#### Editorial

#### Christian Independence

Monday is the fourth day of July 2022, alias: Independence Day. Two hundred and forty-six years ago, our country declared its independence from the tyranny of British rule. Each year this day is celebrated by the citizens of the United States of America to show our gratitude to the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom and to remind us of their sacrifice. Family and friends get together to reminisce and enjoy the fellowship with one another. Festivities of eating, drinking, and merriment are abundant throughout the land. Fireworks are entertaining reminders of the horrors of the loudness of war. We are extremely blessed to live in such a land where freedom is normal. We owe so much to those whose ultimate sacrifice make this possible.

Today is Sunday, July 3, 2022, alias: Son-Day or the Lord's Day. Approximately nineteen hundred, eighty-nine years ago our independence from the tyranny of Satanic rule was declared. Every Sunday of every week in each year this day is celebrated by the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven to show our gratitude to the Man-the God-man-who gave His life in order to give us this freedom, and to remind us of His sacrifice. Family and friends assemble together to remember Him and enjoy the fellowship of one another. A spiritual feast is shared: singing praises to His name; praying in His name; dining on the riches of His Word and soaking up the abundance of His grace; and a special token meal of unleavened bread (reminding of His body which was destroyed) and the juice of grapes (to remind us of His blood poured out for sins). What a joyous occasion it should be when we assemble! Love should abound everywhere. We are extremely blessed to belong to such a kingdom where freedom in Christ is normal.

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin" (Romans 6:1-7). We owe so much to Him who makes this possible!

-Jeff Gardner



### **VBS Registration Now Open!**

VBS is July 6th-8th at our building from 6-8 PM each evening. We will conclude with a Family Fun Day on July 9th. Everyone is invited to attend! Registration forms are available on our website, Facebook or the church app under "Events". You can also pick up a paper application in the office if needed.



# Happy Birthday This Week

Maggie Goolsby	Jul 3
Shelly Stephens	Jul 3
Larry Green	Jul 4
Michelle Hughes	Jul 6
Jennifer McDonald	Jul 7
Landon Parker	Jul 9
Mark Carr	Jul 9
Spenser Oliver	Jul 9

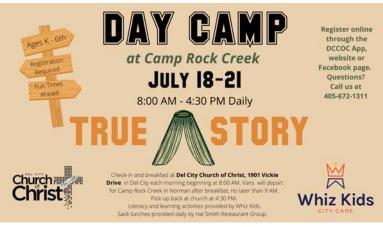
#### **Sermon Notes**

# **Pure Religion**

James 1:26-27

There is no substitute for purity. Pollutants can be toxic and at the very least are simply ugly. Americans are interested in pure water, pure air, and pure gold. What should interest us is pure religion. James defines it as containing three elements.

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	A.	Our tongues must be kept under tight R
		or else our R is vain.
	В.	The tongue can D, D and
		D
	c.	Division happens when there is a lot of talking
		A one another and not enough talking
		T one another.
١.	c	for the D (1:27).
	A.	We are to show an E M of
		compassion to widows and orphans.
	В.	God commands this no less than times in
		the Bible.
	C.	Compassion is more than feeling S for
		someone, and even P for them.
II.	A P	F Heart (1:27).
	A.	We must remain U from the
		I of the world.
	В.	"Whoever wishes to be a F of the world
		makes himself an E of God" (James 4:4).
	c.	We need to restore our P for P



## **Register Now for Day Camp**

Students entering Kindergarten - 6th grade are invited to participate in Day Camp, July 18-21. Register through the church app, online on the website or pick up a paper app in the office. Thank you to Whiz Kids and Hal Smith Restaurant Group for their generous sponsorship! Questions? Email Melissa at mphillips@delcitychurch.org or call the office.

### Congratulations

 Congratulations and welcome to Nita Fuller who was baptized into Christ on Thursday, June 30th. Please be prayerful for her as she begins her new life in Christ.

#### **Dates To Remember**

- July 6-8 Vacation Bible School REGISTER NOW!
- July 9 Family Fun Day, 11 AM 1 PM
- July 11-15 DCYG HS Mystery Trip
- July 18-21 Day Camp at Camp Rock Creek
- July 28-29 DCYG Float Trip
- July 31 5th Sunday Singing
- Aug. 6 Back to School Bash
- Aug. 10 Picnic in the Park, 6 PM
- Aug. 11-13 National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- Sept. 24-25 DCCOC 70th Anniversary Celebration

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics			
6/26 Worship Attendance	229		
6/26 Bible Class Attendance	152		
6/26 Contribution	\$12,529.44		
YTD Regular Contribution	\$366,208.96		
Weekly Average	\$14,084.96		
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58		



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# Welcome To Our Sunday Morning Family Worship July 3, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

# Order of Worship

Song #1009, Battle Hymn of the Republic	Tim Holt
Welcome	Tim Holt
Song #589, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.	Tim Holt
Song, Only A Holy God	Tim Holt
Song, Where Could I Go?	Tim Holt
Prayer	Brian Hughes
Song, How Deep The Father's Love For Us	Ivan Gonzalez
Communion	Jimmy Lee
Song #779, I Love you Lord	Ivan Gonzalez
Offering	Jimmy Lee
Scripture Reading, James 1:26-27	James Phillips Jr.
Song, You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)	Ivan Gonzalez
Message, Pure Religion	Jeff Gardner
Song #904, Have You Been To Jesus	Darrel Sullivan
Closing Announcements	Jeff Gardner
Prayer	Melvin Thompson
Song #1007, America The Beautiful	Tim Holt

#### **Schedule of Assemblies**

6:30 PM

#### Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM
Classes 41:15 AM
Wednesday
Summer of Service 6:00 PM
Thursday

Singing Class

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.