

Hillside Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

HAPPY FOURTH!

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Newsletter

July 6, 2025
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Oh, say
CAN YOU SEE

BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT

What so proudly
WE HAILED AT THE TWILIGHT'S
last gleaming?

whose broad
STRIPES & **BRIGHT STARS**

thru the perilous fight,
OVER THE ARMCHAIRS WE WATCHED WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING?

AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE,

THE BOMBS *bursting in air,*
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT

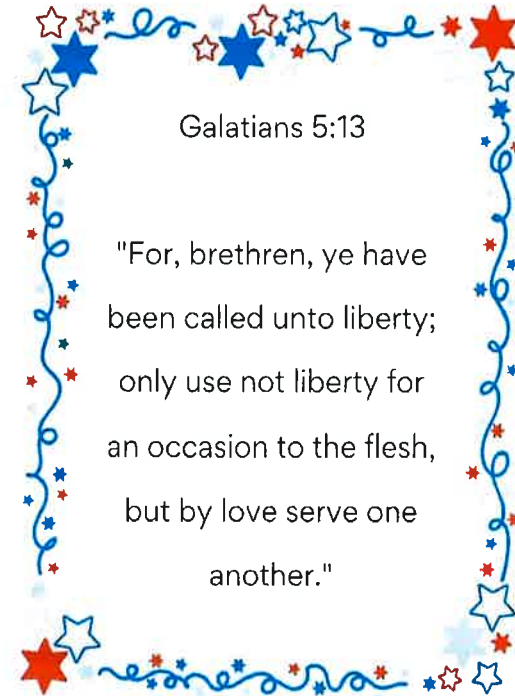
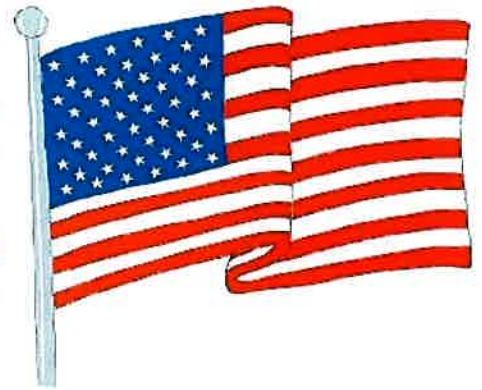
THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE. *Oh, say does that*

STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE

OVER THE LAND OF THE FREE
AND THE HOME OF THE **BRAVE.**

Galatians 5:13

"For, brethren, ye have
been called unto liberty;
only use not liberty for
an occasion to the flesh,
but by love serve one
another."



We're only truly free when we truly forgive. HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

I CAN'T EXPLAIN

*Something's happened in my life
that I cannot explain;
down inside my heart and soul
there's been a major change!
Deep depression, doubt, and fear
held me captive far too long –
born from anger, shock, and rage
from feeling I'd been wronged.
I struggled to forgive the deed
and questioned all its "Why's";
betrayed by someone I held dear,
I prayed, in vain, to die.
I thought that no one understood –
but then spoke my Dearest Friend:
"My Child, I know you're hurting
and you want this pain to end.
"But I've allowed this fearsome trial
to make you more like Me;
you're bound by chains I did not send
so let Me set you free!
"Forsake the grudge you're holding
and don't retaliate;
believe I'll make these wrong things right
and replace with love, your hate."
In shame I saw my sinful state –
surrendered and confessed;
I Can't Explain how my God did it, but –
He set me free to live life's best!*

From The Pastor

I recently read a story in devotional book that I want to share with you. It was titled "The King and His Four Wives"

Once upon a time there was a rich king who had four wives. He loved the 4th wife the most and adorned her with rich robes and treated her to the finest of delicacies. He gave her nothing but the best. He also loved the 3rd wife very much and was always showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared that one day she would leave him for another. He also loved his 2nd wife. She was his confidant and was always kind, considerate and patient with him. Whenever the king faced a problem, he could confide in her, and she would help him get through the difficult times. The king's 1st wife was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and kingdom. However, he did not love the first wife. Although she loved him deeply, he hardly took notice of her!

One day, the king fell ill and he knew his time was short. He thought of his luxurious life and wondered, "I now have four wives with me, but when I die, I'll be all alone." Thus, he asked the 4th wife, "I have loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No way!" replied the 4th wife, and she walked away without another word. Her answer cut like a sharp knife right into his heart.

The sad king then asked the 3rd wife, "I have loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No!" replied the 3rd wife. "Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to remarry!" His heart sank and turned cold.

He then asked the 2nd wife, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?" "I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!" replied the 2nd wife. "At the very most, I can only send you to your grave." Her answer came like a bolt of lightning, and the king was devastated.

Then a voice called out, "I'll leave with you and follow you no matter where you go." The king looked up, and there was his first wife. She was so skinny as she suffered from malnutrition and neglect. Greatly grieved, the king said, "I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance!"

