



## Church Events . . .

- Sunday Worship Service  
9 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages)  
10 a.m. Worship Service
- Sunday Worship Service Simulcast  
10:00 a.m. hopb.org (You Tube)
- No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities in July. Schedule Resumes in August
- HOP Annual Independence Day Picnic & Celebration - July 3rd, 1:00 p.m. - CLBC Campground (See page 6 for details)
- July 4th - Church Office Closed  
*Happy 4th of July!*
- July 6, 13 & 20th - 6:30 p.m. - New Class! 'Thinking About Thinking' - FLC Rm207
- Summer Prayer Nights  
July 10, 17 & 24th - 6:00 p.m.
- CLBC  
July 11-15 - Elementary Age (Daycamp)  
Arrive at 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9 a.m.  
Pick-Up each day at 5:00 p.m.  
July 18-22 - Teens Camp  
Registration: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Camp Ends Fridays at 3:00 p.m.  
July 25-29 - Middle School Age Camp  
Registration: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Camp Ends Fridays at 3:00 p.m.



### A Baptismal Service

will be held Sunday, July 3rd, preceding our Annual HOP Independence Celebration & Picnic. If you would like to be baptized, please contact one of our Pastors, or call the church office.

## A Month of Celebration and Prayer

By Pastor Jeff Olver

July is an important month of ministry here at House of Prayer. While summertime is a great time for vacations, weekend trips, visits to the lake and the beautiful National Forests that surround us, it is also a great time for ministry.

Canal Lake Bible Camp has been a ministry of House of Prayer since 1954. That's 68 years of summer camp! Thousands of campers have been loved, cared for, told about a God in heaven who loves them and His son Jesus who came to earth to pay for their sins. This year will be no different. We are preparing for 500 campers this summer; 200 in day camp and 300 in overnight camps. This is an amazing opportunity, as more than half of the campers are either unchurched or have little church exposure.

Join us as we pray during this camp season.

### Camp Dates:

- July 11-15 - Elementary Day Camp
- July 18-23 - High School Overnight Camp
- July 25-29 - Middle School Overnight Camp

### Leadership Team:

Pastor Peter, Camp Pastor  
Beau Kelley, Camp Director  
Sydney Nickerson and Luke Kough, Camp Interns  
Pastor Darryl and Pat Langford, Day Camp Morning Coordinators

### PRAYER IDEAS and THEMES:

- Unity
- Tender, receptive hearts
- Energy
- Wisdom
- Discernment
- Patience
- Absence of distraction
- Safety
- Good health for all
- Willingness to share

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*"In the cause of freedom we have to battle for the rights of people with whom we do not agree. ... If we do not defend their rights, we endanger our own."*

- Harry Truman

## July Birthdays

Abbey Brown	07/03
Larry Shreiner	07/04
Stacy Smith	07/04
Frank Ehrhardt	07/05
Robert Garner	07/05
Trina Robinson	07/05
Rosemary Mangum	07/09
Mitch Camp	07/10
Dagmar Spielmann	07/10
Richard Szafranski	07/10
Kayla Moore	07/11
Leslie Greiser	07/12
Debby Shemella	07/13
Faith Bell	07/14
Bud Brown	07/14
Hunter Hartzog	07/14
Ron Smith	07/14
Garnet Holliday	07/15
Jim Porter	07/15

Kathy Stubblefield	07/15
Darryl Flake	07/16
Chuck Luca	07/16
Tony Harrison	07/17
Woody Woodmansee	07/17
Beau Kelley	07/18
Martha Johnson	07/19
Cecil Peck	07/19
Luke Pope	07/19
Nichole Patrick	07/21
Courtney Patrick	07/21
Sue Hartley	07/22
Joe Mussoline	07/22
Richard Smith	07/22
Amanda Hollandsworth	07/23
Don Cady	07/26
Bill Beck	07/27
Kelley Chapman	07/28
Linda Wood	07/28
Jim Hoskins	07/31
Ray Wollett	07/31

