

The Lamplighter – July 2022

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Philippians 2

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

July is an excellent time of year to enjoy the blessings of God. Many people will be traveling this year to enjoy the great opportunities America provides. People will go to the beach and enjoy the waves and sand while others travel to the mountains to camp and see the wonders of nature. Sometimes we take for granted everything we enjoy because of the service thousands and thousands of people provide.

A friend recently traveled to a third-world country. The very first thing they noticed was the driving. Lanes meant very little, speed meant nothing, and “bumping” into other vehicles and the occasional pedestrian was just part of the expected. My friend could not wait to return to the United States and, at several points of the journey, wondered if they would. We don’t think about the role Department of Transportation workers, engineers, and the police play in making our road systems safe and incredibly efficient.

We take for granted the ability to call 911 and receive help from the fire department or the rescue squad. There are dispatchers, mechanics, government leaders, computer specialists, secretaries, code writers and thousands of other people involved in making sure that phone calls go through and that help arrives. Sometimes we just assume it is a fundamental human right to receive service. When we visit other countries, we quickly realize that for most of the world, help is seldom available.

There were bright spots amid the pandemic. One of the bright spots came when Americans became aware and intentionally thanked the men and women who put their lives, health, and sometimes even families on the line so that the rest of us have help. Let us not forget these brave heroes have not left their posts. They still serve, care, and in many cases, put their lives on the line every time they go to work.

So join us on Sunday, July 3rd at 11 am as we celebrate the people who serve our country daily. And while you are enjoying your vacation, make sure to say thank you to the officer who gives you the ticket, the DOT worker who slows down your trip, or the overworked waitress who makes a mistake on your order. They really are making your day better. We just forget from time to time. Today, let us serve like Jesus.

With love,
Pastor Todd



Our Christian love & sympathy to:

*The family of Howard Vaughn



We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest member!

We're so glad to have you!

Amelia Chapman



Congratulations to Randall & Elaine Hillman on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Ivy Jaimes and Lucy Mae Hillman. The girls were born June 7, 2022. Ivy weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and Lucy weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. Aaron & Sara Hillman are the proud parents. Henry Hillman and Lois Epperson are the proud great-grandparents.

Congratulations to Tyler & Ashley Kleiboer on the birth of their son, Shiloh Curtis Kleiboer. Shiloh was born June 15, 2022, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. Gerald Kleiboer is the proud great-grandfather.



We are half-way through 2022 and it has been a great year so far! Our Sunday school study this quarter is in 1 and 2Kings and it has been so good thus far. We have learned about Solomon and how strong of a believer he was. Unfortunately, he compromised his faith and began to accommodate his many wives and their religions. Doing so displeased God and even Solomon's son suffered for this sin.

There is so much to learn through God's word, and I hope that you will join us in this fantastic journey in God's word. Sunday school starts each Sunday morning at 9:45 and we would love for you to join us.

Blessings, Eric Counts



The youth just returned from their mission trip to Ocoee. We had a great week. The weather was hot, but they still worked hard and did not complain. People ask why we go when there is so much to do in our own community. And I agree there are those who need help in our community and a lot to do here at home. We go because that is what Jesus called us to do. We go to show the love of Christ to a community and to the homeowner that are in need and hurting. We go to be Christ's hands and feet. We go because the youth need to be taught to serve others. This trip is an eye opener for the youth. They see that not everyone has the comforts that they have.

I want to thank John Murnane for his leadership on this trip. Thank you to Kevin and Tony for cooking breakfast for us every morning. Thank you all the adults and youth who served on this trip. Thank you to all who prayed for us. We felt your prayers. Thank you to all who supported us financially.

Ramona



Join us on Sunday, July 3rd at 11 am as our Sanctuary Choir presents **America the Beautiful**. Please take time to invite military personnel who have served or are currently serving our country. We will honor members of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines. During the Procession of the Patriots, we will ask each person connected to a branch of the military to please stand and be recognized. In addition to honoring military personnel, we will also celebrate first responders and other heroes that serve in our communities every day. We are grateful for your service and sacrifice!

JULY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX ITEMS

This month we are collecting school supplies for our shoebox gifts. It is a great time to find good deals on the following needed items: pens, pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, zippered pencil pouches, safety scissors & glue sticks. You may leave donations in the red bin outside of the church office. Thank you for your support!



In Concert at OGBC on Sunday, July 24th at 6:00 pm

This is a FREE event. A love offering will be taken to help support the ministry of Phillips and Banks. Make plans to be here and invite someone to attend with you.

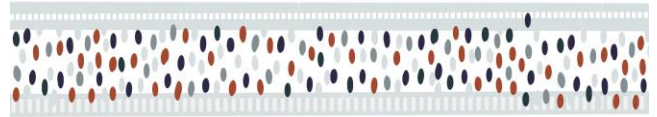
Summit of the Saints

EQUIPPING YOUR CHURCH FOR
EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Place: Church Hill First Baptist Church
142 East Main Boulevard
Church Hill, TN 37642



Summit of the Saints is hosted by the Holston Valley Baptist Association. This free event is designed to equip the leadership of the church for effective ministry. There will be breakout sessions with a variety of topics and speakers that are experts in their fields. Classes are available in the following areas: Evangelism (Roc Collins), Clerks, Treasurers, Legal Issues (William Maxwell), VBS & Children's Ministry (Vicki Hulsey), Small Group Bible Study & Win TN (Mark Miller), Youth Ministry (Jay Barbier), Women's Ministry (Vickie Anderson), Secretaries (Joy Clay Corby), TED (Libby Eaton), Reaching Millennials (Ryan Keeton), Disaster Relief/Baptist Builders & Men's Ministry (Wes Jones), Compassion Ministry (Beth Moore), Music Ministry (Chris Headley), Deacons (Gary Gerhardt & Lynn Parker), Roberts' Rules of Order (Glyn Cuthrell). For more information, please contact the HVBA office at 423-272-7318 or hvbaoffice@gmail.com.








Enjoy your Freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship, Jericho Junction, Children's Church, Nursery</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 6:30 Youth Bible Study, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:15 Adult Choir</p>				1	2
<p>3</p>  <p>11:00 Patriotic Musical</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00</p>  <p>Baptist WOMEN</p>	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>8:00 Deacons' Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Church Council</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 Business Meeting</p>	14	15	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 Gym D. Perry</p>
17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 Caring Card Ministry</p>	<p>22</p> 	23
<p>24</p>  <p>6:00 Phillips & Banks Concert</p>	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting</p>	28	29	30
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