In truth, we all have 4 wives in our lives: Our 4th wife is our body. No matter how much time and effort we lavish in making it look good, it will leave us when we die. Our 3rd wife is our possessions, status and wealth. When we die, it will all go to others. Our 2nd wife is our family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for us, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave. And our 1st wife is our soul, often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world. However, our soul is the only thing that will follow us wherever we go.

Matthew 16:26 "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

What a privilege it is to be the pastor of the most wooooooooooooooooonderful church in the world!!!

Pastor Steve
Phil 1:3

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

July 16th will be our Wonderful Wednesday. Following a devotion in the Family Life Center, the kids will go to the picnic shelter for snow cones and a time of fun at the playground. They will be back in the FLC by 8:00 to be picked up.



We have a private Facebook page. Visit "Hillside Park Baptist Youth" and request to join.



**Middle & High School
Mission Trip**

Please, pray for our mission team members as they serve in Charleston, SC July 13th-18th. We will be having a devotion and prayer time July 2nd & 9th in the Family Life Center 6:00-6:30 for team members, their families and anyone else who would like to join us.

Trinity Finland
Peyton McDaniel
Jayden McDaniel
Kayla Hanks
Naomi Spoon Alvarez
Lily Kaylor
Chasity Ramey
Kristie Chipps
Damian Finland
Graylin Truitt
Aaron Jordan
Zane Douthit
Holden Hughes
Hilden Hughes
Halden Hughes
Daniel Collins
Tony Nahoum
Vann Owens, Jr.

Senior News

Good morning seniors, hope everyone is enjoying this WARM weather and all of you enjoyed your July 4th. holiday. This month we will be having our fellowship in the Family Life Center on Thursday, July 17th. We will be eating at 11 o'clock and then we are going to be having some fun, slightly competitive games. We do think everyone will enjoy them so don't be afraid to come. It will be a lot of fun. You can bring a dessert if you feel like it. We will be serving finger foods for everyone.

Don't forget about our trip to NarroWay Productions in November and let us know if you are planning on going. We have reserved 40 seats and it is for anyone in the church that wants to go. This will be their Christmas play, "The Real Christmas Story" and it will be a very good show. Tickets are \$51.00 for anyone 55 and up and \$53.00 for 19 to 54 years of age. This is a dinner show and we have to send our money in by October 1st. The date is Saturday, November 8th. at 12 o'clock and it is about a 1 1/2 hour trip near South Carolina.

Praying for a happy, healthy month of July for everyone. Please remember the people not able to join our times of fellowship in your prayers. Let them know they are missed.

Love to all,
Patsy and Audrey

Don' get all weird
about getting older!
Our age is merely the
number of years
the world
has been
enjoying
US!



Pastor's Humor

Mothers of the Famous

Columbus' Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, Chris. You still could have written."

Michelangelo's Mother: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Mary's Mother: "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

Batman's Mother: "It's a nice car, Bruce, but do you realize how much the insurance is going to be?"

Goldilocks Mother: "I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this, Goldie?"

Albert Einstein's Mother: "But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?"

George Washington's Mother: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

Superman's Mother: "Clark, your father and I have discussed it, and we've decided you can have your own telephone line. Now will you quit spending so much time in all those phone booths?"

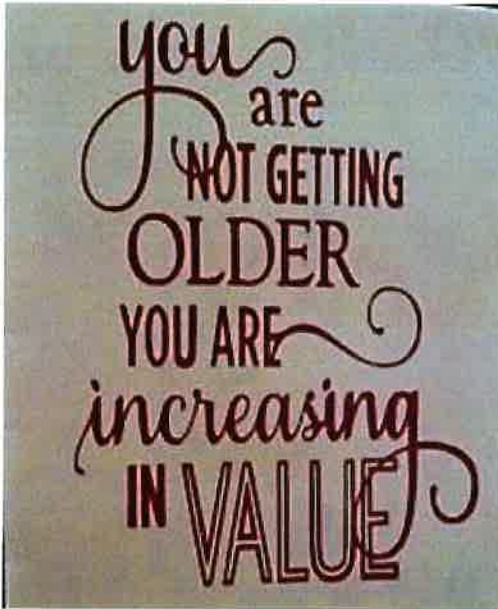
Thomas Edison's Mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light blub, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed."



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Happy Birthday



Clark Harris	July	1	Wendy Glasscoe	July	13
Lisa Nahoum	July	1	Jan Williams	July	16
Sheryl Lambeth	July	5	Carol Metcalf	July	17
Ivan McCrosky	July	9	Tonya Truitt	July	21
Haley Truitt	July	9	Roger Barker	July	24
Patsy Hughes	July	12	Amy Jordan	July	25
Teresa Loflin	July	12	Malachi Robinson	July	26
Misty Owens	July	12	MacKenzie Lyon	July	31
Addilyn Worley	July	12			

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Happy Anniversary



Mike & Priscilla Trautman	July	13, 2002	23 years
David & Chasity Ramey	July	25, 2001	24 years

