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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Ron Lovern       | 14 Pat Campbell      | 26 Miriam Berry       |
| 3 Al Moore         | 14 Deborah Crawley   | 26 Travis Crutchfield |
| 3 Guy Anderson     | 16 Peggy Watson      | 27 Diane Blewer       |
| 4 Ray Butler       | 16 Kenneth Gardy     | 28 Frank Gunter       |
| 4 Steve Pityk      | 16 Kurt Geib         | 28 Gyles Hall         |
| 6 Martha Pridgen   | 16 Lelanette Hathcox | 28 Lois Ann Williams  |
| 7 Glenn Clayton    | 17 Sheila White      | 28 Ted Charity        |
| 8 Pat Weathers     | 17 Mary Johnson      | 29 Fran Felkel        |
| 8 Dick McCloy      | 18 Joyce Turpin      | 29 Marie Parkinson    |
| 8 Howard Ruff      | 18 Wayne Kirby       | 29 Roxanne Keeney     |
| 9 Joe Maciaszek    | 19 Nancy Marsella    | 30 Bobbie Davis       |
| 9 Donna Brazell    | 19 Janie Doyle       | 31 Frances Bean       |
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| 10 Bill DuBose     | 19 Richard Bogan     | 31 Cindy Prather      |
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My name is Tim Bottoms, and I am so thankful to be a part of the LBC family, and join this wonderful staff that serves so faithfully. It is a joy to serve as your worship pastor, and I know we will get to know each other very soon. Until then, I wanted to give a brief introduction of myself and my family: Tabitha and I have been married for 13 years, and she is my greatest support in life and in ministry! We have two amazing kids, Cadence is 8, and Gregory is 6. Both of them are energetic and already love worship and music. I grew up in a small town in Florida, where on a good day we had 80 people in church. Some of the first songs I ever learned were from holding a hymn book in that small country church. I am so thankful for that influence in my life as a young boy. God began cultivating a heart for worship in my life, and as I grew up God afforded me opportunities to play instruments in church, sing in gospel quartets, and begin learning to lead.

Believe it or not, my music degrees are in Tuba Performance, and I love the Orchestral side of worship just as much as I do the Choir! I have been blessed to participate in and lead Senior Adult Choir in my past churches, and I have always cherished the people I get to worship with, the music we get to sing, and the ministry opportunities we get to experience together. I am excited to join with you all and be singing with you very soon!

Tim Bottoms | Worship Pastor

*Verse  
OF THE  
Month*

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."*

*2 Corinthians 3:17*





# A NOTE FROM DAN...

## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Thomas Paine was a revolutionary activist and poet whose writings inspired many during the war for our independence from Great Britain. Spiritually, he would be called a liberal. He was so critical of Christianity that at his death only 6 people attended his funeral, and there was no Covid-19! But he is well-known for the title phrase of a series of articles he wrote: "These are the times that try men's souls." I think we can all agree that we are being tested, and the make-up of our very souls will be revealed in these times. But as our nation is going through a type of revolution right now, I wanted us to remind each other of the reasons we have to celebrate America. Thank you for the following contributions!

Blessings,

*Dan*

**AL BEARD** | This country has a diversity of scenery, dialects, people, weather, and we are all free to enjoy each individual state and appreciate or dislike what we see in each one.

**JO ANN PIOTTER RHODES** | I love the fact that even though we have strong opposing opinions on many things, we still have safe and free elections. The change of elected officials is still a safe and free one, without civil war resulting. The election process is unknown in many parts of the world and insecure in many others.

**CHRIS VAUGHAN** | FREEDOM. There is no other country that one can say or act like we are doing today and live to tell about it. Where else can one stand up in a press conference and ask their president the questions they do President Trump. FREEDOM gives this right. We must keep law and order to maintain this FREEDOM. I love the freedom to go to Church, to attend SS, to be with family, to go hunting and fishing. Let's bring GOD back into this Country and fight for our FREEDOM.

**INDIA B GARRETT** | America has provided us with so many opportunities. All we have to do is work to take advantage of the opportunities available to us. We're not bound by anything but ourselves!

**JOYCE TURPIN** | I love Americans, all colors and creeds, Whenever there is a need we step up to help. We have stood strong for over 200 years. We were founded on Christian believes. we are truly a melting pot of cultures, foods, believes, colors, nationalities. Each group has given us something that makes us diverse and richer.



America, so far away...I remember thinking about home a lot when I patrolled the base camp with my K-9 Partner "Major". The gun and "Major" quickly reminded me that I didn't have the freedom to walk in the moonlight and just relax. I thought how nice that would be again one day. To hear the laughter of the family on a Sunday afternoon, to smell the hamburgers on the grill, and absorb the sights and sounds around me. I had taken all that for granted as a young 18-year old country boy. I remember praying to God that I would never take those times for granted again. All of a sudden, the night became very dark and I missed home. America, I'm coming home from this war one day, however God decides. I pray I never take life for granted again. God Bless this Country, Please. --Mike Meetze


Our Condolences to the Families of:

Lillian Ingersoll

6.5.20

Yvonne Boyd

6.18.20



TRIBUTE TO BETTY HAWSEY

Betty Jean Hawsey

March 25, 1936 –

June 3, 2020

We had to say farewell to a dear friend and a wonderful sister in Christ last month. Betty joined LBC in February of 1994 after the death of her husband, Rev. James Hawsey who pastored several churches in SC including FBC Swansea. Betty became the first editor of The Encourager Newsletter which was begun under the Sr. Adult Ministry of Rev. Stuart Thompson in 2005. Thank you, Betty for all you did in your service to the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dear friends, you have been so loving and faithful in keeping contact with me before and since J.W. was called to his heavenly home.

Cleo C. Daugherty



**Annual Celebration of Freedom**  
We will salute our military on Sunday, July 5 in both morning services (9:00 & 10:30am). To all veterans and active-duty personnel: If you can wear your uniform please do so!

FIT 4 FREEDOM

by Russ D. Rhodes

God has a plan for man.  
He set us free to be  
Men who:

Live righteously  
Serve faithfully  
Pray expectantly

Walk consistently  
Run cautiously  
Try repeatedly  
Fight victoriously

Worship heartily  
Praise thankfully  
Bless abundantly  
Sing joyfully

Work tirelessly  
Watch carefully  
Wait patiently  
Look hopefully

Dig deeply  
Sow creatively  
Reap abundantly

Give generously  
Share unselfishly  
Grow continuously

And ye shall know the truth,  
And the truth shall make you free.  
If the Son shall make you free,  
Ye shall be free indeed.  
John 8:32, 36

Thank you so much for all the cards you have sent and most of all, for the prayers. Please continue to remember us. We appreciate everything so much.

Sincerely,  
Pat Miles, Miriam Alewine  
and Nettie Alewine