



# *The Messenger*

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

July 2021

## **Some Fun Facts About our Independence Day....**

For many, the 4th of July is an excuse to relax in the sun and watch fireworks with their family and friends, but the history of Independence Day is much richer and more exciting than one might believe. Here are some fun facts about the U.S. birthday that might surprise family and friends.

### We Didn't Actually Declare Independence on the 4th of July

One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. However, the official vote actually took place two days before and the "Declaration" was published in papers on July 4.

### Americans Will Enjoy 150 Million Hot Dogs During the 4th

According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC), Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday. This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### Only Two Men Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776

Charles Thompson and the infamous John Hancock were the only two men who actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 54 delegates signed over the course of the next month.

### The Average Age of The Signers Was 45 Years

Of the 56 signers, the youngest signers, Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, were only 26. However, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest signer at 70 years old.

### The Declaration of Independence Was Written on a Laptop

... Okay, not a modern laptop, but still. Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a writing desk that could fit over one's lap. This device was referred to at the time as a "laptop."

### Fireworks = An American Tradition Dating Back to 1777

Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777. John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, that he wanted Independence Day to be celebrated with pomp, parade, shows, and "illuminations." This original letter was written when Adams presumed that Independence Day would be celebrated on July 2.



### A Much Smaller Start

Although an official national census was not completed until 1790, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there were only about 2.5 million people living in America in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed. As of 2020 it has grown to become home to over 331million people.

### Wearing Old Glory Violates The U.S. Flag Code

How many of you own a flag t-shirt, beach towel, shorts, headband, or any other item that is representative of the U.S. flag? Turns out that you're in violation of the U.S. Flag Code. The U.S. Flag Code states that you are in violation if you sell or display any "article of merchandise . . . upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in order to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed." That being said, in this instance, the Flag Code is not enforced or even enforceable, so don't worry - you won't get arrested by the Flag Police.

### A Little Late to the Parade

July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

Now that you are armed with these fun facts, go forth and enjoy your barbecue. Happy 4th of July!

## From the Pastor's Desk



Independence Day, July 4th, Christians and churches across the USA are celebrating God and Country. I want to encourage you to always remember God is the source of freedom.

It is important to worship and give thanks to God on Independence Day because true liberty is God given. It is one of our God given "unalienable rights" as the Declaration of Independence tells us.

John Adams said America's Independence Day, "ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." The reason he gave was because God had delivered the original thirteen colonies from British taxation, occupation, and Royal control.

On July 4th, we will sing patriotic songs from our hymnals, pledge our allegiance to the national flag, and I plan on preaching a message about Jesus, who died to make us free.

Observances like ours are a long-standing tradition in America. After a long and dangerous Atlantic Ocean crossing aboard the *Mayflower*. The pilgrims as they landed safely on American soil, got on their knees, and said they came for the glory of God. Prayers and hymns were sung, and those early American immigrants listened as Rev. John Robinson preached a message from Hebrews 11:13-16

Samuel Adams said as the Declaration of Independence was ratified, "We have this day restored the Sovereign to whom all men ought to be obedient," and he affirmed that it is the duty of all men to obey God.

As we worship together at 11:00 July 4, 2021 Let's honor God by singing, praying and remembering that putting Jesus first in our nation and in our hearts is the only way to secure the guarantees of our Christian liberty.

Remember God cares for you. The LORD wants you to have freedom. I am thankful that the LORD is the God of this great country and we as Christians are His people. There is hope, as long as we remember our liberty is a gift from God. Our true home is in heaven. Our source of life, liberty, and happiness has always been, is today, and will be, eternally God.

*Terry Fortner*

### ***Church & Community Picnic Celebration***

July 10 from 7 pm to dark, we'll join together to celebrate America's Independence Day. It's going to be an evening of food, fun and fireworks, so ya'll invite your neighbors and let's make this a community outreach to show the love of God. The church will be providing dinner of fried chicken along with sides and drinks. We'll have games, face painting, snow cones and ice cream along with ending the evening with fireworks, weather permitting. It's going to be a great time of fun and celebration!



