Sermon: Freedom in Christ / Freedom We Can Celebrate

Jn 8:31-36; Rom 8:1-2; Gal. 5:1-5; Rom 6:4; Gal 5:16; Phil 3:20; Matt 5:14-16; Gal 5:13; 1Pet 2:16; 2Cor 3:17; Rom 8:38-39

The Messenger

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Loving God / Loving People

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 5, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Mickey McDaniel
Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (John 8:31-36)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Randy Sowder
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Debbie Smith)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade: Tammy Burris

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Recent Prayer Requests

Eddie Culin (Wiwczaroski's friend) continues to recover from ostomy removal. Currently in remission following chemo and radiation treatments for colon and Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
Nancy Havens (former member) is very weak and having some memory issues.
Norma Nelson (Della's friend) is improving from pneumonia but now has shingles.
Nova Pearson (Inez's 4-yr old granddaughter) is in the hospital with complications following ostomy removal and has pseudomonas kidney infections – she only has one kidney.
Heather Schmidt (Amy's cousin) is recovering from double mastectomy. Scans still show small traces of cancer in 3 lymph nodes.

Long Term Concerns

Rhonda Aliff (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus), **Kathy Ashley** (Rachel's mom, scheduled for hip replacement surgery on August 4), **Suzanne Bielski** (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, chemo treatments for cancer), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, treatment for Hodgkin's), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (Hagan's friend, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Rex & Susan Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues; sister-in-law, severe abdomen issues), **Jay Jackson** (Lonnie & Sonya's son-in-law, recovering from knee infection), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Lillian Kelley** (mother of George's friend, Chelsea, hospice), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, cancer in breast, spine, & brain), **Amanda Magner** (former member, bone cancer, upcoming surgery), **Clayton Marriott** (lost his way spiritually), **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Don Meyer** (Ronnie Sutton's stepson, recovering from massive stroke), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, heart & lungs), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Bruce Roberts** (Lyndsay Trostle's uncle, colon cancer - hospice), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, chemo), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's), **Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's 14yr old neighbor, chemo treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

Cleaning Crew – 5-11th
(Team 4)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,134.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (24); Worship (73); PM Bible Study (12)
Wednesday Bible Study (18)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, July 5	Psalm 108-114
Monday, July 6	Psalm 115-118
Tuesday, July 7	Psalm 119:1-88
Wednesday, July 8	Psalm 119:89-176
Thursday, July 9	Psalm 120-132
Friday, July 10	Psalm 133-139
Saturday, July 11	Psalm 140-145

Celebrations This Week
Birthday
9th John Denzio, Brenda Lind

Anniversary
None this Week

Announcements

Vacation Bible School is July 12-16 We are planning a work week in the evenings this week and during the day on July 11. The goal will be to get the building and the classrooms decorated and everything ready for Sunday. We are looking for the following items for decorative purposes: Pottery, Baskets, Fruit, Bread, Plants, Wooden Crates, Material (decorative/lush), Furs. Also, need cardboard boxes of any size, and PVC (2-3" diameter). There are also slips on the table in the foyer that list our snacks and craft needs.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped create, prepare, and distribute the VBS invitation cards. Approximately 300 invitations were passed out in the community. The remaining cards are on the table at the back of the auditorium for you to take and pass out to family and friends.

Morning Glories Ministry Brunch for our ladies is scheduled for July 11th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. We want to encourage all our ladies to get involved with this fellowship and ministry effort.

Ladies Inspiration Day: The Metro Church of Christ extend an invitation for our women to join them for their Ladies Day, planned for Saturday, August 8th. The speaker will be Laura Hubbard, from the Kingsley Terrace Church of Christ. She will be speaking on the theme: "Bloom Where God Plants You!" There is an advertisement posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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"A Generous Giver to the Lord"

The call to be a generous giver is not merely about finances – it is about the posture of a heart that has been transformed by the grace of God. Scripture consistently ties generosity to spiritual maturity, reminding us that giving is an act of worship, a reflection of trust, and a declaration that God is our true treasure.

Generosity Begins with God's Character: We give because God first gave. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). Every blessing we enjoy – life, salvation, daily provision – flows from His generous heart. When Christians give, we mirror the nature of the One we serve.

Generosity Is an Act of Faith: Paul reminds us that "*God loves a cheerful giver*" (2Corinthians 9:7). Cheerfulness in giving comes from confidence that God will supply what we need. Generosity is not measured by the size of the gift but by the trust behind it. When we give sacrificially, we declare that God is our provider and that His kingdom matters more than our comfort.

Generosity Strengthens the Church's Mission: The work of the Lord moves forward through the willing hearts of His people. Our giving supports preaching, teaching, benevolence, evangelism, and the daily needs of the congregation. When we give generously, we participate in the saving work God is doing in our community and around the world.

Generosity Blesses the Giver: Paul, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Himself, said: "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35). Generosity frees us from the grip of materialism, cultivates gratitude, and aligns our hearts with eternal priorities. God does not promise earthly riches, but He does promise spiritual abundance, joy, peace, contentment, and the satisfaction of knowing our lives are being used for His glory.

Generosity Reflects Our Love for the Lord: Ultimately, giving is personal. It is a way of saying, "Lord, You have my heart." When we give willingly, joyfully, and consistently, we demonstrate that our devotion is not just spoken but lived. We honor Him by placing His work first and trusting Him with everything else.

May we be a people who give not out of obligation, but out of overflowing gratitude. May our generosity serve as a testimony to our faith, a blessing to the church, and a fragrant offering to the Lord who has given us everything.

...Ronnie Hewitt