



## JULY 2024 GRAPEVINE

July, 2024

Dear FPC Members and Friends,

One of the blessings that we celebrate during the month of July is the remarkable gift of freedom we have as citizens of the United States of America. In his “Four Freedoms Speech” given in 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt addressed the horrible domination of the Nazi government and the threat of war in the Pacific. Roosevelt envisioned that freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear are gifts he hoped people in every country would some day be able to share.

Eighty years later in 2024, we continue to enjoy freedom in the homes, churches, and communities throughout our country. As the Church on the Square, FPC reaches out with service, giving, prayers, and good news to share these freedoms with people everywhere.

Freedom and faith blend together in America’s soul. In 1831, the brilliant French scholar and historian Alexis de Tocqueville traveled throughout the United States of America. He wrote his famous book, “Democracy in America” to document his experiences as a keen observer of the newly formed country. De Tocqueville wrote, “Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention.” He was impressed by the vital and vibrant role that faith played both in the private and public experience of American freedom. Writing about his travels all across America, he concluded that “Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith. ”Freedom and faith blend together in America’s soul.

As followers of Jesus Christ, the scriptures of the Old and New Testament and the Judeo-Christian tradition guide us to balance faith and freedom. Every day, Jesus says to all of his disciples:

“Follow me (Matthew 4:19) ... and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free (John 8:32).”

Freedom and faith blend together in our hearts, minds, souls, and strength as we love and serve together in Christ’s name.

Happy Fourth of July Weekend and God’s Richest Blessings during these Summer months!

Pastor Karl



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**



- All submissions for Grapevine and the monthly calendar should be sent by email ([fpcathens@fpcathens.org](mailto:fpcathens@fpcathens.org)) or by phone (256-232-0122) by the 20th of the month.
- Directories are now available in the church office!
- Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9am - 1pm.

### **Acolyte Training**

**Since we have more kids who are acolyte-age, we plan to hold an acolyte training session on July 7 at 9:15 am in the sanctuary before worship service. We'll demonstrate lighting and extinguishing the candles and discuss the role of acolytes. A snack will be served in the Rodgers Center following the training.**

**If you know of any children ~7/8+ that I may have accidentally left off, please let me know. We want everyone to be able to participate.**

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO A  
**RIVERSIDE**  
**SPLISH SPLASH**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
& THE END OF  
**SUMMER BASH**

**SUNDAY**  
**JULY 28**

**CAMP HAPPY**  
**9676 SGT. HOLDEN LANE**  
**ATHENS, AL**

**2:00 PM**  
**TO 5:00 PM**

RSVP to DeAnna McNeill at  
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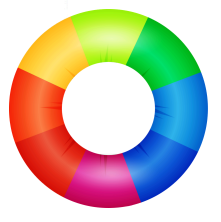
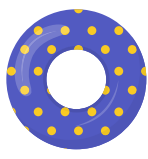
**Don't forget your swimsuit & towel!**

**TIM & DEANNA MCNEILL HOPE YOU WILL JOIN THEM AT CAMP HAPPY!**

All youth and parents are invited for swimming and water games. We will begin cooking hotdogs and hamburgers at 4:00 p.m. Bring your swimsuit, towel and watergun if you have one!

Any youth under 10 is requested to have an adult assigned to "watch" them due to being around the river. The river is only about 4 1/2 feet deep at the end of the pier.

If you want to volunteer to bring a pack of hotdog/hamburger buns, dessert, chips or water, please let us know with your RSVP!



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)  
Dean Steele  
Susie Fogg (Home)  
Sharon Massey  
Rene Brown (Healing)  
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)  
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)

Suzanne Weeks (Healing)  
Stephen Toney (Home)  
Jac Catlett  
Diane Lynn (Health)  
Gale Cottles (Healing)  
Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)  
Brittany and Brad Mallette

## THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army  
Adam Naves - Marines  
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard  
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed  
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

Sean Miller - Army  
Damien Williams - Army  
Michael Ress - USAF -AZ  
Jay Tulley- Middle East

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)  
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)  
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)  
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)  
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)  
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)  
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)  
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)  
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)  
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)  
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)  
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)  
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)  
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)  
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)  
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)  
Bonnie Key (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Dawn (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)  
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Acolyte Training 9:15 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship <b>Communion</b>	8	9 Mission Shower Day	10 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	11	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship	15	16	17 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship	22	23	24 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship <b>Youth Summer Celebration 2-5 pm</b>	29	30	31 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio			



# Happy Birthday

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3 HAL BAKER

3 DORIS WELCH

4 CAROL QUILLEN

9 JAC CATLETT

10 DIANN COPELAND

12 BRAD MALLETTE

12 DANNY GREGG

13 CYNTHIA UGARTE

24 JANELLYN BUSH

31 MARY PATTERSON

31 CHRIS SHINDORF