

Freedom Isn't Free: An Article by Matthew Scott

Hebrews 2:14- Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil

Freedom is often romanticized in the ability to express it. We celebrate July 4th with an appreciation for the country we live in, but without a deep admiration for the building blocks on which it was founded. The gumption, determination, and intense bravery of the Continental Army, and those that led it with a newly formed government, made our independence possible in a world that didn't stand up to the 1700 era British empire. Unfortunately, we became desensitized of the freedom to act freely, and, much more so, to the cost that came with it. We didn't just gain freedom from another country – we crawled, cried, and bled from deep wounds to make sure the future of our country would never have to experience the oppression the Founding Father's escaped. However, it becomes more difficult to appreciate the depth a newly formed, and modern day still young, United States of America is able to experience as it relates to freedom, without the context of what we escaped from. During Washington's address to his continental army on July 2nd, 1776, he said, "The time is now near at hand which must probably determine, whether Americans are to be, Freeman, or Slaves..."

The same concepts can be true for our walk with Christ. We often forget the building blocks on which He built His life and ministry so that He could sacrifice Himself for our rescue. He carried His own cross, cried painful tears of physical and emotional agony, and bled from deep wounds to make sure we would never have to experience the spiritual oppression brought on by our sinful nature that separates us from God. Jesus gave Himself so we could be reconciled to our Heavenly Father every day, without any shame or condemnation. Everything the devil intends for our separation from Jesus, is something God can use for good. Satan isn't concerned about who or what you are clinging to, as long as it isn't God's Son – the only place we will find salvation and peace. However, without understanding this beyond a mental and logical level, it's hard to have a deep admiration for the lengths in which Jesus went to make ensure we have the option to be connected to Him every day of our lives. Jesus stepped in to fill that gap, intercede for us, and allows each subsequent act of our sinful nature to be an opportunity to draw closer to Him and understand who He is. Freedom can often be measured by the depth of the sacrifice to gain it.

The Cornerstone Collaborative

July 2026 Prayer Requests, Praises, and Article



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Join us for Services

Sunday: 9am- Connect, Early Worship, 9:30am-Café, 10am- Morning Worship and kids church, 6pm- Apologetics and student ministries.

Tuesday: Greif Share, 6pm

Wednesday: Outreach

To update and add prayer requests or praises to this list-
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Prayer Requests

Jennifer and Tyler Mack- Pray for them and their baby, especially for a healthy pregnancy. Jennifer is due January 7th

Dane Webster-7 month old waiting for a heart transplant

Ruby Willoughby- Pray for her and her baby girl born June 3rd

Laura Dingus- Recovering well; Pray for healing after surgery

Julia Adams- Post rotator cuff surgery; pray for healing

Dianna Domek- Pray for her health

Sarah- (daughter of Tim and Dianna Domek)- Pray for her health

Karen Caudill-Pray for her health

Asher Drollinger- Continue to pray for his health

Hannah Beswick-Pray for her health

Christina Welch- Pray for her health

Becky Scroggins- Pray for her health

Ruthie Wampler- Pray for her health

Betty Drew- Pray for her health

Kassie Allen- Pray for her health

Dave and Fely Hawkins-Pray for their health and strength; Dave awaiting another surgery

Phyllis Steele- Continue to pray for her health

Shirley Roseberry- Continue to pray for her health

Arlene Lyons- Pray for her physical, mental and spiritual health

Ed Walters- Pray for his health

Byrdie Walters- Pray for salvation and health

John Walters- Pray for salvation and health

The Reynolds Family- Pray for a personal need.

Marian Naylor- Pray for her health

America- Pray for Spiritual awakening, wisdom for President Trump and leaders and **all involved in Operation Epic Fury**

Israel- Peace of the nation and salvation of the Jewish people

Missionaries: CAM, MASH, Lighthouse Orphanage, BEAMS, Life Choices Clinic, House of Hope, Edgar Feghaly, CEF: Anna Gosman, Good Citizen Project: Josh Hershberger, Hershbergers ministry from Arkansas

Church: Reach our friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors Let's win Hanover and Madison for the Lord and purpose to attend all Sunday Services!

Church Members in Nursing Home/ Home bound (send cards and visit):

Denise Chatham- Hampton Oaks

Janice Sanders- The Waters of Clifty Falls

Betty Jones- Thorton Terrace (Room #322)

Virgil and Becky Wood- Homebound

Reba Caldwell- Hanover Nursing home/Aperion Care Hanover

Marie Black- Homebound

Glen Clemons- Jewel House (Room #108)

Violet Anderson- Homebound

Deloris Bruther- Homebound

Praises

*One saved and one assurance of salvation at CEF Soccer Club

*Tyler and Jennifer Mack are having a baby due January

*102 in attendance and sweet spirit with a soul-stirring message for our America 250 celebration breakfast and service!