

# THE WINDOW VIEW

Live as people who are free,  
not using your freedom as a  
cover-up for evil, but living  
as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16



## JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### ITEMS OF THE MONTH

**ALL FOOD STAPLES ARE NEEDED!**

See page 5 for a list of items. There is a decorated container in the office to receive your donations for GAP Ministries. And remember: If you forget to bring an item, you may always contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1 Janet Mennecke
- July 2 Anne Iverson  
Bill Lee
- July 3 Kay Sollie
- July 4 Angela Shaw
- July 5 Dave Wall
- July 12 Michelle Hetherington
- July 16 Karen Hickman
- July 17 Dan Moore
- July 27 Debbie Buoni
- July 29 Louise Taylor

### GREETERS

- July 7 Kathy & Jim Elder
- July 14 Janet & Bill Cravens
- July 21 Angie Rees & Gail Volz
- July 28 Jackie & Ken Voss

### DOOR KEEPERS

- July 7 Jim Elder
- July 14 Bill Cravens
- July 21 Joe Lesniewski
- July 28 Ken Voss

### LAY READER FOR JULY

**Janet & Bill Cravens**

## Christian Education Ministry

### July 2024 Sunday School

The **Adult Co-Ed Class** will be meeting in the Parlor to discuss Scripture readings for the day's Worship Service. They look at the Scripture, discuss background information to explain the context, and look at how we can follow that Scripture in our daily lives. They also try to determine what the sermon will focus on. The sermon takes on a new meaning when we understand the scripture. Jim Elder leads this class.

The **Women's Sunday School Class** will be meeting in the Sunday School Room in the Fellowship Hall. This class is taught by Becky Moore. Beginning in July they will study the 8-part program called "Christianity Explored". This is the same material recently used for Wednesday Bible Study. All women are welcome!

**Youth Classes** meet in the Ark. In June we started the "So Satisfying" curriculum. Children today are engulfed in a world of "instant satisfaction" that is short lived. As they learn more about the people they have already come to know in the Bible they discover more about how they followed God. They will discover they had many of the same temptations they have today. They will learn about the true satisfaction they found and how they can find a lasting relationship with Jesus. This study will take us through July. This class is taught by Jackie Voss. As always, there will be **Nursery Time** for children 5 and under with a lesson and play time especially for them. Sunday School time is 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

**The Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study will not meet in July.** Enjoy the summer break and we will meet again starting in August with Season 4 of "The Chosen". Come see and discuss how "The Chosen" brings Jesus and his ministry to the world today. It has reached people who have not had a relationship with Jesus and strengthen our faith in a way that opens communication with our friends and neighbors. There is a day and evening opportunity for us to share this life-changing ministry. See you in August—don't forget to bring your brown-bag lunch or dinner!



## BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS FOR JULY

<b>July 1</b>	1 Chronicles 1, Psalm 150, Revelation 20-22
<b>July 2</b>	1 Chronicles 2, Psalm 1, Matthew 1-2
<b>July 3</b>	1 Chronicles 3-4, Psalm 2, Matthew 3-4
<b>July 4</b>	1 Chronicles 5, Psalm 3, Matthew 5
<b>July 5</b>	1 Chronicles 6, Psalm 4, Matthew 6
<b>July 6</b>	1 Chronicles 7, Psalm 5, Matthew 7
<b>July 7</b>	1 Chronicles 8, Psalm 6, Matthew 8
<b>July 8</b>	1 Chronicles 9-10, Psalm 7, Matthew 9
<b>July 9</b>	1 Chronicles 11, Psalm 8, Matthew 10
<b>July 10</b>	1 Chronicles 12-13, Psalm 9, Matthew 11
<b>July 11</b>	1 Chronicles 14-15, Psalm 10, Matthew 12
<b>July 12</b>	1 Chronicles 16-17, Psalm 11, Matthew 13
<b>July 13</b>	1 Chronicles 18-20, Psalm 12, Matthew 14
<b>July 14</b>	1 Chronicles 21-23, Psalm 13, Matthew 15
<b>July 15</b>	1 Chronicles 24-25, Psalm 14, Matthew 16-17
<b>July 16</b>	1 Chronicles 26-27, Psalm 15, Matthew 18
<b>July 17</b>	1 Chronicles 28-29, Psalm 16, Matthew 19
<b>July 18</b>	2 Chronicles 1, Psalm 17, Matthew 20
<b>July 19</b>	2 Chronicles 2-4, Psalm 18:1-24, Matthew 21
<b>July 20</b>	2 Chronicles 5-6, Psalm 18:25-50, Matthew 22
<b>July 21</b>	2 Chronicles 7-9, Psalm 19:1-6, Matthew 23
<b>July 22</b>	2 Chronicles 10-12, Psalm 19:7-14, Matthew 24
<b>July 23</b>	2 Chronicles 13-15, Psalm 20, Matthew 25
<b>July 24</b>	2 Chronicles 16-18, Psalm 21, Matthew 26
<b>July 25</b>	2 Chronicles 19-20, Psalm 22:1-18, Matthew 27
<b>July 26</b>	2 Chronicles 21-23, Psalm 22:19-31, Mark 1
<b>July 27</b>	2 Chronicles 24-25, Psalm 23, Mark 2
<b>July 28</b>	2 Chronicles 26-28, Psalm 24, Mark 3
<b>July 29</b>	2 Chronicles 29-30, Psalm 25, Mark 4
<b>July 30</b>	2 Chronicles 31-32, Psalm 26, Mark 5
<b>July 31</b>	2 Chronicles 33-34, Psalm 27, Mark 6

