



# The Beacon

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*Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.' You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'*  
*(Psalms 2:8-9 (NASB95))*

Every time that I read this passage or an allusion to it, I must admit mixed feelings. On the one hand, a sense of



anticipation arises at the thought of Christ's visible reign being ushered in through His conquering the nations. A time when

He will set up His millennial kingdom, and we, God's children, in fully transformed/glorified bodies will be with our Lord to experience true peace. Further, as I long for truth and desire the things of God, I also anticipate justice, but always with the humble realization that if not for God's grace I would also succumb to the wrath of God revealed in this verse. These things I anticipate.

Nevertheless, I also encounter sorrow, a sorrow for those who receive retribution because they did not receive the Christ. My heart grieves over their rejection of the Lord, their desire for their own way rather than that of God's, and the final state that they must face because of their decision. These things I grieve.

Such mixed feelings describe only some of the sensations that follow the rich and vivid imagery of the Psalms. These words of truth fill my heart with scenes and pictures that I can grasp and emotions with which I can identify. Until next time, this is pastor Daniel writing, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."



**Where faith and life Connect  
Romans 10:17**

**Vacation Bible School .... July 11-15**

We have 100 children and youth pre-registered and continue to welcome children and youth ages five years old through those who have completed eighth grade.

We need and covet your prayer support before and during VBS. There is a prayer calendar available on the info table in the downstairs hallway. We will also have a daily prayer guide for you during the week of VBS. On **Sunday afternoon July 10<sup>th</sup>** we will transform the church into *The Big Apple Adventure*. All VBS staff will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and for all of you who are with us at 5:00 p.m., we'll enjoy our traditional pizza supper.

We thank you in advance for praying with us as we seek our Lord to do great and mighty things He alone can do. All praise to Him alone!

We look forward once again to serving Him alongside you! We love each of you dearly.

*Denise and Kathy*

## Women's Bible Study

Blossom Bennett continues to teach "The Recipe for Life According to Jesus," from the Sermon on the Mount. Each weekly study begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 11 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. The remaining meeting dates are July 7th and 21st. There will be no study during VBS, the week of July 11th through July 15th.



This Bible study requires no homework, but lots of "life" work. Come when you are able, and bring a friend. Blossom's presentations will challenge and inspire you.

## 2 CORINTHIANS

### Bible Study Books

Pam Ferris has completed editing Patrick William's study of 2 Corinthians, and orders for these books will be accepted by the church office (a minimum of 20 copies). For those interested, please call the church office or email Denise or Cathy to place your order. Verbal orders "on the fly" will not be accepted because of the possibility that such orders will be forgotten. The price each will depend on the total quantity ordered: 20 copies, \$16.50 each; 30 copies, \$14 each; 50 copies, \$13 each.



## Iron-Sharpens-Iron Men Ministering to Men

ISI ministry meets at Morehead's Golden Corral on Arendell St. Thursday, July 28th. To eat, come at 6:30pm. Our "Back to Mayberry" Bible study, begins at 7:00pm, with discussion following at 7:30. Be sure to mark your calendars. Come and join us and bring a friend.



Jim Black	July 4
Sarah Hartshorn	July 4
Crystal Rice	July 7
Rhonda Chused	July 8
Cliff Allsbrook	July 9
Angie Farneth	July 9
Michael Snow	July 9
Lisa Wood	July 11
Terry Hassler	July 13
Janice Bath	July 14
Dianne Foster	July 15
Drew Farneth	July 16
Floyd Kelly	July 16
Angee Russell	July 23
Barbara Van Dessel	July 24
Alexis Wardell	July 24
Dot Hall	July 25
Chase Van Der Decker	July 25
Marlene Kelly	July 27
Nan Ridgeway	July 28
Josephine Espina	July 29
Jarrold Fulcher	August 5
Bob Moore	August 7
Sharon Tetterton	August 9
Jim Van Dessel, Sr.	August 11
Ginny Wilson	August 14

## Our Newest Member

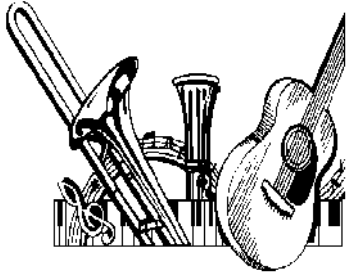
### Isaac Macias



by baptism

## From Brother Steve

I love hymns. Don't get me wrong though. There are many of the newer songs of today that are "spot on". They really help express the cry of the Christian heart toward God and fellow man.



However, many of the hymns of old contain concepts and truths of which we need to be reminded. I'm thinking of a hymn we sing

every once in a while. It is a hymn that is a prayer: "Open My Eyes That I May See".

The writer of Proverbs tells us "...where there is no vision the people perish." Sight is precious but only when what is seen is perceived in truth. One of the strongest indictments against some of the people in the Bible is that they had eyes but would not (could not) see. Elisha's prayer was that the enemy king's eyes would be opened to be able to see the heavenly army that was surrounding and defending Elisha.

