

Summer 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR

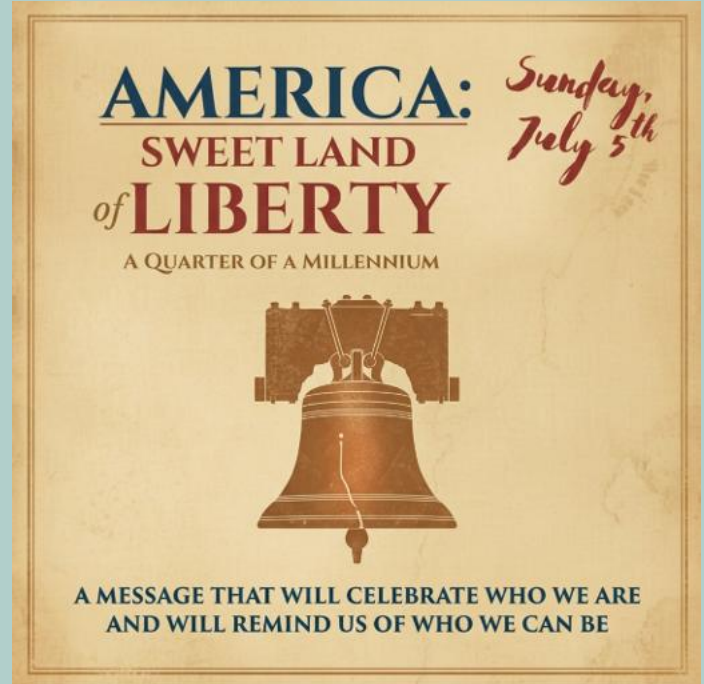


This year, America celebrates our 250th anniversary. It is indeed a milestone given that this "experiment" in democracy has endured a revolutionary war, a civil war, and any number of challenges that could have divided the nation beyond repair. The Civil Rights Movement and the tumult of those years in the 50's and 60's in many ways highlighted the ugliness of prejudice in the nation (by many who called themselves Christian), but also gave opportunity for a new sense of unity of spirit as America made her way toward living out the vision cast by her founders, that she be a place of "liberty and justice for all."

And within the fabric of the American experiment, there has always been placed great value on faith in God. For the most part, some version the Christian faith has dominated the American landscape for much of those 250 years. While horribly imperfect, the guidance many who have led this nation found in the Bible and in their Christian experience served as a means for safeguarding the welfare of the state and the common good of its citizens. Of course, since America's earliest days, people from any number of religious traditions have found their home here, with the freedom to worship or not worship as they chose. Religious liberty has been a hallmark of this American experiment. The Christian Church, in all its various forms, has found a home between

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DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

In celebration of the 250th year of our nation's independence, you are invited to hang around after worship on **Sunday, July 5th** for lunch together. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** The meal will be in the Learning Center following worship. You may refrigerate your sides/desserts in either the refrigerator in the "Each One Bless One" missions room, or in the closet off The Hub.

Invite friends and family!

From the Pastor, continued...

America's two grand shores. The Christian Church, in all its various forms, has had the freedom to exist independently of governmental mandate or control – for the most part, unincumbered and untainted by the State – for nearly 250 years. In fact, in the Baptist tradition from which many of us come, Baptists understood from historical experience that the “establishment clause” of the Constitution is vital not only to ensure “liberty and justice for all” in the democratic State, but more so, it serves as a much needed “wall of separation between church and state” which is vital to guard the purity, authenticity and autonomy of the Church itself.

This is why the current surge in what is called “Christian Nationalism” is so troubling. While it may be enticing for Christians to desire to use the influence of the State to help “make America Godly again,” history has proven over and over again that such endeavors actually damage the witness of the Church and weaken the impact of the Gospel. Moreover, the Gospel itself resists being manipulated for political or nationalistic purposes. The Gospel inherently does not allow lines to be drawn around nations, races, tribes, languages or people. The Gospel proclaims a different Kingdom than any Kingdom on this earth, past, present, or future.

