

Living Hope Baptist Church

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For those of us in the United States, the time is here again for our midsummer's patriotic respite. For many, the Fourth of July means parades and

picnics, hot dogs and apple pie, baseball and bombs bursting in air. While the Fourth's flood of Americana is all-too-enticing for many, it's good to pause to ask whether there's anything that makes the day different for believers. Does being born again affect how we view the Fourth of July?

First, let's be clear about where the Christian's deepest identity lies. If we are in Christ, all other pledges of allegiance have been relativized. We still have our loyalties, but none goes this deep. No man can ultimately serve both God and country. In Jesus, we have one final allegiance, and thus in this world we will always be, in some sense, pilgrims, aliens and strangers (1 Peter 2:11).

Yet, at the same time, as Christians, we render respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7). We acknowledge God's common goodness when our country is clearly a minister for good (Romans 13:4) and the authorities are "servants of God" (Romans 13:6). "Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17). And as God's common goodness is manifested in our country, we should be genuinely grateful.

But, while some might balk at being "proud to be an American," we should be humbled by it. Given the fallen condition of our country, we should be amazed how much goodness and grace God continues to pour out on us. Given our depravity, it is extraordinary mercy not only that we are saved, but that our nation isn't in worse shape than it is.

For now, it continues to be legal to speak the gospel in public... and this is a glorious liberty. Let's make the most of it while we can, remembering that we have a heavenly home, which will satisfy our longing like no nation in the present can.

BUDGET REPORT



**YTD Tithes/Offerings
(Through 6/30/18)**

\$ 114,256.00

Above/Below Budget:

+ \$ 8,631.00

Read Through the Bible in a Year July - September *2018 Chronological Reading Plan*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> July 01 - Obadiah;
Psalm 82-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 29 - Isaiah 49-53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 29 - Ezekiel 9-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 02 - 2 Kings 1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 30 - Isaiah 54-58 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 30 - Ezekiel 13-15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 03 - 2 Kings 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 31 - Isaiah 59-63 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 31 - Ezekiel 16-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 04 - 2 Kings 9-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 01 - Isaiah 64-66 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 01 - Ezekiel 18-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 05 - 2 Kings 12-13;
2 Chronicles 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 02 - 2 Kings 20-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 02 - Ezekiel 20-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 06 - 2 Kings 14;
2 Chronicles 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 03 - 2 Chronicles 32-33 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 03 - Ezekiel 22-23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 07 - Jonah 1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 04 - Nahum 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 04 - Ezekiel 24-27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 08 - 2 Kings 15;
2 Chronicles 26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 05 - 2 Kings 22-23;
2 Chronicles 34-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 05 - Ezekiel 28-31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 09 - Isaiah 1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 06 - Zephaniah 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 06 - Ezekiel 32-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 10 - Isaiah 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 07 - Jeremiah 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 07 - Ezekiel 35-37 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 11 - Amos 1-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 08 - Jeremiah 4-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 08 - Ezekiel 38-39 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 12 - Amos 6-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 09 - Jeremiah 7-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 09 - Ezekiel 40-41 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 13 - 2 Chronicles 27;
Isaiah 9-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 10 - Jeremiah 10-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 10 - Ezekiel 42-44 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 14 - Micah 1-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 11 - Jeremiah 14-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 11 - Ezekiel 44-45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 15 - 2 Chronicles 28;
2 Kings 16-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 12 - Jeremiah 18-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 12 - Ezekiel 46-48 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 16 - Isaiah 13-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 13 - Jeremiah 23-25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 13 - Joel 1-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 17 - Isaiah 18-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 14 - Jeremiah 26-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 14 - Daniel 1-3 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> July 19 - 2 Kings 18:1-8;
2 Chronicles 29-31; Ps. 48 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 16 - Jeremiah 32-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 16 - Daniel 7-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 20 - Hosea 1-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 17 - Jeremiah 35-37 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 17 - Daniel 10-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 21 - Hosea 8-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 18 - Jeremiah 38-40;
Psalm 74, 79 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 18 - Ezra 1-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 22 - Isaiah 28-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 19 - 2 Kings 24-25;
2 Chronicles 36 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 18 - Ezra 4-6
Psalm 137 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 23 - Isaiah 31-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 20 - Habakkuk 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 20 - Haggai 1-2 |
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Psalm 76 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 22 - Jeremiah 46-48 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 22 - Zechariah 8-14 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> July 28 - 2 Kings 18:9-37
2 Kings
Psalm | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 25 - Lamentations 1-2; 3:1-36 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 25 - Ezra 7-10 |
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4; 5:1-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 26 - Nehemiah 1-5 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 27 - Ezekiel 1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 27 - Nehemiah 6-7 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 28 - Ezekiel 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 28 - Nehemiah 8-10 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 29 - Nehemiah 11-13
Psalm 126 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 30 - Malachi 1-4 |

