

# Liberty Rings

July 2023

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Hello dear friends,

Thank you for your love and support following Nancy's accident and recovery from her broken ankle and surgery. She is recovering very well, but still has very limited mobility and will not be able to put weight on the injured ankle for several weeks. It has been my privilege to care for her during the past month, and I'm grateful that you have allowed me to step away from my regular ministry to assist at home with her needs.

We're looking forward to returning to church soon! Recently I thought about a sermon that I preached a few years ago from Psalm 122 titled *The Pure Joy of Going to Church*, and it was a timely reminder. There is a real, deep joy in being together with other believers for worship and fellowship. When something happens (like a broken bone) and you can't go to church for several weeks, you feel the loss and you realize the joy of being with your church family.

Here's what David wrote in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Why are we glad to go into God's house for worship? First of all, we have the joy of gathering with God's people. It's true that "birds of a feather flock together." That old saying reminds us that we enjoy being with those like us. Church is the place where we gather with people of like mind and heart, people with whom we share common beliefs and commitments, people who genuinely love

the Lord and each other, people who have been born again and are on their way to heaven. Second, we experience the joy of giving God praise. There is something special about corporate worship and praising God in spirit and truth as one big family. We share the psalmist's enthusiasm as he says, "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:3). We agree with the psalmist who writes, "Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing (Psalm 100:2). Finally, we have the joy of getting God's perspective. We get to hear and study and apply God's Word to our lives. We get our focus on the things that really matter. We learn the truth that sets us free. We get information that leads to transformation. We need to know how great and good God is; how filthy sin is; how horrible hell is; how wonderful heaven is; how precious Christ is; and how important our mission is—to evangelize the lost and edify and equip the saved. This and so much more is

why we say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

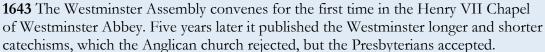
See you in church soon!

Pastor Stan



#### THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

**1523** The first Lutheran martyrs of the Reformation are burned alive in Brussels. Johann Esch (Johann van den Esschen) and Heinrich Voes (Hendrick Voss), young Augustinians at Antwerp, followers of Luther, had been forced to choose between recantation or death.





1741 Jonathan Edwards preached a hellfire sermon that became famous on this day, 8 July 1741. The residents of Enfield were squirming and terrified by the words of their guest speaker. Some wept so loudly that Edwards had to ask them to hush so he could finish preaching "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

1752 The **first English Bible** published in America rolls off presses in Boston.

**1865** William Booth preaches the first of nine sermons in a ragged tent pitched on an unused Quaker graveyard. The name of his organization is the East London Christian Mission, precursor of the **Salvation Army**.

1873 Lottie Moon is appointed to China by the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

1899 Three traveling businessmen meet in a YMCA building and decide to form an organization to distribute Bibles. The Christian Commercial Men's Association of America, later renamed the **Gideon's**, and placed their first Bibles in a hotel nine years later.

**1972 Soviet agents martyr** Baptist private Ivan "Vanya" Moiseyev after months of severe persecution because of his Christian faith and because he has been leading other soldiers to Christ.

**1974 Chinese troops massacre Christians** of the A-Hmao ethnic group who are worshiping secretly in a cave at Xinglongchang. Their leaders had defied the Chinese by saying if forbidden to worship openly they would worship secretly and if attacked on Sunday they would multiply their meetings to every day of the week.

**2016** A **Russian law** goes into effect denying Protestants the right to share their faith in person or on the internet and banning church services in homes. In the first month of its enforcement, seven evangelical Christians will be charged with violations.

# AVOID

#### **WARNING! FALSE TEACHER**

Sarah Young - Jesus Calling (and the entire Jesus Calling franchise/spinoffs)

#### **Primary issues**

- Twists and mishandles Scripture
- False Doctrine (extra-biblical revelation)
- New Age channeling and automatic writing (writing under the influence as she calls it)

Source: Grace to You, Berean Research, Bereans Examiner, and Tim Challies

#### Commentaries (various authors)

Free online Bible commentaries: <a href="https://reformedbooksonline.com/commentaries/">https://reformedbooksonline.com/commentaries/</a>

(The best and largest collection of commentaries on the internet, including every commentary that Charles Spurgeon recommended.)

#### **Recommended Reading:**

The Knowledge of the Holy - AW Tozer

Strange Fire – John McArthur

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Haven of Rest Service Tuesday, July 25th at 7:30pm Speaker: Russell Shortt

#### **JULY IS HOSPICE HOUSE MONTH**

WE NEED YOUR HELP - We have open dates on the
Calendar that need to be filled
LBC will minister to our local Hospice House in July
This is such an important ministry for the loved ones of those
at the Bristol Hospice House

Lunch OR dinner and snacks are provided in July for the families of patients admitted to Ballad Health Hospice House. If you can help in any way this month call the church 423-764-5673





WE WELCOME to Liberty Baptist Our Newest Members

> David, Melanie, & Luke Daniel

Frank Taylor

Weekly Family Memory Verses for June

Ephesians 6:10-11 Colossians 3:1-2 Ephesians 1:3 Jeremiah 32:17



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#### GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.



YTD Budget Giving \$150,404 YTD Budget Needs \$198,354 YTD Building Fund \$ 6,688



## FOOD PANTRY **BEFORE** DISTRIBUTION







FOOD PANTRY

AFTER

DISTRIBUTION

FOOD PANTRY
FRIDAY,
JULY 7th
@ 12:30 pm
Volunteers
please arrive at
11:45am



# PPY BIRTHDAY JULY

Keith D. Hughes	07/01
Rick McGee	07/01
Melanie Daniel	07/02
Lakyn Fowler	07/03
Pam Stamper	07/03
Debby Casey	07/06
Jodi Leonard	07/06
Rosa Beverly	07/08
Cathy Jo Horne	07/08

Donna Pendergrass	07/08
Clayton Mullins	07/12
Betty Oliver	07/12
Jimmie White	07/12
Jimmy Graham	07/13
Jim Sells	07/13
Shirley Warren	07/14
Stan Anderson	07/19
Deric Graham	07/19
Brenda Jones	07/19

Kiana Phillips	07/20
Marcie Bays	07/21
Adris Beverly	07/21
Jad Justus	07/26
Kay McGee	07/26
Lisa Davidson	07/27
Isaiah Hughes	07/27
Leslie Muddimer	07/28
Tom Trent	07/29
Lisa Bare	07/30
Tom Fowler	07/31

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