



We love celebrating our country and the freedoms that have been given to us. Typically, July 4th makes us think of the American flag, Red-White & Blue, parades, and fireworks. Reunions, parties and picnics occur all over the USA. Sometimes we overlook the true meaning of our celebrations, **INDEPENDENCE!** This freedom is afforded to us because generations of men and women have risked and given their life for a country they believe in. Whether it be a “better future”, “liberties” or “protection”. In May, we honor the fallen on Memorial Day; In July, we celebrate the freedom given to us on Independence Day; In September, we express gratitude to the active on Labor Day! Patriotism is a powerful word that can be defined as love, support and protection of one’s country.

God’s Word also parallels the definition of patriotism. God loved the world that He gave His only Son that we may be protected from Satan and experience Eternal Life. Just as men and women serve to protect our freedom in the flesh, so does Christ offer freedom through the Holy Spirit so we too may serve one another while on this earth.

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

Galatians 5:13 *“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”*

This summer, as we celebrate the American Flag, the American Liberties, the Land of Opportunity and our American Independence, let us also remember to celebrate the Cross, the Freedom from Sin, Opportunity to Serve and Life Everlasting.

We thank God every day that we live in the United States of America where we celebrate the freedom to worship the one true living God and His Son, Jesus Christ. We share our faith and offer hope to a family who has lost all hope by paying a utility bill and praying with them. Sometimes people in our community do not understand crisis could be your neighbor or a friend but they are too embarrassed to ask you for help. This is our calling which we take seriously.

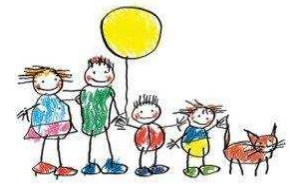
Let us pause today and offer thanks to our Lord, our service men and women, our family and friends. Together this ministry will continue to abide in God, stand firm on the scriptures and shower love to all as the Holy Spirit leads.

Thank you for your faithful donations, big or small, and for your prayers.

In God We Trust!

Teresa Rountree & Shaun Adams

How to Give – Bless a Family



Hundreds of people are in need with utility bills. Our space is limited in this newsletter. Please be assured we will find a family who truly needs assistance. Feel free to designate a specific place from the list below.

**Lamb 12016 – Single Parent Lamb 22016 – Elderly Person Lamb 32016 – Veteran Lamb
2016 – Where needed / for ministry expenses.**

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God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home, sweet home. God bless America,
My home, sweet home.