



Birthdays In July

Edith King	July 2
Linda Hartmann	July 4
Henry Causey	July 18
Stephen Aremu	July 19
Paul Morrow	July 19
Kevin Newport	July 21
Kathy Birket	July 27
Damia DeCerbo	July 27
Timothy Morrow	July 27
Shanna James	July 28
Donna Williams	July 30
Kristina Wittman	July 30



Anniversaries In July

David & Judy Critchfield	July 1
Allen & Betty Brown	July 11
Garry & Susan Scutt	July 28

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- To the Deacons for the Father's Day Fellowship.
- To everyone who participated in the celebration ordination for Rev. David Mangieri
- To Dave Critchfield for keeping the church grounds looking great.
- To Amy Benson and everyone who participated and volunteered for Vacation Bible School 2007. We had 46 students and 19 teachers/workers.
- All our graduates for a job well done.



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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

One of the few remaining copies of the Declaration of Independence was put on display last October in Phoenix. A reporter for The Arizona Republic asked 11 citizens why the document was still relevant today. Here is a summary of their comments:

"It is like a Bible that has been in the family for generations."

"It is one of the world's most precious documents."

"It is a living breathing document with basic values underlying it."

"It began with some rabble-rousers who believed we should be free, that we should be able to choose our own destiny."

"The document is very much alive. It's organic. It is not archival material. It's real."

"I think the overwhelming message of the declaration is that it's okay to disagree with the government."

A pastor, Dr. William H. Stewart Sr., of the First Institutional Baptist Church, summarized the general consensus with these words: "It is one of the greatest documents that has ever been written about people seeking freedom from an oppressive power."

While political and personal freedoms are not the equivalent of spiritual freedom in Christ, they are blessings that should be available to all. Jesus, after all, identified himself as one coming to "proclaim release to the captives" (Luke 4:18).



THE TROUBLE TREE

A pastor told of hiring a carpenter to restore an old farmhouse. On the first day when the carpenter was to report for work, he was an hour late. His tardiness, he said, was because he found that his electric saw was not working, and in addition, he had found a flat tire on his old truck.

Nevertheless, he put in a full day's work. When finished, he got in his aged truck and turned the key in the ignition, only to find that the stubborn vehicle refused to start.

Seeing the problem, the pastor offered to take the carpenter home and the tradesman got in the pastor's car. They engaged in friendly conversation on the way and soon arrived at the man's home. Before exiting the car, the carpenter invited the preacher in to meet his family. They both got out and started toward the front entrance.

As they walked by a tree in the yard, the carpenter stopped for a second and touched the tips of several branches of the tree without comment. Entering the home, the smiling carpenter kissed his wife and hugged his two small children who had joyfully wrapped themselves about his legs. It was obvious that the family was close and quite happy.

After visiting awhile, the pastor made his way to his car with the carpenter accompanying him. As they passed by the tree again, the pastor said that he had noticed the tradesman had touched several branches of the tree with both hands when they had passed by earlier. "Why did you do that?," asked the curious pastor.

"Oh," said the carpenter, "that's my trouble tree. I know I can't help having trouble but I try to keep trouble out of my house as much as I can. When I come home each day, I touch the branches of the tree and symbolically leave my troubles on the tree. In the morning, I pick them up again. But, strangely, it always seems that when I am ready to deal with my troubles in the morning, I don't seem to have as many as I had the evening before."

Writing about this to his church members, the pastor suggested that Christians could use Christ as the "trouble tree." Thus we Christians could begin each new day with the love, compassion, hope and courage Christ provides to each of us.

Dave



THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Skipping stones, rock climbing and hiking are all fun summer activities. What do they all have in common? Rocks! Look at Psalm 18:2 to see the strength in the ONE rock we can depend upon.

Search the puzzle for the **BOLD** words from Psalm 18:2, and circle them. The words **MY** and **ROCK** only need to be found once.

"The **LORD** is **MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS** and **MY DELIVERER; MY GOD** is **MY ROCK**, in whom I TAKE REFUGE. HE is **MY SHIELD** and the **HORN** of **MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD.**"

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GOD ROCKS.