

"The members should have the same care one for another..." | 1 Corinthians 12:25

"See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently..." | Peter 1:22

# HEART TO HEART

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## ***INDEPENDENCE DAY***

Patrick Morrison

It is that time of year again when we celebrate the independence of this great nation. The fourth of July has provided my family and me with many great memories throughout the years. As we reflect on this great day, we need to thank God for the blessings and privileges we enjoy in this great country. Not everyone in this world can proclaim his or her freedom as can we. However, there is an independence that all people of the world can come to know and share—freedom from the bondage and guilt of sin.

Jesus proclaimed, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn.8:32). All over the world, men and women are enslaved to sin, including thousands upon thousands, yea even millions in this land that prides herself in her physical freedom. Through a knowledge of the truth, and one's subsequent obedience to the truth, he is set free from sin (Rom.6:17). All over the globe, those who have had their sins washed away by the blood of Christ in the waters of baptism (Rom.6:3,4) unite their voices to proclaim their own independence day.

It is sad to know that tyrannical rulers and authoritarian governments oppress many nations and peoples in this world. Sadder still is the fact that the majority of the world's population is enslaved to the most ruthless and heartless ruler ever known—Satan. As great a blessing as physical independence is, no greater blessing could ever be known than the freedom from sin through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



## MEN TO SERVE

July 4, 2010

*Elders Request You Wear A Coat and Tie When Serving.*

**Deacon In Charge:** David Huffman  
July 11 Roger Leonard

**Presiding:** Thomas Robinson

**Table:** Ralph Romero Paul Swanson  
Travis Strackbein Randy Walker  
Zachary Strackbein David Wilkinson  
Matthew Stubbs Jerry Williams  
Dillon Swilley Donnie Wisenbaker  
Coy Taylor Danny Woodcock  
Michael Toms Jonathan Winchester  
Fred Toms Johnny White

**Announcements:** Ray Joyner

**Responses:** Ray Joyner

**Opening Prayer AM:** Bill Ward

**Closing Prayer AM:** Kevin Pittman

**Opening Prayer PM:** Ted Okolichany

**Closing Prayer PM:** Matthew Okolichany

**Lead Singing:**  
Sunday AM: Don Garner  
Sunday PM: David Arnold

**Scripture:** Dylan Greer

**Cards/Cups:** Justin Harrell Jaxon Harrell  
Matthew Hart Michael Hart

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**Invitation:** Summer Lectureship  
**Opening Prayer:** Jerry O'Neal  
**Closing Prayer:** Dalton Swilley  
**Song Leader:** Drew Daugherty

**PA System:** Ken Collins

### Prepare Communion:

July 4 Sandra Daugherty  
July 11 Carlethia Mikel

**Visitor Center:** Bob Batten & Jack Hutchinson

### The Record

**Bible Study:** 342  
**Worship:** A.M. 465 P.M. 314  
**Wednesday:** 6/23/10 317



## LOTA, CHILE

Lota, Chile is considered the poorest city in all of Chile since the closing of their coal mines some years back. When the earthquake hit, the very houses they lived in were either destroyed or damaged. They sank deeper into their poverty.

But, God was kind to them and by His grace 58 members of His body from 17 congregations and 5 countries traveled to Lota and gave them hope for an eternal home. Five of those team members were from Forrest Park. The team worked in a very cold environment every day and with rain the final day. Spirits were high during the week and everyone pitched in and did what was necessary to accomplish the work.

It was almost impossible to live in Lota and not know that we were there. This city of 50,000 heard by word of mouth and by local radio that we were there to help in their dire need. We had crowds of people that grew every day during the 4 short days we were there.

The results were that 17 precious souls obeyed the Word of God and became His children.

Now, there is a permanent congregation located in Lota that will have a presence from now on from which the truth of God will go forth.

At the present time we are working to find monthly support for a family to go there and labor among these poor people for the next 5 years.

Currently I am in Colombia, South America where I will have the opportunity to meet with a family who are willing to pack up their meager possessions and move to a foreign country to preach the Gospel. This brother is a graduate of our school here in Medellin, and together with his family has expressed a desire to go to Lota and dedicate their lives to preach the Gospel there. This is a critical need now and has been expressed by a faithful member of the Lord's church who is a native of the area of Lota – Cornel, Chile.

Here is what Sergio Villa wrote concerning the current need for a full time preacher in Lota:

Brother Jack,

The works of a full-time evangelist is indispensable to study with them (new Christians) and motivate their love for the Church and the Lord. We anxiously look forward to the arrival of this brother for the work that has been done continue to grow even more and not be lost.

I would like to tell you [about] the importance of the arrival of an Evangelist. We need someone with the capacity and the knowledge to sow the seed of love and the interest in the work. As you well told us with time people get cold or loss interest. Knowing your interest in this matter, I ask you to keep me informed how the matter goes. So I can inform to the people that is interested in this situation, and has been working to recuperate brothers and sisters that are getting lost. We do not want to see all what we have work for during the evangelistic campaigning get wasted. And I know you feel the same way. May God guide you in your endeavors.

