

Enon General Baptist Church | Crossroads Newsletter

July 2019



“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
James 4:7

July marks a time when Americans nationwide reflect on the freedom that we have. We pride ourselves on being a country where we are free to worship, free to have a voice of our own, free to exercise rights that many around the world do not have the luxury of experiencing.

The freedom that we have in our country did not come naturally or easy. We celebrate Independence Day as a time when our forefathers had to resist the rule of another power. They had to take a stand and say, “We will no longer comply with the governance you have established over us. We no longer wish to follow your ways.”

That is what resistance is all about. Resistance is the refusal to accept or comply with something. James encourages us to show the same resistance in the face of temptation. He says to “resist the devil.” Do not comply with the evil or self-indulgent opportunities that are presented to you. We, as Christians, have to take the same stand that our forefathers once took. We have to be willing to resist the devil and claim the freedom that is offered to us freely through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our prayer is that the freedom given to us through Christ will abound in our hearts. We hope that the freedom given to us is used to shine Jesus’ love into the lives of those around us. We look forward to the Kingdom of God being built through the lives of His disciples. Amen

Pastor David Depoister

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| | 1 STEPHEN & GENIE HELDT | 2 Deacons Meeting NICK & KATIE JOHN | 3 Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 | 4  | 5 Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm BETTY BLAIR SILAS JOHN | 6 JEREMY FARMER |
| 7 Bible Study 6:00 KERRI & ERIK SUMMITT NORMA CALLIS DRAPER EDWARDS TOM & GEORGIANNA MASON | 8 | 9 LINCOLN EDWARDS LEVI FLEMING | 10 Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 Business Meeting 7:00 | 11 Trustees Meeting | 12 Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm PAM WADE | 13 |
| 14  Communion Bible Study 6:00 | 15 General Baptist Summit JOHN ALSTATT | 16 General Baptist Summit | 17 General Baptist Summit Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 CASH HELDT | 18 JOHN & GINA WILKINSON | 19 Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm RON ESTEP LEONARD & JERILOU HARBISON | 20 |
| 21 Bible Study 6:00 SCOTT & JAMIE WHITFIELD | 22 | 23 KATHERINE MAYS | 24 Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 | 25 MARK FLEMING | 26 Celebrate Recovery 6-9pm ZAYNE WHITFIELD JOHN WILKINSON | 27 |
| 28 Talent Night 6:00 | 29 CHARLIE DOUGLAS | 30 | 31 Adult & Rooted Teen Bible Studies 6:00 |  | | |



July 04 – Independence Day
July 10 – Business Meeting
July 14 – Communion
July 15-17 – General Baptist Summit
July 28 – Talent Night



August 11 – Communion
August 14 – Business Meeting
August 18 – Friend Day
August 21 – River Oaks Evening Service

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Why Go To Church?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This, as you can imagine, started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work and get through my daily life. If my wife had not given me these meals I can't seem to remember, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment today! Both are absolutely vital to our survival!

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."
John 6:51 NIV*

**Submitted by Dale Ready



Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians of Enon Kids,

Welcome, summer time! I am so excited to report that VBS was indeed a blast! On our first night we had 39 children that God led to our church. That is 10 more than last year's first night! All my praise goes to God, for giving our church this opportunity to teach these children about Jesus. Thank you to our church family that donated food, decorations, and, of course, thank you to all our volunteers that donated their time. VBS is only successful when we all come together to be God's hands and feet. Let's continue to pray over the children who attended and had an opportunity to learn about God's wonders in their lives. Bless you all for being the best helpers a leader could ask for!

This month our Children's Church will be learning more on God's Word. I can't wait to continue to talk to the kids about how wondrous our God is and how powerful His words are in our lives! Our verse of the month is 2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." God gives us the power that He breathed into us to lift others up, to encourage others, and to help others. We make the choice to use words that lift others up. Last month we learned about putting on the Armor of God to fight against the evil one. Now we will dive deeper into our Bibles to learn why wearing our armor is so important each and every day. The enemy constantly attacks us and wants us to use words that tear others down. That is the opposite of what God wants. I can't wait to help these kids learn more about how God's Word is powerful and how our Bible, God's written word, can help inspire us to be great lights for Christ in this world full of darkness.

With love,
Genie Heldt, Children's Director



Thanks to Colin Nelson 12-14-2009
HOZEKIAH FOUND THIS RACE WITH MOSES AND PETER TO BE GROSSLY UNFAIR

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is clipping a cell phone on your belt. I don't have one, so I'm wearing my garage-door opener.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant until I realized people just didn't like me.

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it "Pumping Rust".

I have gotten the dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers.

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me; they were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

Church Bulletins

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning; "Jesus Walks on the Water".

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't like you.

Don't let worry kill you off- let the church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery available.

Humor Submitted by Norma Callis