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July 2017

A Good Citizen

Before them sat a new document awaiting each of their signatures. These were some of the most prominent men in this new "America." All it needed was John Hancock's "John Hancock" and the signatures of the other delegates. Imagine yourself in line, ready to grasp the quill pen and sign your name to this document that would declare your new nations independence from England. What are your thoughts? Are you worried about pledging your life and possessions plus your sacred honor to the cause of independence from Great Britain? Are you excited? Maybe afraid?

As you ponder those questions, let this verse settle into your mind.

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. (Romans 13:1)

Let's be honest; there are times when our government makes decisions that seem ludicrous, even sinful. Strange projects are funded with taxes you paid. Wars against people who never bothered you drain those tax dollars. Laws authorize or allow behavior we know is sinful. Federal court decisions can even end the lives of unborn children in every state of the union.

Can you imagine the chaos if each of us lived just at we pleased? We would either be huddled in our homes afraid to go out in public or we would be carelessly running through life, cutting off, or crashing through others. Our elect officials are called in scripture God's servants for your good and they don't want this to happen any more than you do.

Satan gave Jesus ample opportunity to rebel against the governing authorities. Jesus was very successful in showing us who the real ruler was and it was His Father. By His actions Jesus demonstrated for us how to honor earthly authority and obey its laws. Jesus was a perfect citizen of heaven and earth. When you came to Christ through salvation you too became a citizen of both heaven and earth. You basically immigrated from the principality of Satan to the kingdom of God. As Christ taught His followers so He teaches us: The Father reigns supreme through the Son.

Now, the line for signing the document has shortened, and it's almost your turn. Weighing the Word of God, carefully considering His commands and His promises, you make a decision not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. What is that decision? No one can tell you. You have been freed by Christ to be a responsible citizen of His earthly and heavenly kingdoms. For whatever views of government you have, no matter how free or oppressed you seem to be, you know that in Christ you are free indeed. Free to live, to love, to serve God, neighbor, and government.



July Pulpit

Sermon Series: In Christ Alone - The Book of Hebrews

July 2 All For One - One For All, Hebrews 10:1-14

July 9 There's Something To Faith, Hebrews 11

July 16 A Focused Runner, Hebrews 12

July 23 Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Kirk

Pastor in Uganda

July 30 Does Your Faith Leak? Hebrews 13



July Calendar 2017

Weekly Events

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School 10:55am Worship 10:55am Children's Church Wednesday

10:00am

6:45pm

6:45pm

Morning Bible Study Youth Bible Study College Bible

Church Events for July

| July 2017 | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|--|
| Prison Ministry - 6:00 PM | 3 | |
| Independence Day/Church Office Closed | 4 | |
| Book of Reports Due | 5 | |
| C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM | 10 | |
| Deacon's Meeting - 7:30 PM | 17 | |
| C.A.R.E. Ministry - 5:00 PM | 24 | |
| Children's Summer Nights | 26 | |



Monday July 17, 2017 7:30 PM

July Service Deacon Bryant Wellons

Tithes and Offerings June, 2017

General Fund MTD — \$21,908.16

Monthly Requirement — \$23,100.00

Happy Birthday

| July Birthdays | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 2 | Bessie Strickland | |
| 7 | Emma Lee Howell, Betsy Pate | |
| 3 | Megan W. Lee | |
| 9 | Kim Haddock | |
| 12 | Jean Haddock | |
| 13 | Carol Jean Starling | |
| 22 | Ashley Haddock | |
| 25 | Travis Evans, Dianna Bartholomew | |
| 25 | Brian Mitchell | |
| 27 | Peggy Carlisle | |
| 29 | Mickey Smith, Jr., Linda Smith | |
| 30 | Koby James | |
| 31 | Bonnie Davis | |

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Save the Date Saturday, August 19 RBA Training Extravaganza

Raleigh Baptist Association's largest one day leader training event – discipleship, missions, administration, evangelism and much more.

