

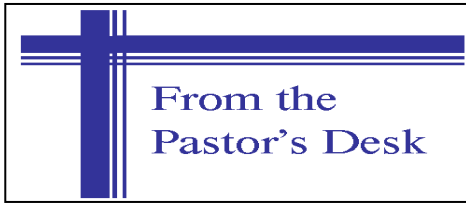


Discover A Place to Call Home

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July is always a month that inspires us to think about the freedom we enjoy as Americans. So, considering that, I want to write about that freedom from both a Christian and distinctive Baptist prospective.

E. Y. Mullins was a late 19th century Baptist pastor, scholar, and seminary president and wrote a book entitled, "The Axioms of Religion." An axiom is a self-evident truth. The preamble to the Declaration of Independence has the axiom, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This statement serves as an example of an axiomatic truth.

Mullins wrote in his book the six axioms of religion:

The Theological Axiom: The holy and loving God has a right to be sovereign.

The Religious Axiom: All souls have an equal right to direct access to God.

The Ecclesiastical Axiom: All believers have a right to equal privilege in the Church.

The Moral Axiom: To be responsible, man must be free.

The Religious-Civic Axiom: A free church in a free state.

The Social Axiom: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Mullins based these self-evident truths on what he called the idea of "the competency of the soul in religion." He said, "*This means a competency under God, not a competency in the sense of human self-sufficiency.*"

I would think the best way to illustrate it would be the idea of a person being competent to stand trial in a court of law... in the same way, we are competent to stand before a holy God in the Final Judgement. Herschel Hobbs, in his commentary on the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message states about Mullins:

"Mullins declares this (soul competency) to be a New Testament principle. Certainly, it finds its clearest expression there. However, the principle itself is evident from the beginning of the Old Testament. It is rooted in the nature of both God and man. God is the infinite, supreme Person. He created man in his likeness. Thus, man is a person endowed with understanding, and the privilege of choice. He is a person, not a puppet. God does not coerce man against his will. He is free to choose but is responsible for his choices. However, his ultimate responsibility is to God, not other men."

So, what does this all mean and why does it matter:

First, human freedom is the idea and creation of God, not humans. As a matter of fact, humans' natural tendency is to enslave other humans.

Second, human freedom is limited by love. Freedom is not anarchy. Humans are not free to end another human's life; to disrupt their most significant relationship; to steal and destroy another's material needs and possessions; or to destroy with language, a person's reputation. It is love that compels a person not to do those things.

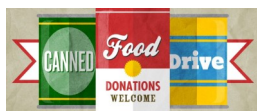
Third, human freedom is the truest expression of Matthew 7:12 (the Golden Rule). We give others freedom as that is what we want and demand for ourselves.

Finally, human freedom allows for the free expression of ideas which includes the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which we are commanded to take to the ends of the earth.

Thus, human freedom must always be striven for. We, as Baptist, have always seen that as our natural state. Not just freedom for ourselves but all people, even the ones who dislike and disagree with us. It is one of the things that make us unique in history.

In 2011, when Jan Lee Baptist Church mission team went to Cuba, a country without religious liberty, without thought, I remember us acting no differently than we would have in the United States. It might have been foolish, but it was certainly not done in arrogance. We simply acted the way God had created us... free.

~Pastor Mark



For Grace Ministry we collected a total of 41 pounds of food in June. The July needs for Grace Ministries are spam, small pancake mix and chicken or beef flavor Ramen Noodles.

For the month of June we delivered a total of 7 blankets to hospice. Without the support of all that contribute money and ones that make the blankets, this mission would not be possible. So thank you. As always, anyone that would like to come on Tuesdays, we meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1-3 pm. We would enjoy your company.

We are planning our next Garage "No" Sale on August 12th. If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the church. However, if you have clothing, please make sure your clothing is clean, separated by size and gender, and labeled before being put in a box or bag. Please keep sizes separated. For bedding, please be sure the size is clearly marked on the box or bag it is contained in.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



For June, there was only a special called business meeting on June 5th. We voted and approved for Pastor Mark and Kathy to attend the annual convention as messengers.



Prayer Walk
July 2nd at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Night Services
Meal for Everyone at 5:20pm
Adult class in Sanctuary at 6pm
Youth & Team Kids class at 6pm

Beginning May 21, there will only be prayer meeting and devotional until August 23rd.



Deacon Meeting
July 9th at 4pm

Family Business Meeting
July 5th at 7pm

Annual Family Business Meeting
August 27th at noon.



Youth Camp
July 10-14

Kids Camp
July 19-22



Youth Group Baseball Trip
August 5th
\$50/student
includes meals and admission



Youth Group Lock-In
August 18th 7:30pm Drop Off
August 19th 8am Pick Up
Serving Dinner & Breakfast



Wheeler Peak Hiking Trip
September 6-9, 2023 with
Recreation Adventure Ministries
\$190/person 10 spots available

PASTOR & DEACONS

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July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2  REGULAR SCHEDULED SERVICES 	3 	4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	5  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	6  Faith Mission 7:30 PM	7	8
9  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	10  YOUTH CAMP JULY 10-14	11  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	12  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	13  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON JULY 12TH 	14	15
16  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	17	18  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	19  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	20  KIDS CAMP JULY 19-22 	21	22
23  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	24	25  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	26  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	27  ARTICLES DUE	28	29
30  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	31					

June 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

June 4	62
June 11	52
June 18	57
June 25	50

Average Attendance: 55
Average based on 4 Sundays

June 2023 Financial Report

Tithes	\$15,013.00
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 3,103.40



July 2023 Deacon of the Week

June 26-July 2	Bill Lindenborn
July 3-9	Marvin Maherg
July 10-16	John Naas
July 17-23	Robert Ritter
July 24-30	Rick Griffin
July 31-Aug 6	Bill Lindenborn

Prayer Chain

If you have an e-mail address and desire to be on the prayer chain, please call the church office with your email information.

Questions? Call Jennifer @ 569-1211

We're on the web!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 AM
MORNING SERVICE	11:00 AM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	Resumes in Fall

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

MEAL	5:20 PM
PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES	6:00 PM



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