



The Bible doesn't directly address Independence Day, but it does contain numerous verses about freedom and liberty, which can be relevant to the holiday's themes. Biblical passages often speak of freedom from sin and slavery through faith in God, which can be seen as comparable in certain respects to the political independence celebrated on Independence Day. Additionally, the Bible emphasizes the importance of gratitude for blessings, which can be applied to the freedoms enjoyed in a nation. The Bible frequently speaks of spiritual freedom, particularly freedom from sin and the bondage of the law through faith in Jesus Christ:

- **John 8:36:** "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed," (NIV)
- **Galatians 5:1:** "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery," (NIV)

The Bible highlights freedom as a gift that enables individuals to serve God and live according to His will.

- **Psalms 118:5:** "Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free," (ESV)

## Monthly Bible Readings

JULY	
Trusting in God's Mercy and Forgiveness	
1	Psalms 32
2	Psalms 56
3	Psalms 57
4	Psalms 68:1-18
5	Psalms 68:19-35
6	Psalms 78:1-39
7	Psalms 78:40-72
8	Psalms 80
9	Psalms 86
10	Psalms 103
11	Genesis 32:1-21
12	Genesis 33:1-20
13	Genesis 37:1-11
14	Genesis 37:12-36
15	Genesis 39:1-23
16	Genesis 40:1-23
17	Genesis 41:1-36
18	Genesis 41:37-57
19	Genesis 42:1-24
20	Genesis 42:25-38
21	Genesis 43:1-14
22	Genesis 43:15-34
23	Genesis 44:1-17
24	Genesis 44:18-34
25	Genesis 45:1-28
26	Genesis 46:1-27
27	Genesis 46:28-47:12
28	Genesis 47:13-31
29	Genesis 48:1-22
30	Genesis 49:29-50:14
31	Genesis 50:15-26

## Prayer List – Make this list part of your daily prayers

Power from on High to be Your churches witness to the truth  
 Our Shut-ins and those who could not be with us today  
 Eileen, continued prayers over cancer  
 Matthew Rose - Medical Concerns/Comfort  
 Julie's Friends, Edie & Dave Galusha - Healing  
 Deborah- powerful healing from cancer  
 Paulette – complete healing from cancer  
 Patti Kelley – complete healing from cancer  
 Mike (Julie's brother) – healing  
 Lee – health concerns  
 Janet Gueli – health & wellness  
 Lindy Phelan– continued healing and full recovery  
 Chris – home, job, vehicle  
 Nancy, Christian, Bertha, Janet, Kisha, & Kat (from Groton Regency) – open hearts to receiving the Gospel  
 Dillon – handicapped and blind youth  
 Rick (Julie's cousin) – lung cancer  
 Marguerite (Pastor Rich's Aunt) – strength & healing on loss of husband  
 Darlene (Pastor Rich's sister-in-law) – strength & healing on loss of husband  
 Carrie – healing for knee  
 Arlene – health & wellness  
 Cathy Rush – comfort and speedy recovery from foot surgery  
 Gilbert Clock – healing from heart procedure  
 Jamie, April's brother - Loss of eyesight

### JULY BIRTHDAYS WISHES 🌸🌸🌸

7/02 – Adrian Navarro  
 7/10 – Elaine Fiermonte  
 7/12 – Edward Lawson  
 7/29 – Rev. Dr. Christopher Drew

### JULY ANNIVERSARY WISHES ♥♥♥

7/07 – Alex & Allyson Dellaquilla  
 7/19 – Dennis & Christine McGavran  
 7/29 – Rev. Michael & Tricia Wu

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Missions Giving for July –Back to School donations for the Plymouth/Terryville children  
July 4 – Independence Day

## BLESSINGS – CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

### Scholarship Awards:

Emily Grace Pesce – Maude Arnold Fund  
Joshua Prashad – Alma Eaton Fund  
Camilla Bikbova – Alma Eaton Fund  
Megan Hudson – FBC Scholarship

### FBC Youth:

Aaliyah Collins	Autumn Jackson
Audrey Davis	Faith Mbabali
Messiah Davis	Xavier Pete
Kara Gueli	Amir Rose



## YOUTH CORNER

# RELIGION VERSUS RELATIONSHIP

## BIG IDEA

**GOD WANTS RELATIONSHIP, NOT RELIGION.**



What are some practical ways you have been abiding in the vine? How have you nurtured your relationship with Jesus lately? Have you felt anything in your Christian life become a routine or a chore that doesn't engage your heart? Have you been spending time with Jesus out of delight or out of Christian duty? Religion is motivated by duty and discipline. Relationships are motivated by delight and desire. If you have felt your motivations shift to obligation and duty, ask for forgiveness from the Holy Spirit and invite him to ignite your heart with fresh passion once more.

**ENJOY SOME SUMMER FUN – KEEP SAFE & CONTINUE TO LEARN**



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**Sunday Church Service 10 am**

**Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/340047317?pwd=cz1OQ0xKblp4MTJ5L3JxSHUxeWp1QT09>**

**Meeting ID: 340 047 317 Password: 121098**

**Audio Only: Call 1-929-4369-2866 or 1-646-558-8656 and follow the prompts**

**PURPOSE**

*“God calls us together, we seek to respond to His word as disciples of Jesus Christ by ministering to one another, to the community in which we live and to all humanity.”*

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