, Wednesdays and Tuesdays in France and Africa.

We pray that you all will be protected and stay safe during this time. I lost three cousins since Dec. 5th, but not from the virus and one class mate and one classmate's wife. Our Grandson Marcel had a virus and was sick but is better now and they said "It wasn't Covid 19". We are so thankful he is well.

I've crocheted, done needlepoint, cleaned closets, packed boxes, given away clothes and helped weed at the country house when we could finally leave the city for a couple of nights.

Rose Mary cut Roland's hair, Manu's and Gabrielles plus some others. I will wait till I can get my beautician to come to the house.

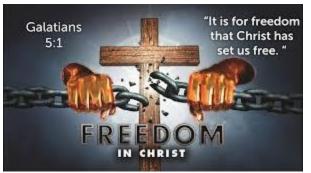
Thanks for your prayers for the rioters etc. We are doing fine and will soon be able to see our docter again.

Love Rose

Land of the Free

Across this land, from sea to shining sea, freedom is greatly cherished. We celebrate Independence Day as a time to remember and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation. Many have sacrificed for freedoms we frequently take for granted. Initially, our freedom was political independence from the king of England. There was little doubt in the minds of our founding fathers but that the providential hand of God was at work in our birth as a nation.

When the ancient Israelites spoke of freedom, they had in mind the freedom provided by God in their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. By means of ten plagues, divine acts of judgment against the Egyptians and their gods, the Israelites powerfully defeated the greatest earthly power in existence at



the time. They were led to Mt. Sinai where they received the Law and eventually given the land promised to Abraham and their

forefathers. God's deliverance was the foundation principle upon which their nation was built (Ex. 20:2).

Every Christian rejoices in the spiritual freedom found in Christ. Slavery to sin is an oppressive bondage from which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave to sin" (Jn. 8:34). Jesus is the truth that sets us free (Jn. 8:32 cf. 14:6). Every Sunday, we celebrate our spiritual freedom in Christ by reflecting on the cost of our freedom and remembering the One who set us free (1 Cor. 11:23-26; Gal. 5:1).

Freedom, divorced from the context of deliverance, takes on an entirely different flavor. It becomes selfish in its focus and unrestrained in its behavior. At its core, sin is "lawlessness" (1 Jn. 3:4, ESV). "Lawlessness" (anomia) literally means "no law." This is dramatically displayed by those demanding the removal of law enforcement. One doesn't have to be clairvoyant to foresee the tragic consequences of this godless mind-set. Peter describes a similar problem in his day when he writes about those "promising freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved" (2 Pet. 2:19). To the extent that our freedom degenerates to this level, we will no longer be the land of the free.

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