*Your word is lamp that gives
light wherever I walk. Psalm 119:105*

Music Ministry Notes



As we press into summer, I am so thankful for all those that give of their time and talent to the work of the Lord! You are a blessing! Especially during the summer months with vacations and travel it's hard to hold down the fort with a consistently good music program, but each one of you enable us to do just that. The choir will be off again in August for a break and will resume the first week of September. Please consider joining the choir or our instrumentalists if God has so gifted you in this area and you desire it to praise Him! We practice Sunday morning from 8 to 9 or 9:30 AM. Thanks to Rachel Swank for filling in on the piano, Norman Morris leading the hymns, and Ann Barcroft leading the choir in July while Chrissee and I are away for two weeks.

Take Care and God Bless,

Rich



COPIER FUNDRAISING TOTAL: \$2,066.23
(as of 7/01/18)

GOAL: \$5,000.00 (by 10/1/2018)



*Happy
Birthday
To ...*

JULY

1- Ken Ingle
7- Jerry Kling
22- Melissa Tusing
24- Gloria Uhler

AUGUST

1- Trudi Ness
 Kristen Vargas
27- Spencer Gonzaga
28- Flossie Dryden

SEPTEMBER

3- Ashleigh Linthicum
9- Ross Barritt
10- Bob Dooley
 Sandy Brown
15- Bryan Barritt
19- Randy Siy
26- Lauren Griffith
27- Linda Harris
29- Madeline Barritt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

SENIOR SAINTS LUNCH

Monday, July 9th
11:00 AM

Food • Fun • Fellowship
Bring a side dish or dessert.

SONWEST ROUND-UP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday
9:00 AM - 12 (Noon)

Kid's Ages 3 years - 6th Gr.
(Fri. 9:00 AM -1:30 (approx.))

MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, July 29th, 6:00 PM
'I Can Only Imagine'

Come and fellowship with
us as we watch this
inspiring movie.
▪ Bring a snack to share ▪

AUGUST

PARENT'S-NIGHT-OUT

Friday, August 3rd
6:00-8:30 PM

Drop off you kids (ages 4-12) and enjoy a night out, while your kids enjoy of fun night of pizza, crafts, object lessons and games.
Pre-Registration required.

SENIOR SAINTS LUNCH

Monday, August 13
11:00 AM

Food • Fun • Fellowship
Bring a side dish or dessert.

SEPTEMBER

REISTERSTOWN FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 8th

We need friendly faces to share information with the those visiting our booth.

Sign-up sheets will be out the first Sunday in August.

Please speak to Kim Dugan with any questions you might have.

SENIOR SAINTS LUNCH

Monday, August 13
11:00 AM

Food • Fun • Fellowship
Bring a side dish or dessert

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT (Big Screen)

Friday, September 21st

6:00 PM

- Moon Bounce for Kids
- Hot Dogs & Chips

7:30 (ish) PM (at dusk)

- Movie Begins
(movie to be determined)
 - Popcorn and Lemonade
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5th SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY @ LHBC

6:00 PM

- Bring a snack to share ▪
(Activity to be determined.)
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