This verse from Galatians seems to be the perfect one for the month we celebrate our independence, doesn't it? I imagine there were preachers in 1776 who used these words in support of the American Revolutionary war effort.

However, Paul was not writing about the kind of slavery that comes through political oppression. Rather, he was cautioning the Galatian Christians against an idea that had gathered some support, and that was the concept that in order to be a good Christian you first had to follow the law of Moses. For men, this also would have included the need to be circumcised. While this would not appear to be a meaningful issue for us today, we do need to ask ourselves what kind of rules we assume people need to obey in order to be accepted into the community of faith.

Some grew up in churches that made it clear what kind of behaviors were prohibited, perhaps things like a ban on drinking or dancing or gambling. Other rules often include a strict dress code, or the insistence on a particular translation of Scripture, or maybe the expectation that "true" Christians will speak in tongues as evidence of their faith.

All such rules, while well-intended, run the risk of completely obscuring the beauty and power of the gospel: that salvation is not predicated on something we must do or how we behave, but is "the free gift of God" (Romans 6:23). This is the true freedom from slavery, as we are set free from not just rule-keeping, but from the power of sin and from death itself.

Now we need to be clear: our salvation through faith in Christ should necessarily lead to a different way of life than before. As Paul writes in Ephesians 4:22-24, we are to "put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life...and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." And the simplest way to accomplish this was summed up perfectly by St. Augustine: "Love God and do as you please." It's not about obeying rules, but about enjoying a relationship with the God who loves us, saves us, and walks with us day by day through the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Ed



*"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."*

(Galatians 5:1)





### Adult VBS for 2024!

It's time! Adult Vacation Bible School will start on Friday, July 12! This year our theme is **Going to the Beach**. Each day we will learn and "play" with another study of Jesus based by the water! There will be some fun games, discussion, and new insights. I love the beach and I hope my enthusiasm will be infectious! I am excited and want to **Share the JOY!**

**Dates: Friday, July 12 All classes from 10 AM to NOON!**  
**Friday, July 19**  
**Friday, July 26**  
**Friday, August 2**



**Can You "Catch" It? Register Now!**



#### VBS Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

You can place registration in Offering Plate, turn into church office, or see Jackie Voss (Phone number 706-855-6777)



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"I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME."  
MATTHEW 25:36



**TREASURER'S REPORT  
MAY 2024**

2024 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$	4,897.50
YTD Average Weekly Income	\$	4,852.65
Total Income May	\$	13,359.47
Total Expenses May	\$	19,866.63
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	\$	(6,507.16)



The book club will meet in the Women's Sunday School classroom on July 14th after service to discuss July's book:

Death at La Fenice

by Donna Leon. James Bulmer will be preparing questions and leading the discussion. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch. New members are always welcomed!



**PLEASE HELP! THESE STAPLES ARE NEEDED FOR THE  
GAP FOOD DISTRIBUTION PANTRY:**

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| Boxed cereals                                  | Protein Bars                                |
| Boxes of individually package oatmeal or grits | Canned meats                                |
| Canned Soups or Ramen Noodles                  | Canned vegetables                           |
| Canned fruits                                  | Canned beans (various types) or baked beans |
| Canned stews                                   | Canned chili                                |
| Pasta (spaghetti, elbow, egg noodles)          | Mac and cheese                              |
| Peanut Butter                                  | Crackers                                    |

July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
	----- PASTOR	ON VACATION ----	----- >	Office Closed	----- >	----- >
<b>7</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP	8	9	10	11	12	13
				2 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	10 AM – NOON ADULT VBS	
-----PASTOR	ON VACATION ----	----- >	----- >			
<b>14</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION NOON BOOK CLUB 5 PM GREENE STREET DINER	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6:30 PM SESSION MEETING			1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE	10 AM – NOON ADULT VBS 7 PM – 8:30 PM AUGUSTA GEM & MINERAL CLUB	
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP	22	23	24	25	26	27
					10 AM – NOON ADULT VBS	
<b>28</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP	29	30	31			