**OCTOBER 2, 2021**

**Russellville, Arkansas**

Registration begins June 14 and ends September 15. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Register online at [absc.org/oneday](http://absc.org/oneday)

#### **New Orleans Mission Trip Update**

The recent mission trip in June allowed for completion of the flooring, framing of the sound booth and roughed in the electrical. Along with exterior siding on back of building and the concrete poured for the front entry. We were also able to have a worship service in the building. We would love to have more from ZHBC join with us. You don't have to be a carpenter or electrician to help. There are other ways in which your skills can be used. The next mission trip is scheduled for July 28-August 1. More dates can be scheduled to fit your schedule. See Steve Holmes if interested

#### **GA Mission for Babies**

Your dollars, pennies and coins HAVE made a difference in the life of a Pre-born baby and his/her parents. Cash offering to date from ZHBC is \$241 plus some other donations made directly to OPC. (The coins haven't been counted yet.) Many thanks on behalf of all the babies that will be saved!

**Extension Homemakers Club  
meets Wednesday, July 21,  
9:30—11:30,  
Fellowship Hall.**

#### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Come join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month, this month it will be July 10 at 8:00 am. Brothers, come enjoy some good food and great fellowship along with praying for our church body.

**Stitching with Love Ministry will  
be meeting on July 8  
from 9am -12pm.  
For more information, call  
Mickie Vann 501.988.2790 or  
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KDO Outing to the Zoo was a success! Get signed up now for future activities!



KDO Bowling Fun & Games



### Youth News

- **Sunday Nights**-Bible Study at 6:00
- **Wednesday Night *Switch* Services**  
We have music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us!



Dear Zion Hill friends,

June was as eventful as ever! We had our Destination Dig VBS which was very successful. We had a collective number of 54 students and 22 adults! I want to thank everyone who made it possible to have VBS and who helped lead or teach! We also had our first KDO events!

We have 3 Kids Day Out events planned for July, so please pay attention to sign up dates and the bulletins that have the dates and events in them! I also am looking forward to our spectacular community picnic that I have heard tremendous things about!

July 19-23 we are taking 5 students to Centrikids at Williams Baptist University, and we are all excited to go to camp and worship God in community! Please keep these students in prayer.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer! Wear your sun protection and drink plenty of water!

**Bro. Richard**



VBS Kitchen Crew



CYE Director Richard, with Assistant Haley



KDO Slip & Slide

All of the kids, big and small, had a blast!



## Kids Day Out Activities

**July 8—Petting Zoo and Alligator Farm**  
9 am—2:30 pm

**July 12—Big Rock Mini Golf**  
9:30 am—2 pm

**July 27—Pool Party**  
11 am—2:30 pm

See the flyer for more information.

**Youth Lock-In July 9 beginning at 10**

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Service Times:

Sunday:  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Morning Worship  
 11:30am **Children's Worship, Fellowship Hall**  
 6:00pm Bible Study, Sanctuary  
 6:00pm Bible Study, Basement  
 Tuesday:  
 10:00am Tuesday Bible Study  
 Wednesday:  
 6:30pm Mid-week Services  
 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting  
 (3rd Wednesday Business Mtg.)  
 GAs, RAs, Mission Friends  
 Switch Service

SBC Dates to Note

**4** Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday  
**18** Send Relief Sunday  
**18** Children's Ministry Day  
**25** Southern Baptist Media Day

**Activities**

July

4 Independence Day & Sunday Services/No Evening Services  
 5 Office Closed  
 7 Midweek Services  
 8 9:00 am KDO Petting Zoo/Alligator Farm  
 8 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry  
 9 10:00 pm Youth Lock In  
 10 8:00 am **Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
 10 7:00 pm Church & Community Picnic  
 11 8:00 am **Deacon's Meeting**  
 11 Sunday Services  
 12 9:30 am KDO Big Rock Mini Golf  
 14 6:30 pm Midweek Services  
 18 Sunday Services  
 18 6:00 pm Deacon Ordination  
 18 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
 19-23 CentriKids Camp  
 21 9:30 am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting  
 21 6:30 pm Midweek Services / Business Meeting  
 25 Sunday Services  
 27 11:00 am KDO Pool Party  
 28 6:30 pm Midweek Services

August

1 8:00 am **Deacon's Meeting**  
 1 Sunday Services  
 4 6:30pm Midweek Services  
 8 Sunday Services  
 12 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry

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**Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at [www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons](http://www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons).**