

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2016

PRAYER of FREEDOMPastor and Congregation

Lord of all creation, we give you praise today for the freedoms we are able to enjoy. We thank you for granting freedom to all who call upon your name through Jesus the Christ. We ask, O God, that as we celebrate our nation’s independence, we recognize where true freedom is from and where it is found. We pray that our words and actions will help others to discover the freedom we find in you. Allow us to proclaim liberation from sin and death that you have provided for us, Lord. We ask that you lead us, as faithful citizens of this country, that we may uplift the Kingdom of Heaven above ours here on earth. For you are God alone, blessed above all, and from You comes the only freedom that endures forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...“Great Is the Lord” ... p. 12.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... Psalm 30:2-5 and 8-12..... Reggie Jackson

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!” You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

HYMN ... “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ... vs. 1, 2 and 3 6

CHILDREN’S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Forgive us, and bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” 36

OFFERTORY PRAYERUsher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... 2 Kings 5:1-14Molly Abbott

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, “Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.” He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.” But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

ANTHEM ... “My Trust Is in the Name of the Lord” Choir

SERMON ... Big God, Little People Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”294

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 p.m. Choir

6:30 p.m. Recreation at East Middle gym

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Swimming at the Park

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting at Tim and Tammy Dunn’s

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Leave church for children’s outing to see movie FINDING DORY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Tina Cripps

NEXT SUNDAY Alisa Beard

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

PRAYER LIST

<p>Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Rachel McCaskill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington, Karen Dailey, Bob Morgan, Dave Buckland, Barbara Lynthacum</p> <p>At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner</p> <p>Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Paul/Thelma Hussey</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Janie Rumbly</td> <td style="width: 25%;">sister</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Meryl Johnson</td> <td>sister-in-law</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mildred Hunsucker</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Harold Johnson</td> <td>brother</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reggie Jackson</td> <td>Marian Jackson</td> <td>mother</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mary James</td> <td>Benny McBride</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bob & Sue Moore</td> <td>niece/ husband</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Andy Spivey</td> <td>son-in-law</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pam Morgan</td> <td>niece</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Butch/Nancy Jenkins</td> <td>Sylvia Long</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Amy Wilson</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>John Moore</td> <td>Nancy's father</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Candy Loflin</td> <td>Cristie Thomas</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Beth Holt</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Misty Morgan</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mabel Ann Luther</td> <td>Wanda Pierce</td> <td>daughter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Max/Jane Luquire</td> <td>Iris Luquire</td> <td>sister-in-law</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Jo Brooks</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbara Lynthacum</td> <td>J.D. Thompson</td> <td>nephew</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Melissa Green</td> <td>daughter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jean Maness</td> <td>Helen Mabe</td> <td>aunt</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Carol Luther</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Janet Maness</td> <td>Polly King</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sylvia McAlister</td> <td>Tammy Parker</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rachel McCaskill</td> <td>Marsha Norris</td> <td>grand-daughter</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Kay Rush</td> <td>daughter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pat/Bob Morgan</td> <td>Jesse Wallace</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jeff Robinson</td> <td>June Spears</td> <td>friend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nancy Ruppert</td> <td>Marie Spoon</td> <td>sister</td> </tr> </table> <p>Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>	Paul/Thelma Hussey	Janie Rumbly	sister		Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law		Mildred Hunsucker	friend		Harold Johnson	brother	Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother	Mary James	Benny McBride	friend		Bob & Sue Moore	niece/ husband		Andy Spivey	son-in-law		Pam Morgan	niece	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Sylvia Long	friend		Amy Wilson	friend		John Moore	Nancy's father	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend		Beth Holt	friend		Misty Morgan	friend	Mabel Ann Luther	Wanda Pierce	daughter	Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law		Jo Brooks	friend	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew		Melissa Green	daughter	Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt		Carol Luther	friend	Janet Maness	Polly King	friend	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend	Rachel McCaskill	Marsha Norris	grand-daughter		Kay Rush	daughter	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13 Ice Cream Supper and Special Music

July 27 Game Night and Pizza

August 13 Cookout and Swimming at Biscoe Pool

Our Love and Sympathy ... to family and friends of Goldie Loflin, Rodney's uncle.