



# MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE MAIN ARTERY

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Church Service- 11AM

*"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God." 1Peter 2:16 (ESV)*

## June Church News

June 8<sup>th</sup>, Children's Sunday was held, and the children were celebrated and prayed for. Please continue to pray for our sweet babies as they continue to grow and learn more about Jesus.



**Congratulations to Charles Maxson on his high school graduation!** We will be praying for you as you enter the United States Marines Corps and thank you for being willing to serve our country. May God Bless you!

## July Events



### BIRTHDAYS



July	
2	Jennifer Beattie
3	Eleanor Ciacelli, 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday!
4	Olivia Ciacelli
8	Jack Svoboda
15	Adam Ciacelli
19	Diane Runion
19	Amanda Svoboda

## July Anniversaries:

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dennis and Marcia Moulton, 47 Years!

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Marty and Debbie Carl, 47 Years!

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Adam and Olivia Ciacelli, 12 Years!



Congratulations to all couples!

July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, Bible Study, 6:30 PM,** Come join us this Summer for a six-week Bible study discussing *Paul and His Christian Mission*. Please let Pastor Luke know if you need a book.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, Bible Study, 10 AM,** Come join us this Summer for a six-week Bible study discussing *Paul and His Christian Mission*. Please let Pastor Luke know if you need a book.



**Summertime News** – Camperships are available for our children attending Christian summer camps. See Margaret Fassett for details. If you wish to donate to the Campership Fund, there are envelopes in the pew racks in front of you.



Recently I've been reading the work *Hints of the Glory of Christ*<sup>1</sup> from the eighteenth century, British Baptist, Anne Dutton (1692-1765). She was a thoughtful theologian, a prolific hymn writer, and a remarkable Christian woman. This little book, written as a letter to a friend, shows where Christ is to be found in Song of Solomon 5:10-16.

She has attached this poem to the beginning of her work which shows she intended this commentary to be evangelistic in nature. How many of us run to the Song of Solomon when we wish to share the gospel with our friends? In this opening poem alone, you can see Anne's love for her Heavenly Bridegroom as well as her heart for her unbelieving friend. May we all be as zealous for our LORD and the lost. — Pastor Luke

To Mr. *E. H.*

**S**IR, as the after Letter, to you I've sent,  
These Lines before it, I likewise present.<sup>2</sup>

My Friend, read of a *Friend*, that doth all friends exceed:  
A *Friend*, that loves *His*, in all Times of Need:  
A *Friend*, whose Kindness and his Truth never *fails*;  
A *Friend*, whose Power and Interest ever prevails.  
Read of a *Bridegroom*, that doth all excel:  
And may you, with the *Virgins*, love him well!  
May you, with *Salem's* Daughters, seek him too:  
And never rest, till *Christ*, as *yours*, you know!  
And may the Spirit, to you Christ's Glory *shew*,  
By some one Line, your Friend did write for you!  
How *blest* would be that *Morn*, that Day how *bright*,  
If *Christ*, and you, were *joined* in *Love's Delight*!  
Were you so *joined*, that you might never *part*;  
'Twould be the Joy, and Gladness of my Heart.  
Oh! Might *He* have you, as his *Bride*: Then I,  
As the Bridegroom's *Friend*, should joy exceedingly!  
To endear your Soul to *Him*: This is my *End*,  
In what, from the *Spouse's Lips*, for you, I penned.  
And might I see you married to the LORD,  
'Twould be my Life, my Crown, my great Reward!  
Read then, my Friend, This Story of Christ's Love:  
Who knows but the Spirit, may tell you it from above?  
If while you read Christ's Beauties, *Him* you spy:  
'Twill make you *happy* to Eternity!  
For his sweet Bridegroom, is filled with *Love* to the *Brim*:  
And lets none *die*, who fall in Love with *Him*:  
To them, he gives himself, his Life, his Store!  
And makes them *blest*, both now, and evermore!

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<sup>1</sup> The full title is *Hints of the Glory of Christ; As the Friend and Bridegroom of the Church: from the Seven Last Verses of the Fifth Chapter of Solomon's Song. In a Letter to a Friend*. Published in 1748

<sup>2</sup> I have maintained the punctuation, italicization, and capitalization of the original published work. However, I have expanded some original contractions.



America The Beautiful  
By Katherine Lee Bates

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness.

America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life.

America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.