## July Anniversaries

Ray & Sue Hartley	07/08
Bill & Betty Hobbs	07/08
John & Darlene Dean	07/09
James & Carla Raines	07/11
Jerry & Linda Peebles	07/12
David & Mari Himmelheber	07/14
Jack & Carol McKechnie	07/18
Joe & Karen Mussoline	07/23
Harold & Brenda Lee	07/26
Jim & Norma Jean Baxter	07/30

*If your Birthday/Anniversary is in July and it is not listed here, we don't have that information in our database. If you would like your birthday/anniversary to appear in HOP Newsletter, please call the church office or send your name and birthdate to [info@houseofprayerblairsville.com](mailto:info@houseofprayerblairsville.com)*

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You may not see them often, but they are still members of our church community. Please send them a card of encouragement or give them a call when you can. Please call the church office for phone numbers and addresses.

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# Missionary News

*“Go, make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*

*– Matthew 28:19*

## Report from Israel

Dear friend of the Jewish people,

We are back from Israel! We had such a beautiful and productive trip. Shortly after we last updated you, our team parted ways - Anna Beth stayed in Israel, and Murray and Alana traveled to Prague.

The picture is our team at the Sea of Galilee at sunset after a day of checking out hotels and sites for our upcoming Israel tours. We have some spots open on our second timers tour this October - if you or someone you know are interested, let us know! It is going to be incredible.

In this update Anna Beth will share from her time in Israel, and next week Murray will be sharing from his and Alana's time with the Jewish community in Prague. Anna Beth just returned from Israel a few days ago. She reports:

It was such a blessing to stay in Israel for an extra couple of weeks! Israel feels like home to me in many ways. I was in Jerusalem staying with a friend for the feast of Shavuot or Pentecost. On this day which Christians know as the day that God sent the Holy Spirit in Acts 2, Jewish people celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mt Sinai. They stay up all night joyfully studying and discussing the Torah.

Through a friend I was invited to Shavuot at the home of one of the head rabbis in Jerusalem. We had a loud, lovely dinner with him and his 12 children, learning traditional Yiddish and Hebrew songs



for Shavuot and listening to him teach from the Torah. I was not able to take pictures, honoring the Orthodox who do not use technology on shabbat or holidays. (During dinner the lights went out and we continued to celebrate in the dark! It was forbidden to turn the lights back on).

Past midnight we joined a group of Orthodox women to study the rabbi's sayings and discuss a portion of Torah. I was in awe of the fact that I got to be present - the only gentile anywhere in the vicinity. It was a time to be very sensitive, not sharing my faith overtly, but my very presence as a non-Jewish person sparked good questions and conversations. I will continue to treasure this experience and pray for the

precious people that I met.

I got to have so many amazing conversations with Israelis in my remaining time in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, it is impossible to share them all. I love to start conversations by asking people about their names. One day I visited a coffee shop to sit and read and was served by a man named El Roi - "The God Who Sees Me." I commented that it was from the story of Hagar in Genesis, and he was impressed.

As we continued to talk he expressed his confusion

that I knew the Bible so well and spoke Hebrew, while not being Jewish. As we spoke for quite some time, I got to hear his spiritual journey, as well as share my own: my process of coming to love Israel and the



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## Israel

Jewish people because of my Jewish Messiah. He seemed genuinely intrigued with my story and perspective on the Messiah. Please pray that God would pursue his heart!

I also continued to meet with our ministry partners in Israel. To the right is a photo of me and Meir, the caretaker of the Alliance International Cemetery: a beautifully unique cemetery where believers in Jesus, both Jew and gentile, who contributed significantly to the state of Israel are buried. But it is full of LIFE! The mural behind us is part of the Jerusalem Wall of Life, the longest mural in Israel, that tells the entire story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. I was a tour guide here for a year when I lived in Israel. This place is an incredible testimony to our Messiah in the heart of Jerusalem. This is an example of off-the-beaten-path sites that we share with



our Israel tours, especially those going for a second time.

