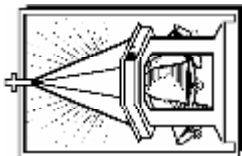


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"The Chimes"
92 Fifth Street
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Hours of Worship & Activities

Sunday	
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Morning Worship
4:45 PM	Choir Practice
5:00 PM	Drama Team
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	
9:30 AM	Nursing Home Visitation
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym
Wednesday	
5:00 PM	Drama Team
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM	Team Kids
Thursday	
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym

Other Opportunities for Service

Brotherhood - Meets at 7 a.m. the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Supper - 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

WMU - Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch immediately following the meeting.

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The Chimes

July 2010



Boston, 1775: Conflict between Britain and thirteen of her colonies on the Atlantic Coast of North America. Philadelphia, July 4, 1776: "Declaration of Independence" issued by those colonies. Revolution. War. The Revolutionary War. The American war of independence. Yorktown, Virginia, 1781: Victory for the American Colonies! Paris, 1783: Formal signing of peace treaty. Freedom! America—Home of the brave and land of the free! We are free! We are free! We are free!

But the hard-won freedom is threatened again and again. The war for American independence, the war fought for freedom from tyranny, was not to be the last war fought. Many wars followed that threatened this priceless freedom, including "the war to end all wars"—World War I. But WWI did not end all wars. WWII soon followed. The word "war" seemed too strong for us, so we fought the Korean "Conflict." But semantics can never change war to conflict. War by any name is still war. So came Vietnam (the senseless war), followed by the Gulf War, and now, Iran and Afghanistan.

Millions of men and women have given their very lives to ensure that the rest of us can enjoy this priceless commodity we call freedom. Freedom is ever under attack. To be preserved, it must be ever guarded and defended.

Shift your thoughts with me now to another war that began eons ago: The Garden of Eden, day one: Conflict between God and His creation. Rebellion. Man declares his independence from God. Eviction. Banishment from the Garden. Estrangement from God. War. Spiritual war. War between Good and Evil. War between Right and Wrong. War between God and Satan. War waged for mankind's freedom. War waged for the souls of men and women.

Mt. Sinai, millenniums later: God gives His conditions for man's reconciliation and freedom from the tyranny of Satan: The Law. If obeyed by mankind, war with God would end. Peace and reconciliation were possible. Mankind tries valiantly, but succumbs to Satan's relentless onslaught of temptations. Centuries follow of more war between God and Satan, Good and Evil, Right and Wrong. Mankind's freedom from sin, his freedom from war, his very soul, all hang in the balance.

Bethlehem, Two-thousand years ago: Incarnation. God becomes a man. In Jesus, God declares mankind's freedom from Satan's tyranny and his enslavement of our souls (God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself).

Thirty-three years later, Jerusalem: The "Spiritual War to End All Wars." Calvary. Crucifixion. Substitutionary atonement. Consummating declaration: "It is finished!" Jesus Christ is dead! Buried in a borrowed tomb. "It is finished!"

Three days later: An empty tomb. Resurrection! Final declaration of victory ("Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!") Freedom from the penalty of sin—death! ("Whoever lives and believes in me will never die.")

The Kingdom of God has come! The Kingdom of God—Home of the Saints and abode of the free! The Son has made us free, and we are free indeed! We are free! We are free! We are Free!

Jesus gave his very life so that all of us can enjoy this priceless commodity we call Salvation. Millions more have died as martyrs defending this faith.

We who are American Christians have the best of both worlds. The privilege to live in America and enjoy all our priceless freedoms should cause all of us this July 4th to pause and thank our God for such privilege. Likewise, the privilege to belong to the Kingdom of God and enjoy the freedom from the penalty of sin, which gives us eternal life in the presence of our Lord, should cause all of us to pause and thank our God for His unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN & AMEN !!

Dr. Creel

A DOUBLE AWAKENING

Deacon: "You have offended Him infinitely more than ever a stubborn rebel did his prince—and yet it is nothing but His hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment." Do you know who preached that, Dr. B?

Dr. B: No

Deacon: Jonathan Edwards (1703 - 1758), and it's from his notorious sermon *Sinners in the Hands Of an Angry God*. He's the minister around whom the Great Awakening broke forth in New England in the 1730s. Without emotion and gesture in his own presentations, he found the emotional responses of his parishioners "surprising." But Dr. B, do you know who would expand the Great Awakening far beyond Edwards' quaint little Northampton village?

Dr. B. No.

Deacon: George Whitefield (1714 - 1770), the powerful and dramatic English preacher who commuted to the colonies thirteen times preaching to thousands. Although cross-eyed, that impediment did not distract from the intensity and effectiveness of his sermons. He had such a marvelous speaking voice, it is said he could thrill an audience even if he were to simply pronounce the word "Mesopotamia." And he was so persuasive, he even loosened the tight purse strings of Benjamin Franklin. But do you know what greatly added to his revival efforts?

Dr. B. No.

Deacon: Congregational singing! Back in England he had been a member with the Wesleys of the Holy Club at Oxford. While he later broke with them over some theological issues, he had witnessed the enormous value of hymn singing in their evangelistic efforts—a practice he carried over to the colonies. He especially loved the Psalm paraphrases and hymns of Isaac Watts, and do you know what that means?

Dr. B. No.

Deacon: In America, we became familiar with "This is the Day the Lord Has Made," "Joy to the World," "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." For the Baptists, the Great Awakening inspired more enthusiastic congregation singing, especially with the New Light or Separate Baptists.

Dr. B. Do you know what I think?

Deacon: No.

Dr. B. That even with the powerful preaching and enthusiastic singing, the Great Awakening would have been the Great Slumbering without the palpable presence of the Holy Spirit. Do you disagree?

Deacon: No

Dr. B. We even have something of an awakening at First Baptist, Chickasaw. With the addition of our music intern, M. David Jordan, the rich sound of the saxophone has added a welcoming quality to the piano and organ. He has also made plans, and instruments have been purchased for a Recorder Choir. Even more—he has established a Youth Drama Team, which made its debut in June. We pray that this awakening will be blest, and open a path to our youth ministry. Do you disagree?

Deacon: No.

Congratulations to our "Chickasaw Citizen of the Year"

NELL AUTERY!

We are very proud of you!



Pictured here with Mr. Darwin Singleton (WPMI 15).

Thank You

During our time of sorrow we learn how much our friends mean to us. Your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered by the family of William "Bill" Franklin Roan.

*God Bless you all,
Sue, Thomas, Michael, and
Andrew Roan*

Memorials

*A gift in memory of
Clara Mitchell
was given by
Her Neighbors*

*A gift in memory of
Walter L. Hovell, Sr.
was given by
Gaylord Lyon Sr.
and
Betty Gray Lyon*

WMU PROJECT FOR JULY

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
GRELOT ROAD



Donations will greatly be appreciated as it is the time of year to buy school supplies!

The offering will be presented to the Children's Home on July 31, 2010.

Sunday School Attendance

5/2/10 - 6/20/10

	Average	
	Enr.	Att.
Sunday School	186	66