

The Voice of Billingsville

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Are We Too Independent?

This month, our country will for the 246th time celebrate its independence. Being born and raised in the United States is such a great blessing and as a result, we are taught to be strong, proud, patriotic, and independent citizens. For many of us, our parents brought us up to stand on our own two feet and to carry our own weight. A most noble of upbringings to say the least. But being an independent individual and a Christian may pose a possible weakness in one's character.

First, a side-effect for the Christian who is vastly independent is pride. This type of pride might keep one from reaching out for help from other members of the church when times get difficult. We may only consider the church as a source of spiritual support, but God designed it to be so much more! Physical and material support within the church is taught throughout the scriptures. Just as the disciples sent relief to the brethren of Judea during a great famine (Acts 11:27-30), modern day members must provide material things to other Christians in need (Romans 15:27). Remember that when it comes to the good works of benevolence, the care of fellow Christians is to take precedent (Galatians 6:10). Unfortunately, because of too much independence and pride, many Christians never go to the church for help, therefore, suffering needlessly.

Secondly, too much independence and pride will keep one from reaching out during times of spiritual weakness. Again, the church is a source of encouragement, edification, and enrichment for the struggling Christian. (Heb. 10:24; 1 Thess. 5:11; James 5:13-16; Galatians 6:1-10; Colossians 2:1-3)

Jay Launius
Maud Church of Christ, Maud, Texas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 2: Holy Communion

Wednesday, July 5: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, July 9: Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering

Sunday, July 9: Board of Christian Education Ice Cream Social from 5:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, July 13: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, July 16: Quarterly Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship

Thursday, July 27: Newsletter articles due

Sunday, July 30: Fifth Sunday Food Drive

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES June 7, 2023

The meeting was called by Jared with all council members present.

A wi-fi extender was donated to the church by Carl "Fritz" Gerhardt. Thank You!

We received a note from our Conference Minister, Rev. Mary Nelson, thanking us for our donation for the MMSC Strengthen the Church bike ride she did across Missouri. Everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck with the EUCC hosting.

We have had a report that shingles from the shed behind the parsonage have blown into the neighbor's yard; the Council will investigate the issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

Laughter Is the Language Of The Soul

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

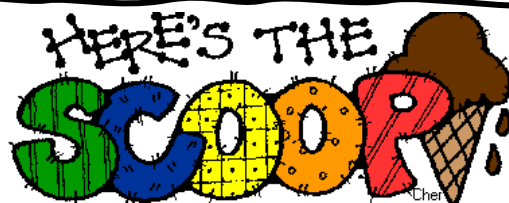
Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



St Johns Christian Board of Education will hold our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 9 from 5-7 pm.

Bring a friend and join us for juicy burgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert and of course homemade ice cream!

Members of the congregation are asked to bring dessert or homemade ice cream.



HEALTH FACTS TAKE COVER

It is mid-day July and the sun is beating down. Even if it is cloudy, the sun's ultraviolet rays can bombard your skin. Over time, the risk of getting skin cancer increases.

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The most dangerous skin cancer is melanoma. Basal cell carcinoma is the most common but least dangerous. Squamous cell carcinoma is the second most common. Each can lead to metastasis if left untreated.

Prevention is the key. Apply sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher every morning before going outside. Wear long sleeved cotton shirts and a wide-brimmed hat.

Check your skin for "spots" at least monthly. If something is new or a "sore" that doesn't heal, it could mean skin cancer. See your doctor for diagnosis and treatment.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

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JUNE STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
04	\$3,005	\$50	33
11	\$909	\$40 Penny Sun: \$40.43	No record
18	\$978	\$0	45
25	\$953	\$0	32

Thank You

To Steven and Joyce Saltzman for their donation to the Cemetery Fund.

To Carl Gerhardt for donating a Wi-Fi extender so that we can have strong internet in the basement!

To Beverly Meyer for her donation to the Newsletter.

1 Peter 2:16

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dalton Pannell and Bailey Brimer who were united in marriage on June 10!

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
02	Nancy Meyer	Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	Kurt Grathwohl
Communion Prep: Vicki Hilden		Communion Cleanup: Tim Kueckelhan	
09	Vicki Hilden	Rhea Helmreich & Donna Kammerich	Rev. Dale Parsons
16	Melissa Hundley	Ginger Wenger & Rhea Helmreich	Rev. Dale Parsons
23		Marg Scott & Marilyn Geiger	Kurt Grathwohl
30	Marg Scott	Nancy Meyer & Bill Geiger	Russ Bradshaw

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kamrynn Hundley	02
Bill Geiger	05
Jason Hackman	05
Linda Schler	07
Morgan Carmichael	08
Kenneth Stegner	08
Allie Hayward	12
Mary Grissum	12
Janet Stegner	12
Cedric Alvis	13
Esther Friedrich	16
Sharon Elliott	17
Peggy Grissum	20
Garrett Hundley	21
Donna Kammerich	22
Rosalie Searfoss	23
Chase Grissum	27
Mark Cary	28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Christian & Megan Kosnopfal	16
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	16
Kenneth & Janet Stegner	26
Jason & Melissa Hundley	27
Scott & Peggy Grissum	28

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Lakin Elizabeth Rold	18
Landon Friedrich Bail	19
Oscar Carl Friedrich	19

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Ruth Searfoss

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PRAYER CHAIN

Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Dalton Hazlett, recovering from serious ATV accident
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 D.J. Muse, cancer
 Don & Mary Neckermann
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Charles Stegner, tumor
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
 Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Cliff Burgoyne	Jeff Burgoyne
Tony Davis	Chris Hawley	Natalie Meng
Blayne Vickery	James Walker	



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

4TH OF JULY

- ADAMS
- AMERICA
- BARBECUE
- COLONIES
- CONGRESS
- DECLARATION
- EQUALITY
- FIREWORKS
- FOURTH
- FREEDOM
- HOTDOGS
- INDEPENDENCE
- JEFFERSON
- JULY
- LIBERTY
- NATION
- PARADE
- REVOLUTION
- RIGHTS

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- STATES
- THIRTEEN
- UNITED



LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-5

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