



**From the Pastor**

Well, this Independence Day is going to be unique! Many people will celebrate their independence by remaining cooped up in their homes, afraid to venture out amid the threat of the pandemic. There will be no parades, no organized park events, and no fireworks shows as usual. But for followers of Jesus Christ, the Fourth of July is not where our freedom comes from!

Recently I have been listening to a podcast called **“God, People, Stories”**. This is a production of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. I encourage you to subscribe and listen. You can hear so many interesting stories about how people found their true freedom in Jesus Christ. The stories are so inspiring, and I think you would be motivated to live out your faith by hearing about God’s work in other people’s lives. Jesus said in **John 8:36**, **“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed”**. So no matter what your situation is this coming July 4<sup>th</sup>, Happy Independence Day “Christian”! Celebrate from a heavenly perspective.

*Patrick Jij*

Join us in person Sunday mornings in the Worship Center for service at 9:30am. Families are welcome. We are not able to provide any childcare at this time. **Remember to bring your mask and use the hand sanitizer at the Welcome Center before entering the Worship Center.** For a Live Viewing experience, join us on Facebook at 9:30am sharp where you can comment and react with others as the video airs. You won’t be able to pause, rewind, or fast forward the video until it has ended and posted permanently to the Facebook page. Download the sermon notes from our website: <http://sbcep.org/sunday-services/> Let us know you joined today by filling out the attendance form: <https://bit.ly/scbep-attend> If there is an issue with the Facebook video, you can find this video in the Youtube Playlist: <https://bit.ly/sbcytss> Need to send your tithe or offering? You can do that here: <http://bit.ly/ScotsdaleGive> **Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?** If you’re not sure, please check this out: <http://sbcep.org/about-us/will-you-go-to-heaven/> We highly recommend that you visit the above links before Sunday morning so you can be familiar with how it all works. If you have any technological issues or difficulties please send us an email at [scotsdalebaptist-church@gmail.com](mailto:scotsdalebaptist-church@gmail.com) For Sunday school classes, several teachers are finding ways to meet online. Please contact your teacher if you haven’t heard any plans for Sunday school classes yet.

**Message from your Deacon Body:**

**Pastoral Needs:**

As needs arise for members of the church, we want to do what we can as a church to support one another. If you are experiencing loneliness or have or know of a pastoral care need, please call the church office at 915-595-2811. Please note that our limited resources will primarily serve members of Scotsdale Baptist Church. Also, we will support any and all prayer requests.

**Senior Saints Who Are Not Widows/Widowers:**

The Deacon Body is on-call for the needs of the senior members, including couples, who do not fit the category as Widows/Widowers. If you have a special need or wish to talk, the Deacons want to help you in any way possible. Please contact Frank below if you have any need for assistance or have any questions whatsoever.

**Widows/Widowers:**

Widows and widowers should contact their assigned Deacon for any help needed. If you don’t know who your Deacon is, please call Frank Robbins, the Deacon Chair, day or night at 915-478-8991 for assistance. The Deacon Ministry is here to support the church body. Please let us know how we can help you.



**Business Meeting Update :**

Due to the increase in Coronavirus cases we are going to re-schedule our regularly scheduled Business Meeting for Sunday, July 26th. This meeting will take place immediately following the morning worship service, and will be abbreviated to take care of voting items only. We will provide reports to be distributed in the most sanitary way possible prior to the meeting. Please continue to be patient and to pray for God’s wisdom for the ministry of this church fellowship.



Parents & Kids!! We are excited to announce that we will have **“BOLT”** a FREE Virtual Vacation Bible Study (VBS) age appropriate for ages 5 years to 85. Your family will participate at home in fun games that illustrate what it means to listen to, focus on, and follow Jesus. It’s 3 days full of fun! If you feel comfortable gathering with more people, share this with your neighbors, friends, family and invite them to join you. It’s all happening during the week of July 14th-16th. Every family that completes the 3 days will receive a fun gift. To register contact Grace Taylor so she can get you signed up at 595-2811.