



July 13-17, 6-8:30pm. For students entering grades 7-12. Youth will have Bible Study and discover God's amazing world, worship and fun with games, a scavenger hunt and a pool party! Register on the church website or pick up a form in the KidZone. Students will meet nightly in the youth room. Bring a friend — you won't want to miss it!

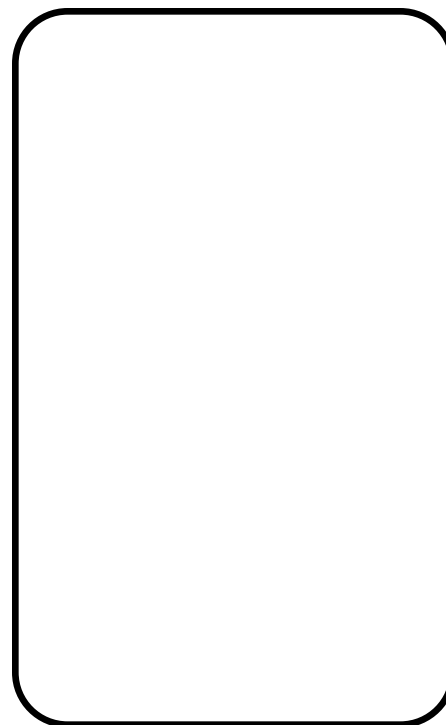


Youth to Holiday World — Friendship Youth are going to Holiday World Tuesday, July 8! Sign up in the Youth Room by July 2. Cost is \$40, due July 6. See Billie Stuber for more info.



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for JULY is: **SMALL OUTDOOR TOYS: SMALL FRISBEE, INFLATABLE BEACH BALL, ETC.** A box is provided in the KidZone for your donations.

God bless America



Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:30 am
Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:30 pm



COOKIE BRIGADE

July 6
Sheri Wright

July 20
Robbie Spees



**FBC Photo Directory
Sign-up Begins
July 6
After
Morning Worship**



Phone: 270.534.1900
www.friendshiponthenet.org
www.facebook.com/friendshiponthenet
Dr. Jason Browning, Pastor
Rev. Chad Davidson,
Minister of Music & Worship

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 275,538
Received to Date: \$ 279,784

Nursery Volunteers

July 6

8:15 am: Grace Payne
10:45 am: Andrew & Lacy Halligan (BB)
Cathy & Lauren Barks (T)

July 13

8:15 am: Andrea Brewer
10:45 am: Robbie Spees/Kelly Dixon (BB)
Lisa Yarbrough/Susan Knight (T)

July 20

8:15 am: Jim & Debbie Scourick
10:45 a.m.: Kara Allard & Lynn Bond (BB)
Sheri Wright & Patty Bickerstaff (T)

July 27

8:15 am: Bridget Browning
10:45 am: Josh & Jamie Hawkins (BB)
Rachel & Luke Diefenbach (T)

BB - Bed Babies C201
T - Toddlers C202



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4 years - 12th grade

Register now for VBS 2025!
Forms are available in the Kidzone
or on our website.



“Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.”
(Mark 12:43-44)

The religious performance among the scribes and Pharisees had reached such a disturbing level that some of the Pharisees, before they made their contribution to the collection box, actually summoned a trumpeter to go before them to get everyone's attention. Then the Pharisee would come and proudly deposit a bag of gold in the treasury chest. Why? Because they wanted everyone to see their generous gift.

In this passage, Jesus points out that the one who really moved His heart and contributed tremendously to the kingdom of God was an unnamed, unknown widow who had no influence and no outward posture of being worth anything. She came and put in two tiny coins that added up to no more than a penny, but because she loved the Lord with all her heart, she gave it. Jesus responded by saying, “She has done far more for the kingdom of heaven than all the outward performances of the others combined.”

What is Jesus’ message to us? We sometimes think the way to serve God is through spectacular or showy things. As times we think we are to give our time or our talents so we can be seen by others. It’s true that God wants outward obedience but only if the attitude of our heart is right. If your attitude is one of love - love received from the God who loves you - then you are advancing the kingdom of God far more than what is done to be seen by others.

God says, “You can serve Me in the quiet of your home and by the gentle, sweet spirit that you display in the midst of pressures and problems. When you love Me with all your heart, you have done more to advance the kingdom of God than those who want to be acknowledged by others for their service.” This is encouraging news for us to remember in those private moments when our attitude changes. Nobody was watching. Nobody was aware what we were thinking, yet instead of being short and sarcastic, we were kind and patient and gentle. The kingdom of God moves forward with this sort of attitude.

God is good! All the time!