Thank you for praying for us and lifting us up as we work to reach the Jewish people locally and around the world. Our Israel Initiatives are our greatest area of need right now. Please pray about sending a special gift in that direction.

We are grateful for you!

Blessings in Messiah,

Murray Tilles, Founder, Executive Director

Anna Beth Havenar, Director of Community Outreach,

Israel Tour Coordinator

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## Celebration and Prayer

Willingness to hear

A hedge of protection around the entire campus

Strong voices for worship leaders

Fun

Divine appointments

Salvation

Return to Christ

Refreshment for speakers:

Bradley Thomas and Chip Kirk

Call to missions

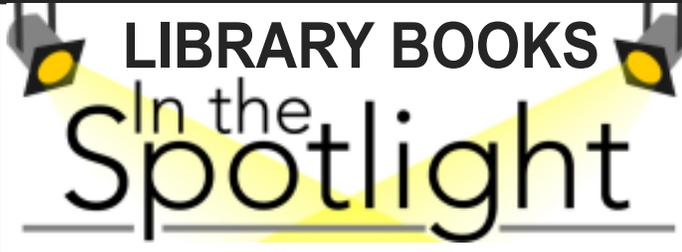
Call to ministry

Call to discipleship

Growth of HOP students and volunteers as they serve

Kitchen Staff

Office Staff



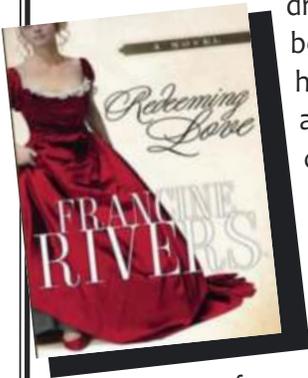
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# In the Spotlight

## Redeeming Love

*by Francine Rivers*

A re-telling of the Old Testament book of Hosea set in the gold-mining camps of California! Bitter heartache of lost souls without Christ. AND Christ drawing to Himself a stone-faced beauty involved in a lifestyle not of her own choosing. Believing that all men are spun from the same cloth with only one thing on their minds, Angel is hard-pressed to accept the unconditional love of Michael Hosea. Michael himself initially questions God's continued guidance in reference to this 'soiled-dove.' Enjoy a riveting account of God's mercy and grace via this story and get new insights into the Biblical Hosea's challenges.



**Church Library** Located in the FLC, Room #228

Open: Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.;

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

# HOP STUDENT Ministries



## Summertime!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! So far the June hangouts have been a hit. We went bowling and had a late night breakfast and have played games and we've had a great turnout of students so far. For me personally this has been a great opportunity to connect with the students in a less serious and formal setting.



We're preparing and looking forward to CLBC coming up soon! A lot of the students are involved not just as campers but as counselors



and even on the maintenance team. So I'm looking forward to the opportunities camp will bring for growth, both personal and relational, for all involved! We appreciate all of the prayers and support of our church family and I ask that you please keep us in your prayers going forward. Have a great rest of your summer.

