

WATERLOO FIRST GRACE CHURCH  
July, 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Liberty – As American As Apple Pie and The 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

**No King But King Jesus!**



The Colonists grew in their resilience and confidence in God, to the point where one Crown-appointed Governor wrote of the condition to the Board of Trade back in England: "If you ask an American who is his master? He will tell you he has none, nor any governor but Jesus Christ." The Committees of Correspondence soon began sounding the cry across the Colonies: "No King but King Jesus!"

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."  
– George Washington

"I speak as a man of the world to men of the world; and I say to you, Search the Scriptures! The Bible is the book of all others, to be read at all ages, and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once or twice or thrice through, and then laid aside, but to be read in small portions of one of two chapters every day, and never to be intermitted, unless by some overruling necessity." – John Quincy Adams

The words "under God" were taken from Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address, "...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth..." and were added to the Pledge of Allegiance on June 14, 1954 by a joint resolution of Congress, 243 (Public Law 83-396). (The Pledge was initially adopted by the 79th Congress on December 28, 1945, as Public Law 287.) On June 14, 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the pledge:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." President Eisenhower gave his support to the Congressional Act, which added the phrase, "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance, saying: "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war." President Eisenhower then stood on the steps of the Capitol Building and recited the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time with the phrase, "one nation under God."

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" was written by a Baptist minister, Samuel Francis Smith. "The Pledge of Allegiance" was written in 1892 by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy. The words "In God We Trust" are traced to the efforts of Rev. W.R. Watkinson, a Presbyterian minister who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of Liberty."  
– President John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, Friday, January 20, 1961

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Dear God,

Thank you for the freedom we celebrate on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We ask for your blessing on our country and our people. Help our leaders to make wise decisions. Keep our military safe and give us unity and peace. Let us remember to be kind to one another, to help when we can and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

## JULY CALENDAR

### Wednesday – July 3

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

### Thursday – July 4

4<sup>th</sup> of July

Office Closed

### Sunday – June 7

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday – July 10

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

### Thursday – July 11

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.

Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday – July 13

Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.

Women of Faith 9:00 a.m.

### Sunday – July 14

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday – July 16

Craft Workshop 3:30 p.m.

### Wednesday – July 17

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Kids Connection 5:00 p.m.

### Thursday – July 18

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Meeting 6:00p.m.

Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.

Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Calendar Continued....

### Sunday – July 21

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday – July 23

Craft Workshop 3:30 p.m.

AD Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday – July 24

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

### Thursday – July 25

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.

Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday – July 28

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday – July 31

Kids Connection/Back to School

Bash 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

## PICKLE FESTIVAL

The annual Pickle Festival in St. Joe, Indiana is July 18 -20. There will be many activities for all ages to enjoy.



Our youth group will have their concession trailer there. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will pay for camp and other fun trips.

Please stop by and support our teens and enjoy a pork burger!

## FUN FACTS FOR JULY

- The flowers for the month of July is Larkspur and Water Lily. Larkspur symbolizes happiness and love. The Water Lily represents beauty, creation and rebirth.
- The average number of guests at a July wedding is 148.
- World National Chocolate Day is July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> is National Hot Dog day. It is noted that 7 billion hot dogs are eaten through the summer months.
- The hottest day on record is 134 degrees on July 10, 1913 in Death Valley, California.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

12 – Jann Buttermore  
13 – Laurie Drury  
17 – Pastor Sam Weicht  
17 – Jo Hart  
24 – Wade Castator  
26 – Joyce Zeigler  
28 – Ida Mae Hartman  
28 – Charles Duszynski  
30 – Larry Wilks

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

20 – Darl & Susan Steinman



God is Good  
All the Time.  
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