

We are children of slavery and deliverance.

Our nation's history is filled with stories of slavery and deliverance.

In its beginning, our founding fathers, tyrannized by the British elite, fought for liberty. Patrick Henry spoke the heart of the patriots well declaring, "Give me liberty or give me death."

Yet the struggle for and attainment of liberty did not free all. Some continued in slavery, primarily Africans, so that others in our nation could continue their convenient lifestyles. It was convenient for land-owners to have men and women who could work the land, care for the household, and rear the children for no pay. Slavery is always about the convenience of one at the expense of another.

And yet another slavery story dawned in America in 1971 when the Supreme Court decided to allow women in every state to choose to abort their unborn babies. Again, this was slavery, convenience of the mother at the expense of the unborn child; again, a battle was fought for fifty plus years and praise the Lord for liberty! When it seemed that there would never be deliverance from this accursed scourge of society, God gave liberty.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 6:17-18:

*But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*

We are all children of slavery and deliverance,  
liberty and thanksgiving.

—Rusty Thomas



## AUGUST 10—14 SCHEDULE

**Wed. 8/10—6pm**—International Dinner @ Willow Falls Retreat Center  
Guest Speakers: Clint & Harriet Bowman (Global Gates Ministries) & Pastor Randy Jacoby (FBC Folkston, GA)

**Thurs. 8/11—6pm**—Session 2 @ FBC Blue Ridge—Guest Speakers:  
Jason & Esther Queen (IMB Japan) & Kevin Ezell (NAMB President)

**Fri. 8/12—6 pm**—Session 3 @ FBC Blue Ridge—Guest Speakers:  
Vann and Vanessa Brock (Peru) & Gordon Fort (IMB)

**Sun. 8/14—10:45 am**—Session 4 @ FBC Blue Ridge,—Guest Speakers:  
Michael & Valerie Stephens (C&MA Senegal) & Pastor Buck Burch (GBMB)

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND EACH SESSION.**



**Teachers needed for the fall:  
Beginning August 7**

**Sunday School—2 year teacher  
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**Beginning August 17**

**Wednesday night—preschool/children's teachers for  
Bible and Music  
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**Nursery volunteers always needed for Sunday morning,  
Sunday evening and Wednesday night activities**

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Happy Birthday to the United States of America. Our country turns 246 years old this year. As we begin the month of July we look back and praise God for His visible work in June.



First, I thank God for how He helped Southern Baptists work through some controversy at our annual SBC this year in Anaheim. If all you read were the reports of secular news media you heard only half the story. Southern Baptists made strong stands against sexual abuse; they took strong stands on doctrinal issues such as the role of pastor. They informed churches of how to engage in a post Roe v. Wade world and sent out over 50 new missionaries to reach the unreached with the Gospel. Praise the Lord!

Second, I praise the Lord for such a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. Thank you to Kim, Pat, and all the volunteers who helped make this one of the best VBS that I have ever been a part of and I have been involved in some good ones here since I have been your pastor.

Third, and finally, what made this year's VBS so special, was by the end of the week we all witnessed the overturning of Roe v. Wade by our Supreme Court. I never thought I would see this in my lifetime. As we taught kids the Value of Life, the Lord sent the message across the country that the life of the unborn is precious and valuable to Him. May God help us to now navigate through a post Roe v. Wade culture. The battle for life continues but our God is the God of life!

Praising God because all life is precious,  
Pastor Bob

# July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FANNIN CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER ANNUAL MATCH-A-THON CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>.</b> All donations up to \$15,000.00 received during this time will be matched! Donations can be made online at <a href="http://fanninclc.com">fanninclc.com</a> , dropped in the box at the CLC or mailed to Fannin CLC, 2324 East First Street, Blue Ridge, GA 30513					1	2
3 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 BR Assisted Living 2:00 pm Church Picnic 4:30 pm Toccoa Valley Campground		5 College Bible Study 7 pm	6 * Summer Weekly Schedule	7 Aerobics 5:30 pm	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00 Business Meeting after pm service	<b>ARK ENCOUNTER—CREATION MUSEUM</b> <b>PRAY FOR SAFETY FOR THIS GROUP AS THEY TRAVEL</b>			14 Aerobics 5:30 pm	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00	18 Aerobics 5:30 pm	19 Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am College Bible Study 7 pm	20 * Summer Weekly Schedule	21 Aerobics 5:30 pm Women's Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 pm A/Y Center	22	23 <b>S.A.L.T.</b> "Serving and Loving Together"
24 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00	25 Aerobics 5:30 pm	26 College Bible Study 7 pm	27 <b>Family Night @ the Lake</b> Kenny & Patsy's home No preschool/children/youth activities @ the church	28 Aerobics 5:30 pm	29	30
31 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00	<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>				<b>BRFBC AUGUST 10-14</b>	

### \* SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
Mon.	5:30 pm	Aerobics
Tues.	7:00 pm	College Bible Study
Wed.		No Family Fellowship Meal
	6—7 pm	Children/Youth Bible Study Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
	7:15 pm	Worship Choir Practice
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Aerobics

### DEACON OF THE WEEK—JULY

03	James Weeks	770-329-9210
10	Cecil Anderson	770-597-6493
17	Tony Nelson	229-402-5543
24	Hollis Hope	706-374-3733
31	Mike George	252-341-3385

### JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

01	Jason Queen
03	Don & Betty Wilson (A)
05	Sylvia Carroll
06	Jeannie Hope
07	Jim Rismiller
08	Rob Goebel
09	Patsy Potter Peggy Holzgreffe
10	Kimerly Coshow
11	Julie Shirah
12	Jane Moore Bill Rowe
15	Terrell Ruis Sylvia Carroll Barbara Musgrave
16	Don Wilson Callon Dressler Kim Hughes
18	Emily Salas
19	Corey O'Quinn
20	Denise Place
21	Annabelle Sowers Emily Beavers
23	Rhonda Taylor Barbara Ruis Henry Golden
25	Nancy Joyce
27	Annette Sisson Kay Tulley
28	Lilah Shields

*May every day of your life  
 bring glory to the name of Jesus.  
 Happy Birthday and God bless you!*