Please pray that this need is met so that the new babes in Christ will be fed to maturity.



# NEWS 'N NOTES

## FROM AROUND FORREST PARK

### *Nursing Home*

Baby Boomers Family Care Group will conduct services at Holly Hill Nursing Home Sunday afternoon starting at 2:30.

### *Summer Lectureship Update*

July 7 ~ *Sexual Immorality*

(1 Corinthians 6:9-20) Cliff Goodwin

### *Family Activities*

Monday for the Master will not meet next week, July 5<sup>th</sup>, because of the holiday.

Tuesday for the Master Radio Program can be heard 6:00 PM, on 92.1

Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Congregational Ice Cream Social after evening service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring Homemade Ice Cream, cookies and drinks.

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Young Professionals Family Care Group will have a get together after evening service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods and desserts.

Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, Silver Threads Family Care Group will have a get together in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and a drink.

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Shower Group 2 invites all ladies to a Wedding Shower for Della Gill, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Her selections are at Wal-Mart, Target and Penny's.

### *Ladies Day*

Forrest Parks' Ladies Day is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Colley is the speaker. This year's theme is, "Give Me A Break" Mark your calendar and look for opportunities to help.



Balloon Launch, Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>!

### *Bulletin Online!*

You can still view the Weekly Bulletin online. Go to ForrestPark.org and select the button on the menu.

It is published to the Web each Tuesday afternoon.

### *Cards*

*Dear Forrest Park,*

*During a time like this we realize how much our church family means to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.*

*The Lancaster Family and Lance & Heather Lightsey*

### *Responses*

Tiffany Bradford requested our prayers and forgiveness last Wednesday.

Renee Crosby responded to the invitation Sunday requesting prayers.

Ciera Dinkins, Brooke Palmer and Avery Harrell responded during the Stateside Mission Trip at Darien, GA.

### *More Prayers*

BJ Croft, sister-in-law of Debbie Walker.

Andrea Dixon, mother of Tanya Carter.

Sally Dorminey, coworker of Christina McLeod.

Nick Masters, friend of Amber Okolichany.

Salena Miller, daughter of Billy & Sharon Lewis.

Fred Jackson, brother-in-law of Betty Shaw.

Colbert Croft, uncle of Debbie Walker.

Earl Robinson, cousin of Carlethia.

Ronnie Jackson, friend of Battens.

### *Directory Update*

William Jones  
5152 Lauren Lane  
Lake Park, GA 31636

### *Way To Go...*

A huge thank you to Jerry O'Neal & Felton Daugherty for all the hard work they put into our yard and landscaping. We really appreciate your help.

### *Please Note!*

The church office is close Monday in observance of Independence Day.

### *Prayer List*

#### *Our Shut-Ins*

Jeanette Allen, Abbie Anderson, Margaret Berrien, Martha Boyd, Valdeese Brown, Robbie Bryson, Lee Clark, Peter Flintroyal, Mary Harrelson, Carolyn B. Johnson, Bess Jones, Lila Jones, Malloy & Liz Jones, Gerald & Nellie Leveille, Inez Lott, Mazella Nathan and Ruth Nicholson.

#### *Out Sick Sunday*

Helen Blair, Christina Coy, Faye Dykes, Georgia Ann Dykes, Nancy Farber, Eunice Glisson, Caroline Griffin, Aldyn Harrell, Henry Howard, Charles Lavender, Daphne McLeod, Rosa Parker, Ruth Richardson, Thomas Shockley, Laverne Thomas, Jo Walker and Inez Williams.

#### *Back With Us!*

It was good to have Andy Register back with us Sunday.

#### *Tests & Procedures*

Amber Broome.

Maudell Rouse.

#### *Hospice Care*

Inez Lott and Lee Clark.

#### *Recovering*

John Renfro, surgery.

Jeff Gill, broken toe.

Thomas Shockley, Langdale House.

Rosa Parker; eye surgery.

Henry Howard, surgery.

#### *Continue In Prayer*

Bob Poor, Rubye Bailey, Joyce Nash, Eddie Mae Shumphard, James Grace, Lila Jones, Ginger Daugherty, Laverne Thomas, Inez Williams and Norman & Louise Sainz.

#### *Missions*

YES II Campaign; Spen & Renee Broome and youth--Christi, Quinton, Dylan, Brooke, Brittany, Devon, Dillon.

Jack Farber; Colombia.

Roger Leonard; Nicaragua/Panama.

Jonathan Winchester; Panama.

Dave Huffman; Honduras.

Sarah Dutton; all over Latin America.

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Jack Farber      Kevin Garner      Ronald Harrell  
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