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## July Newsletter

*I truly do love being your Pastor and I was thinking that Paul clearly loved his church at Thessalonica. So, I thought it would be interesting to look at what he loved about that church and see if it reflected some of my reasons for loving you.*

*(Chapter 1:2) He starts by saying that he gives thanks for all of them. That checks out. In two years I have been so blessed by all who are a part of this church family. It is a wonderful group of people and each of you has a special and important place.*

*(Chapter 1:3) He then talks about their faithful work, the loving labor they bring to it, and their steadfastness. That checks out as well. Patty and I are still somewhat amazed at how things just get done around here. And there is such a sense of love in the doing of it. Your very solid hope in the Lord is such a blessing. This church family stands on a very strong faith.*

*(1:8) He describes how the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you. The Greek word means it has "thundered" forth. Through our witness and outreach, that checks out too. We are and I believe we will do even more.*

*(4:9,10) He says when it comes to loving each other there is no need for anyone to write to you, you do it! You try to practice it to everyone. I do not believe anyone comes into our fellowship without being loved. So, as Paul says to them, we can't let up. We need to excel even more!*

*(5:11) Final check, he tells them to encourage one another and build up one another, just as you are doing. Again the tone is: Keep it up.*



Wednesday nights in July starting the 11th, join Pastor John and Patty at their home for ice cream and fellowship. Bring your favorite flavors and toppings. We'll see you at 7:00!

PS: The pool is open and feel free to Invite a Friend!

*And so, like Paul, these are some of the reasons why I give to God. I am to be Pastor,*

**Together** we **make** the **difference**  
sons  
ways  
thanks  
for you!  
blessed  
your  
John

## SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

The Fourth of July, Independence Day, the Day to reflect on the Price Paid by our Forefathers for our Great Nation's freedom!!! There is a lot to be said of those brave men and their following of GOD for HIS Grand or Great experiment. That every man has the Right to freedom, Justice and pursuit of Religious Freedom! Or something very closely worded in the Preamble to our Great Constitution!

Another Great quality about them was they were all "common" folk! Common wasn't defined then as it is now. Common was described as every man that loved his country and was willing to give anything he had, including his life to save his country and the Freedom it represented to the World. Every man that fought to bring that GOD Given Right-Freedom to this Great Nation was a common man with the same common ideal!

Those Men and Yes, the Women as well fought with everything they had, not for a little piece of land, a house on a lot, a plantation, a business. Those were all common, too! They "laid it all on the line" not for themselves but so they could be "Common" and have the Freedom to Worship a living and true GOD! Whenever, wherever, however they "commonly" desired. And their kids would have that Freedom that was common through GOD's Grace.

YES by all means WE AS CHRISTIANS should celebrate our Constitution and those Men and women that not only sacrificed their lives but paid for many of their own weapons, munitions, food, animals and if they survived the War, returned home to nothing and died as paupers. But they had gained something far more valuable. That was their GOD Given Right to "Freedom of Worship" which no money can buy!

OH! HEY! If you worked to make the VBS-Five Day Club successful, First, Thank each of you and second thanks for a job well done!! And of course a big hip, hip, hooray for Nada although having some illness of her own never looked down only up!

Until next time we will be setting at Gate awaiting HIS Return!!



July 8th - Communion

July 15 - Pot Luck

July 21 - Ladies Lunch and Craft

July 28th - Men's Breakfasts

July 11, 18, 25 - Wednesday Ice Cream at the Tuffs 7:00 pm

### Join Us

John Tuff and Friends

Thursdays July 19th

Beyond the Sea

The band will be playing from 6-8 pm

### About Our Northern Friends

Please be in prayer for the Cairns. They are on a mission trip with their grandson.

What a blessing!

*To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...This is the Mission of GCC.*