Jesus begged the disciples to look and see the "field." He wanted them to understand from their own perception that the fields were ready for harvesting and that the disciples were the harvesters.

Clara Scott penned this hymn. She actually wrote a prayer that can be used by believers to ask God to remove the scales from their eyes so that truth may be seen clearly. How can truth be loved if it cannot be identified?

She also helps us to be able to articulate a request, not only for our eyes, but that our ears may hear "voices of truth" and for our mouth to "bear gladly the warm truth everywhere." And

## OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY

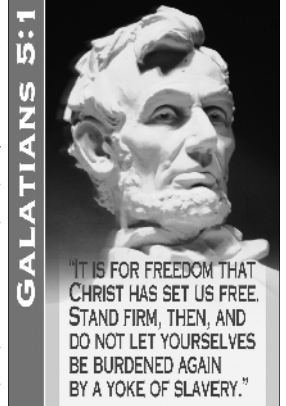
July 4th, 2011

July 4th is that day revered by all Americans. We cook hot dogs on the grill, set off fireworks, sing all those old patriotic songs and congratulate ourselves for living in what most of the world considers the best country of all. On the fifth of July, we all return to our daily routines with no further thought to our independence until the next year.

Independence! What a glorious word! It evokes images of men and women free to conduct their lives as they see fit, free from the restrictions of authority.

Independence Day, however, has a much deeper meaning than that. Because our founding fathers wisely established this nation on principles found in the Bible, we

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finally that the heart would be opened and prepared to "Love with Thy children thus to share."

Oh, that our eyes, ears, mouth and heart would be open to hear the truth, witness to its magnificence and intentionally wrap the world up in it.

Public prayer has its place, but this is the silent cry of a humble heart. This is a prayer from one whose main concern is communication and submission to God.

We need not only to be the possessors of truth, lovers of truth and seekers of truth; for this process to be complete in us we need to be the bearers of truth.

"Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes (ears, heart) illumine me, Spirit divine!"

**Bro. Steve**



(Independence Day, Continued from page 3)

Americans enjoy many freedoms not available to much of this world.

To begin, our Declaration of Independence guarantees us three freedoms: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In fact, that same Declaration of Independence states that these rights are not granted by the government, but by God Himself. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are "...endowed (to all men) by their Creator..." and are "secured" by governments. What wise men were those who fashioned this historic document. In writing our founding papers, they adhered to the wisdom found in Proverbs 1:7: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Their work did not stop, however, with this declaration. It continued in our constitution. Its First Amendment guarantees us freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble peaceably and the right to petition our government. It specifically prohibits the government from establishing a state religion, and guarantees each and every citizen the right to worship God in his or her own way—or not to worship at all. An American citizen can speak his mind, including criticizing the government and those who hold government office. We can assemble to demonstrate against our government if done so without violence. We can petition our government to address what we observe to be wrong or of concern. Our newspapers are free to chastise the government as well.

Do you know of any other nation in the world that offers such freedoms to its citizens? In many countries, attempts to exercise what we take for granted can result in criminal prosecution.

As you spoon mustard on that dog this Monday, keep in mind what this day, this Independence Day, really means. God gave it to us! What a blessing!

## REMEMBER OUR TROOPS!

As you celebrate this Monday, don't forget our military, serving not only in Afghanistan and Iraq, but also in Korea, Japan, Germany, Italy, England and hundreds more locations in the United States and all around the world. Their efforts secure the freedoms we enjoy.

O, my Saviour,  
make me see  
How dearly thou  
hast paid for  
me,

That lost again my  
life may  
prove  
As then in death,



"What do they use to remove the stain?"

## Fellowship Dinner

Come and join us for our monthly Fellowship Dinner and *our annual July 4th celebration on Sunday, July 3rd at 5:00 p.m.* We'll sing patriotic songs and eat delicious food!!

## Beacon Deadline

### For the August issue

Please have your articles and announcements to me no later than July 22nd for the August edition. We will fold on Wednesday evening, July 27th.

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## World Changers

Several of our high school youth will attend World Changers this summer. World Changers is a student mission organization with the NAMB. Our youth will go to inner city Philadelphia July 25-31, where they will join other youth groups from across the country to serve on home repair and construction teams. Please pray for them as they prepare to go.

## Local Mission

### Outreach Opportunity

On **Saturday, August 6th**, a mission team from BBBC will cook and serve a meal at Hope Mission in Morehead City. You can serve in several areas. Sign up on the sheet in the downstairs hallway. Find a time that fits your schedule. A great way to get involved in local missions!



## SOUTH DOOR GREETERS



Jim Myrick	July 3
Buddy Peal	July 10
Harry Thompson	July 17
Shelton Price	July 24
Hal Austin	July 31

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**F**or in the one spirit  
we were all baptized  
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13