



JULY 2, 2023

FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Think on These Things

Freedom: *“A state of exemption from the power or control of another; liberty; exemption from slavery, service, or employment.”* Quoted from the Webster Dictionary 1828. As we prepare to celebrate July 4th, freedom and liberty and independence are words that we may hear more often than usual. Sadly, we often forget that just because we are still a free nation (more or less) we are not always free individually. 2 Peter 2:19b states that *“...you are a slave to whatever controls you.”* (NLT) We, like the Jews who were debating with Jesus in John 8, don't like to admit that we are enslaved to anything and often become angry, as did they, whenever anyone challenges us on that point. We like to proclaim our freedom as Americans, but ignore our enslavement to sin. However, there is hope because Jesus, the Truth, can set us free from our bondage! All we need to do is confess our sin, our need, to Him, repent of that sin, and ask Him for His forgiveness and deliverance. Sound easy? It is not complicated, because God has taken the work of salvation on Himself. It's not complicated, but it is difficult because we do not like to admit our weaknesses and our need for a Savior. Yet, the moment we do come to Him by faith, we are forgiven, cleansed, made a new creation and indwelt and sealed by His Holy Spirit. Friends, true freedom is not free; someone had to pay a price. I thank God that Jesus has paid the price to purchase me and to give me true freedom. What about you?

“Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.”

Romans 6:16 (NLT)

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love and blessings, Trace

In celebration of July 4th, there will be no evening activities this Wednesday

Mark Your Calendar

FRBC Leadership Meeting

Saturday, July 22

9:30a - 11:30a

FRBC Thrift Store

This Saturday (July 08)

8:00a - 12:00p

See Rebecca Parkerson for details

July Birthdays

07/01 Trace Lasher
 07/07 Belinda Johnson
 07/11 Rhiannon Massengale
 07/12 Alice Young
 07/12 Elizabeth Wegienka
 07/20 Lisa Couch

Anniversaries

07/01 Andy & Kim Buchanan
 07/09 Martin & Heather Smith

Journey Kids • Wednesday Night - Summer Schedule

June 28	July 05	July 12	July 19	July 26
<u>Mission Night</u> Pizza & Prayer Walk in LaGrange	<u>No evening activities</u>	<u>Mission Night</u> A Birthday Visit: Alice Young	<u>Game Night</u> @ FRBC	<u>Movie Night</u> Heroes of the Faith: John Newton



SUNSHINE PROJECT

Check out the Sunshine Project table in the Foyer, or contact the Church Office for more information.

July: Bernice Bannister

Journey Kids 2023 Mission Project

Throughout 2023 our Journey Kids will be raising money to help provide a well for clean water in Zambia.

Stop by the Journey Kids table in the Foyer and drop your change/bills in our well, and learn more about the needs of Zambia.

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Jul	02	Ernest McCurry
Jul	09	Bill Forcier
Jul	16	Jerry Parkerson