Christians in America today must be very discerning. We must not fall victim to the false hopes that Christian Nationalism promises, as if government-sponsored Christian worship services or events that bear a Christian title can ever fill the sacred role that only the Church of Jesus Christ can fill in the world. The Church needs to be very careful not to inadvertently bolster the rise of the government's power in the religious sphere just because, at present, those in power favor Christianity – or at least their version of what Christianity looks like. The role of the government in this great democratic experiment in the American Republic is to ensure, as best it can, that the Christian Church is unincumbered in fulfilling its own sense of mission and calling... which is nothing less than teaching and preaching and living the message of Jesus. This is something the government cannot do; but it is certainly something the Church can do, and should do, and must do.

And part of the role of the church is to recognize when she needs to raise her prophetic voice to sound a warning to all who are willing to hear. Now is that time. Now, upon the 250th anniversary of America, let us remember that the Church of Jesus Christ is also soon celebrating an anniversary... her 2000th anniversary... and remember that the way She has endured and remained viable in an ever-changing world in which governments rise and fall and kingdoms come and go is to remember that She represents a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, the Kingdom of God, and it is solely her calling to represent that Kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ the King.

— Rendell

ABCCM General Assembly

In May, we had the privilege of hosting the ABCCM General Assembly. The assembly provided volunteers, pastors, and community members with up-to-date information about the vast ministry of ABCCM as it touches hundreds of lives every day in our area. As one of our strategic ministry partners, we support the work of ABCCM through the Calvary Missions Giving Plan as well as through volunteer opportunities. This summer, we will be volunteering at the Crisis Ministry. Watch the weekly newsletter for details.



CALVARY CHURCH Picnic

Saturday, June 6
@ 4:30PM

Pavilion behind
Calvary Church
531 Haywood Road



On **Saturday, June 6**, come on out for a church picnic at the Pavilion behind the church. Games & fun activities (including cornhole) begin at 4:30pm. The meal will be served (hot dogs & hamburgers) at 5:15pm. The church will provide grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. Ice Cream provided! Church members are asked to bring a side or dessert to share. Y'all come!

OUR WOMEN'S TEA WAS A REAL TREAT!

Our Women's Tea was a beautiful and uplifting time together. The time was filled with sweet fellowship, laughter, encouragement, wonderful food, and inspiring moments shared in God's presence. We were also blessed to have our own precious Pat Stillwell join us for this special occasion. Her warm presence and beautiful smile filled the room and our hearts with overflowing joy. Our own sweet Kelly reminded us of the special "Tie that Binds" us together as sisters, the strength we share as women of faith, and

the importance of lifting one another in Christ. Amanda

led us in worship through her beautiful God-given talents. A special thank you to the ladies who decorated and hosted a table. And to everyone who prepared and shared such delicious food. Everyone's support and participation made the event a wonderful success.


We thank God for the joy shared, and we look forward to many more opportunities to gather in faith and fellowship.




***A Women's Event is
being planned
for the fall!***

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Micah the Prophet of God

STRAIGHTEN UP! LOOK UP!

NEW MESSAGE SERIES STARTING SUNDAY JUNE 7

Are you longing for direction in the crazy times we are living in today? Beginning the **first Sunday of June**, our pastor will begin a new message series entitled "Straighten Up! Look up!". During this series, we will dig deep into the Old Testament book of the prophet Micah to find God's direction for our lives as we discover that Micah's message from God is more applicable today than ever!

Thur
1st

Men's Prayer Breakfast

SALTY GOAT GRILL - LEICESTER
Our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast is held on the 1st Thursday each month @ 7:30am at the Salty Goat Grill in Leicester at 2772 New Leicester Hwy.

Tue
2nd

Deacon's Meeting

LEARNING CENTER
Our Deacon meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday, at 4pm in the Learning Center.

Wed
2nd

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

CHICK-FIL-A - SMOKEY PARK HWY
Our monthly Ladies' Prayer Breakfast is held on the 2nd Wednesday each month @ 8:30am at Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy. All ladies are invited!

Wed
3rd

Leadership Team Meeting

LEARNING CENTER
Our Leadership Team meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday, at 10am in the Learning Center.

*Our birthdays and anniversaries are sent out in our weekly updates via email. Let the office know your email, if you are not already signed up.



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