

## *The Providence Proclaimer*



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# **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## From Your Pastor's Heart

Welcome to July, a month when America celebrates its Birthday! The “4<sup>th</sup> of July” is a time when vacations are taken, people have fun and fireworks are enjoyed. It brings back great childhood memories for many. This month, may we not only celebrate America's birthday, but also remember our great God Who has blessed our nation.

Samaria is a great example of how the Old Covenant in the Old Testament could not lead sinful people to a Holy God. The New Covenant that I have been preaching about on Sunday mornings in the book of Hebrews is a much better covenant. Look at what happened after Christ ascended into Heaven and became our High Priest. Acts Ch. 8:1-8 shares about the revival that took place in Samaria. The Samaritans under the Old Covenant were known as a rebellious people. This is not so with the New Covenant where Christ is the High Priest. Even the ungodly Samaritans are able to experience revival. The New Covenant allows sinful people who repent of their sins an opportunity to have a restored relationship with God. In the *Studies in the Gospel According to St. John*, J. C. Jones points out the excellency of the New Covenant.

- It excels in the NATURE of the victim. Whereas the sacrifices of Judaism were irrational lambs, the sacrifice of Christianity is the Lamb of God.
- It excels in the EFFICACY of the work. Whereas the sacrifices of Judaism only brought sin to remembrance every year, the sacrifice of Christianity took sin away. “He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”
- It excels in the SCOPE of its operation. Whereas the Jewish sacrifices were intended for the benefit of one nation only, the sacrifice of Christianity is intended for all nations; “it takes away the sin of the world.”

So as we celebrate the “4<sup>th</sup> of July” let's not forget it is only by God's grace that America is great. This year, pray for America because we seem to be living more like the Old Testament Samaritans than the New Testament Samaritans. May God bless you and pray that God may bless America once again with a Great Awakening!

James 5:16

In Him,

Pastor W. Lee Cook

# JULY EVENTS

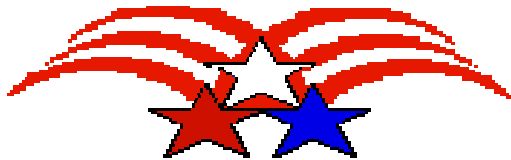
*Loving God ♥ Loving You*

The Loving God, Loving You Children's Summer Program is our outreach ministry to children ages 6 – 12 each Tuesday morning, through August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 til Noon. Lunch will be provided for the children and volunteers. Please see Edith Gentry for more information or if you are able to help on any Tuesday.

Summer Mission Trip planned thru Beulah Baptist Association:

Mission Trip dates - Sat. June 28 - Fri. July 4

Group will be staying in Hazelton, Pennsylvania - working with a three-year old church plant, Freedom Community Church, in Leighton, Pennsylvania. Pastor Lee and Wayne Poteat will be attending from Providence Baptist Church.



**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Happy 4th of July!

**Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – The Women's Prayer Group** will meet from 7:30 – 9:00 am in the Women's II classroom. Chapters to be covered are 10) "Because He Is All Powerful" and 25) "When I Seek Breakthrough, Deliverance or Transformation" from *The Prayer That Changes Everything* by Stormie Omartian. See Jennifer Cook for more information.

**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Lord's Supper** - Join us during the morning worship service as we observe the Lord's Supper.



**Thought: It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.**

**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** – The Baptist Men will have a Men's Prayer Breakfast : 8:00 am at State Line Diner. All men in the church are invited to attend.



**Evangelism Opportunity** – Community outreach on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. Meet at the church to spread God's news to community.

**Prayer Opportunities** - Sunday Morning at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and on Mon. Tues. and Thurs. at 8:00 am in the Pastor's Office.

**Upcoming:** Our mission project for the month of August will be collecting school supplies for area schools.

Pick up a copy of either the *Mature Living* or *Homelife* magazine, located in the magazine rack on the lower level of the Educational Building.