Jason




VBS Splash Day Kick-Off Event — Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am - Noon, for kids preschool - 6th grade. We will need volunteers for registration, games and snacks! Kids, invite your friends to attend and register for VBS!




- 1 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 2 10:15 a.m. — JOY Club
- 4 Independence Day
- 8 Youth Holiday World Trip
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 12 10:00 a.m. — VBS Kick-Off Event
- 13-17 6:00 p.m. — Vacation Bible School
- 15 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 20 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 22 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 23 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 29 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4


Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men’s Prayer Group
Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m. — Mighty Men



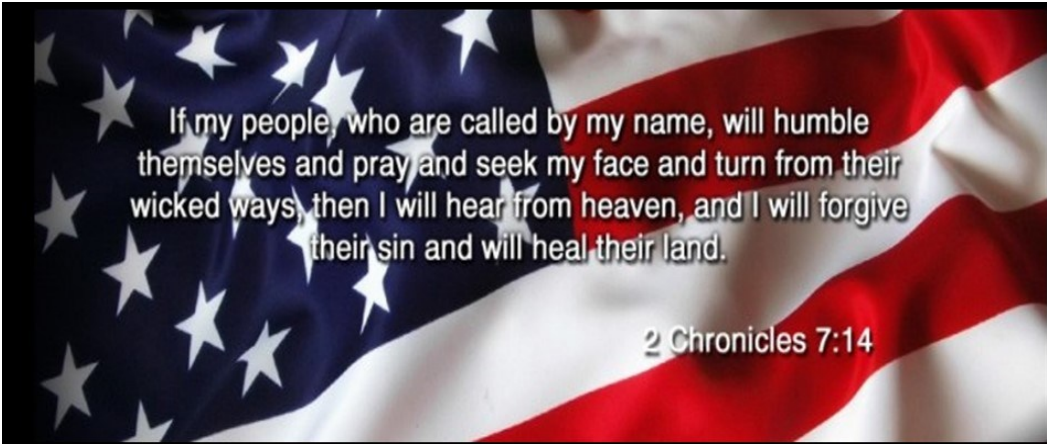
Family Night Supper will be suspended for the summer and will resume in September.



JOY Club — Will go to Belew’s Dairy Barn on **Wednesday**, July 2. Meet at the church at 10:15 a.m. to ride the bus. Belew’s accepts cash only.



Bro. Jason & the Friendship Family express Christian love & sympathy to Rick Fort and family in the death of Waynoma Fort.



This is the story behind “God Bless America.” This simple one-verse song became an overnight hit, and a hopeful song as war threatened. “It’s not a patriotic song,” composer Irving Berlin said in a 1940 interview, “but an expression of gratitude for what this country has done for its citizens, of what home really means.”

In 1918, Sergeant Irving Berlin was stationed at Camp Upton in Yaphank, on Long Island, New York. Berlin was already a successful songwriter, now a draftee, and his commanding officer enlisted him to write a musical revue to help raise money for a new building. Berlin had written a song for the revue, but had cut it from the show. He thought the lyrics were too sappy. So “God Bless America” waited in that trunk for two decades. Then Kate Smith came calling. Now, Berlin looked over his earlier work and rapidly began rewriting and revising. He had less than two weeks to get it ready for her performance.

Here is how the 1918 version had read:
“God Bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her, And guide her, To the right with the light from above, Make her victorious on land and foam, God Bless America, my home sweet home.” Berlin knew he had to change the line *To the right with the light from above*. “The Right” in politics had come to mean conservative political groups. He wanted a song that brought Americans together, not set Americans apart. And he changed *Make her victorious*...since it suggested military conquest, rather than the “peace song” he was shooting for. The result was the song most American school kids have learned by heart ever since.

“God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her, Through the night with the light from above, From the mountains, To the prairies, To the ocean white with foam, God bless America, My home sweet home.”

Smith sang the song as the show closer on her live national broadcast that night. Berlin’s phone immediately began ringing off the hook. Everyone wanted to know where they could get the music. After that, Smith almost always included the song in her weekly show, and it became her trademark during a career that spanned five decades.

Storm clouds were indeed gathering over Europe. Less than a year after the debut of “God Bless America,” Germany’s war machine rolled into Poland, igniting World War II in Europe. (The Japanese had already invaded China two years earlier, beginning the war in Asia.) The United States would not officially join the war until the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. But as “God Bless America” grew in popularity, most Americans already feared that it was just a matter of time before the U.S. would be called to fight. During World War II, Berlin toured with his show *This is the Army* to raise money for the U.S. war effort. “God Bless America” was one of the featured songs.

Taken from: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/media-and-interactives/media/music/story-behind-the-song/the-story-behind-the-song/god-bless-america/>

Under the Master’s Baton,
Chad

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