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FREE INDEED

We find ourselves in turbulent times. With the ongoing pandemic, protests, riots, looting, and racial tension, we come upon our 244th Independence Day. There are many in today's climate that look askance at the formation of this mighty nation. But as we commemorate our national freedom, we would do well to remember those who initiated our independence from England. Their passionate sacrifices for freedom were prompted by their abiding faith in Almighty God and His blessing on their struggle. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were chronicled in a speech by R. H. Limbaugh, Jr.:

"What kind of men were the 56 signers who adopted the Declaration of Independence and who, by their signing, committed an act of treason against the Crown? What happened to them?"

Ben Franklin was the only really old man. Eighteen were under 40; three were in their 20s. Of the 56, almost half--24--were judges and

Ministry Happenings . . .



Play Golf = Help Kids



The Camp Dixie Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for May 10 has been postponed until September 18, 2020. Join this year for the annual Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament on **Fri-day, Sept 18** at Cypress Lake Golf Course in Hope Mills, NC! All net proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide scholarship for campers who cannot afford the cost of summer camp.

CAMP DIXIE

It is with heavy hearts that our Camp Dixie Board of Directors and Staff announce the cancellation of our sessions of Summer Camp 2020. Throughout the decision making process, the spiritual and physical well-being of our campers and their families have been our top priority.



Because we believe that God works in powerful, life-transforming ways in the lives of our campers through the ministry of summer camp, we were motivated to prayerfully consider having Summer Camps this summer amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since receiving the *NC Interim Guidelines for Overnight Camps* on May 15, we have worked diligently on operational plans that would bring us into compliance with those guidelines, putting a plan in place for campers and staff that would mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the risk to our camper families and staff.

As we looked at our plans and assessed the risks based on the best available data and guidance, we determined that the wisest decision for Camp Dixie is to cancel our sessions for this summer.

Within the next two days, parents of campers who are currently registered for summer camp sessions will receive an email from us with a survey link. Your survey responses will give us direction on how we should handle the balance of money paid on your camper account.

We look forward to the day when we can once again partner with your family in providing you with a safe and life-giving summer camp experience. (From Camp Dixie website, May 25, 2020)

CAMP GEORGOLINA

It is with great sadness that we are announcing today that Camp Georgolina will be postponed until the 2021 season. The campgrounds in Blowing Rock, NC, have announced they are not allowing groups of more than 10 for the foreseeable future. We will take this time to pray and plan for next year's camp and cannot wait to see what God has in store for this program. Please pray for those in charge, for those making the hard decisions, for our leaders, and for our country. Stay safe and stay healthy. (From Camp Georgolina Facebook page, May 28, 2020)



CAMP SUWANNEE

It is with great regret and deep sadness that we must announce that Camp Suwannee will be postponed until the 2021 season.



We know and understand that the youth in our conference have been seriously impacted by the Covid -19 virus pandemic. They have missed many things that were their expected normal life and may be anxious, confused or deeply saddened.

However, the risk to their health, the health of the staff and leaders, as well as the risk to the Advent Christian Village where Camp Suwannee is located is still too great of a risk at this time.

We will take this time to pray and plan for next year's camp and cannot wait to see what God has in store for this program. Please pray for those in charge, for those making the hard decisions, for our leaders, and for our country. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Blessings,

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(Taken from Camp Suwannee Facebook page, May 31, 2020)

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lawyers. Eleven were merchants, 9 were land-owners and farmers, and the remaining 12 were doctors, ministers, and politicians...

Even before the list (of signers) was published, the British marked down every member of Congress suspected of having put his name to treason. All of them became the objects of vicious manhunts. Some were taken. Some, like Jefferson, had narrow escapes. All who had property or families near British strongholds suffered.

Of those 56 who signed the Declaration of Independence, nine died of wounds or hardships during the war. Five were captured and imprisoned, in each case with brutal treatment. Several lost wives, sons or entire families. One lost his 13 children. Two wives were brutally treated. All were at one time or another, the victims of manhunts and driven from their homes.

Twelve signers had their homes completely burned. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Yet not one defected or went back on his pledged word. Their honor, and the nation they sacrificed so much to create, is still intact...

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence proved by their every deed that they made no idle boast when they composed the

most magnificent curtain line in history. 'And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.'"

As you and your family enjoy the freedoms afforded us as believers and citizens of the United States of America, may we ever use that freedom to point others to the one who offers true and eternal freedom, Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God.

John 8:36 - *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (NIV)*

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Coming Events...

June 28	Adventual Heritage Sunday
August 30	Advent Christian Village Sunday
September	Stewardship Month
September 13	Student & Kids Sunday
September 18	Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament, Fayetteville, NC
September 20	Christian Education Sunday
September 27	Women's Sunday

Philippians 1:4-6

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.