*Pastor Peter*



**“As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”**

**– 1 Peter 2:4-5:1**



# JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities in July. Regular Schedule Resumes in August.</i></p>		1	2
<p><b>3</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service FLC</p> <p><i>HOP Annual Independence Day Picnic &amp; Celebration Begins at 1:00 p.m. FLC</i></p>	<p><b>4</b>  <i>Happy 4th of July! Church Offices Closed</i></p>	5	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>New Class!</i> 6:30pm 'Thinking About Thinking' Facilitator: Cal Wolcott FLC Rm#207</p>	7	8	9
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service FLC</p> <p><i>Summer Prayer Nights</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>No Adult Choir Practice <i>Resumes in August</i></p>	12	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>New Class!</i> 6:30pm 'Thinking About Thinking' Facilitator: Cal Wolcott FLC Rm#207</p>	14	15	16
<b>Elementary School Age — DAYCAMP— July 11—15</b>						
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service FLC <i>Guest Speaker: Matt Zowada, Ethnos360</i></p> <p><i>Summer Prayer Nights</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>No Adult Choir Practice <i>Resumes in August</i></p>	19	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>New Class!</i> 6:30pm 'Thinking About Thinking' Facilitator: Cal Wolcott FLC Rm#207</p>	21	22	23
<b>Teens — CAMP— July 18-22</b>						
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service FLC</p> <p><i>Summer Prayer Nights</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>No Adult Choir Practice <i>Resumes in August</i></p>	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Middle School Age — CAMP— July 25-29</b>						
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service FLC</p>						

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# Independence Day A Religious Holiday?

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from Great Britain. Two days afterwards – July 4th – the early draft of the Declaration of Independence was signed, albeit by only two individuals at that time: John Hancock, President of Congress, and Charles Thompson, Secretary of Congress. Four days later, on July 8, members of Congress took that document and read it aloud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, after which the Liberty Bell was rung. The inscription around the top of that bell, Leviticus 25:10, was most appropriate for the occasion: “Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.”

To see the turmoil in other nations, their struggles and multiple revolutions, and yet to see the stability and blessings that we have here in America, we may ask how has this been achieved? What was the basis of American Independence? John Adams said “The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity.” Perhaps the clearest identification of the spirit of the American Revolution was given by John Adams in a letter to Abigail the day after Congress approved the Declaration. He wrote her two letters on that day; the first was short and concise, jubilant that the Declaration had been approved. The second was much longer and more pensive, giving serious consideration to what had been done that day. Adams cautiously noted: “This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.”

It is amazing that on the very day they approved the Declaration, Adams was already foreseeing that their actions would be celebrated by future generations. Adams contemplated whether it would be proper to hold such celebrations, but then concluded that the day should be commemorated – but in a particular manner and with a specific spirit. As he told Abigail: “It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.”

**John Adams believed that the Fourth of July should become a religious holiday** – a day when we

remembered God’s hand in deliverance and a day of religious activities when we committed ourselves to Him in “solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.” Such was the spirit of the American Revolution as seen through the eyes of those who led it, evidenced even further in the words of John Quincy Adams, one who was deeply involved in the activities of the Revolution.

According to John Quincy Adams, Christmas and the Fourth of July were intrinsically connected. On the Fourth of July, the Founders simply took the precepts of Christ, who came into the world through His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

Have you ever considered what it meant for those 56 men – an eclectic group of ministers, businessmen, teachers, university professors, sailors, captains, farmers – to sign the Declaration of Independence? This was a contract that began with the reasons for the separation from Great Britain and closed in the final paragraph stating “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

These men took this pledge seriously and it cost them greatly. When Samuel Adams signed the Declaration, he said, “We have this day restored the Sovereign to whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come.”

The spiritual emphasis manifested so often by the Americans during the Revolution caused one Crown-appointed British governor to write to Great Britain complaining that: “If you ask an American who is his master, he’ll tell you he has none. And he has no governor but Jesus Christ.” This was boldly declared with not one but sixteen Congressional proclamations for national days of prayer and fasting throughout the Revolution.

Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding the foundations on which this great country was built and then preserving the principles on which it was founded. Let’s not let the purpose for which we were established be forgotten. The Founding Fathers have passed us a torch; let’s not let it go out.

- David Barton, *Wallbuilders*

*“The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”*

- Daniel 11:32

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**House of Prayer Annual  
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Join us for a great time of fellowship, fun and food!

**House of Prayer CLBC Campgrounds  
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*Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided.  
Attendees are asked to bring side dishes, desserts and  
drinks to accompany the meal.*

*Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the afternoon!*

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