

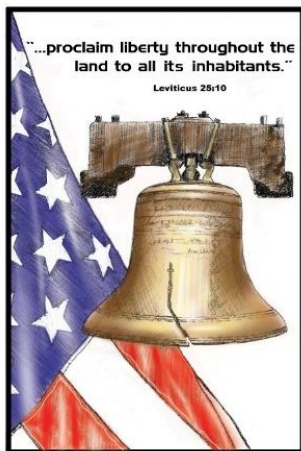


# Messenger

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## ***PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION***

***Presented by the Chancel Choir***

***SUNDAY – JULY 6***

***10:30 A.M. JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE***

*Please join us as we **celebrate America!** We gather together to declare the joy of **our independence!** We gather together to **give thanks for blessings beyond imagination!** We gather together to **honor our veterans, past and present,** who have protected and defended **our freedom!***

*As we celebrate today, we are grateful for our many blessings, and pray that God will continue to watch over this great land, the United States of America!*

*We urge all of our service men and women and veterans to be present so that we might recognize them by standing as their branch of the service is recognized. We thank them for their service to our country. Any family members of veterans are welcome to stand also.*

July

With Sympathy

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

10:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service  
Pot Luck Lunch immediately following

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

9-12 noon Methodist Market  
10:00 Diaper & Freezer Meal Baby Shower  
Honoring Sara Beth Rickman

*Sympathy and love is extended to Sam Pace and family in the death of his sister, **Debbie Pace Watson**, who died June 23, 2026.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Jimmy Hudson and family in the death of his brother, **Pat Hudson**, who died June 21, 2026.*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Patsy Clark in the death of her sister-in-law, **Joyce Clark Martin**, who died June 22, 2026.*



July 5 – Chat Phillips  
July 6 – Maddie Canard  
July 10 – Josiah Rickman

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**VOLUNTEERS  
SUNDAY, JULY 5**

Greeters Chip & Donna Heidel  
Scripture Psalm 116:12, Galatians 5:13  
Sermon The Purpose of Our Freedom  
Flowers Bob & Linda Coker

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

**\*Youth Sunday School teachers for July**

**\*Nursery Volunteers for July**



**M28 CAMP**

Please be in prayer for our students and chaperones as they travel to Lake Junaluska, NC.

**Current Camp Itinerary:**

- \*We will leave the Church early on the morning of Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*We will stay overnight at the Best Western in Newport, TN, on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Raft on the Upper Pigeon River in Hartford, TN, on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- \*M28 Camp in Lake Junaluska, NC will begin on Tuesday evening, July 7, and continue through Friday, July 10. We will return home on July 10.