This year it will be held at

Hayes Barton Baptist Church 1800 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh

3 Leadership Learning Labs

Looking to 2020

An Effective Visioning Strategy
Church Communication Strategies
Be Known For Something
Everyone Knows a Single Adult
How Your Church Can Reach Them!

+ 35 other conferences

in Evangelism/Outreach, Missions,
Preschool/Children, Youth/Students, Family,
Adults and Overall Church Ministry

This is a great opportunity for you to have training to better serve God, the church and your community.

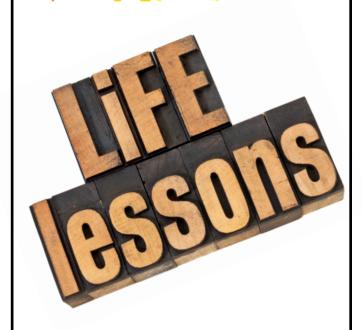
Go to http://www.raleighbaptists.org/training/ to learn more and get detailed descriptions of all training sessions.

Information is also on the FYI Board at PBC.

Call the church office to get a seat on the bus!!







Continues on Wednesday Nights

Teens are

Meeting Each

Wednesday

Throughout

the Summer

Except for June 28 & July 26

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C.A.R.E. Ministry

The CARE Team meets July 10 & 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Join us if you can pray, help deliver meals, clean up after dinner or make follow up visits. Please notify the team if you know of any needs they can meet or anyone who needs encouragement to join our church family. We need drivers to deliver meals on the second & fourth Monday nights.

C.A.R.E. Team Report

June 26, 2017

| Members Present: | 6 |
|------------------|----|
| Meals Delivered | 16 |
| Visits | 1 |
| Cards Sent | 17 |

Prayers for all requests

Praises for many blessings

July Nursery Schedule Sunday School & Worship

| Nursery Volunteers | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--|
| 2 | Kaitlyn Batten | |
| 9 | Megan Lee | |
| 16 | Allison Tyndall | |
| 23 | Mirinda Phillips | |
| 30 | Hannah Johnson | |

Rotating Nursery Schedule

Karen Pearson & Kim Wellons Joyce Dudley & Margaret Bullock

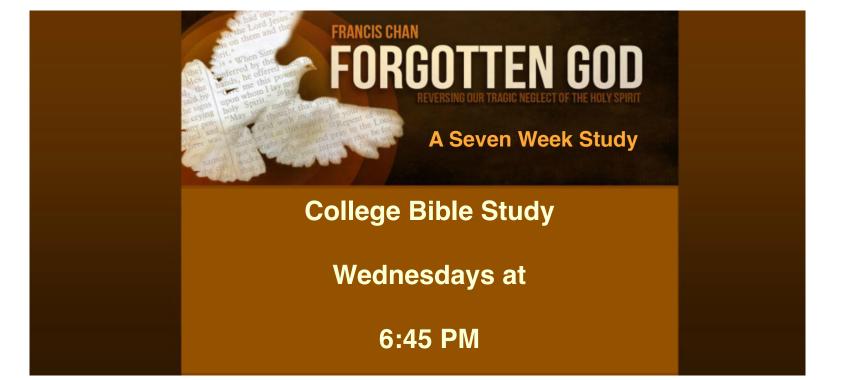
Senior Parking

In respect for the needs of our senior saints, we ask that the parking spaces in the rear parking lot by the Fellowship Hall be reserved for our senior citizens. This includes all spaces from the drive-through shelter to 2nd St. The two Guest spaces will still be reserved for guest.

Ushers

July 2017 Lead Usher - Marshall Price Phone - 919-894-0366

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July 2017 Flower Schedule

- 2 Carl Lee and Barbara Thornton
- 9 Wayne and Jean Starling in memory of Laura Starling
- 16 Willie and Lessie McKeel in memory of their parents
- 23 Mark and Mary Wellons in memory of their mothers and Sanford Daniel
- 30 Jennie and Buck Smith in honest of Bobby and Auline Toler and Prison Ministry

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