



*Message of Truth
Radio Program*

Each Sunday at 8:45 am
WACB 860 AM

July Programs

- July 4th— “The Nation that Forgets God”
- July 11th— “Speak as the Oracles of God”
- July 18th— “What Will I Leave My Children?”
- July 25th— “The Faithful God”



Sunday 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:30 PM

Liledoun Road ANCHOR

July 4, 2004

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes – 10:00 am
AM Worship – 11:00 am
PM Worship – 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes – 7:30 pm

Elders

Fred Watkins
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A Declaration of Independence

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Here in the United States, July 4th is a national holiday. This is the day that we celebrate Independence Day commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Declaration established the United States of America as an independent nation, free from foreign rule, and standing alone on her own laws and principles. The Colonies - now the independent states – declared that they would no longer conform to the laws and edicts of the ruler that had governed them to that point. Here's a quote from that document: "The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States". The signers of the Declaration were determined to do what was necessary to break away from King George's grip – even if it involved armed conflict – because they knew that he wouldn't let them go without a

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News and Notes

To Our Visitors

It is always a joy to welcome visitors to our services. We are thankful for each one who has chosen to be present. A number of tracts and other materials are available in the lobby of the building. There is no charge for any of this material. If you would like to enroll in a free Bible Correspondence Course or an in home Bible study please mark that on your visitors card. We hope you will return and be with us at your every opportunity.



Welcome!

Remember In Prayer

Let's continue to pray for those who are sick and those who are dealing with trials in life. Alvin Bullington, Ethel Watson, Donna Bowles, Sandra Dixon, Don Carpenter, Ken Koko, Ben Tate, and Loretta Philips. Remember our soldiers in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Ladies Class

The Ladies Class will be held at Kay Watkins home on Thursday July 15th at 7:30 pm. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Area Events

The **Lenoir church of Christ** is having a summer series with different speakers on Tuesday evenings. See the bulletin board for times and a list of

speakers.

Gospel Meeting at the **Highland Acres church of Christ** July 4-8, 2004. Harold Redd of Memphis, TN is the speaker. Sunday afternoon services will be at 3:00 pm. Monday through Thursday services are at 7:30 pm.

The **Corinth church of Christ** in Woodleaf, NC will host a Teacher Training Series with Mike and Teresa Glenn of Crossville, TN on July 16-18. Friday evening sessions are from 7 pm to 9 pm. Saturday morning sessions will begin at 9 am and last till 4 pm. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend call (704) 278-0629 or (704) 278-4850 to let them know by July 12th so they can prepare food and refreshments.

Lessons Today

- **11:00 AM—**"Easy Ways to Miss Heaven"
- **6:00 PM—**"Let's Go Home"

How to Overcome A Habit

Habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter, it does not change "a bit." If you take off another, you will have a "bit" left. If you take off still another, the whole of "it" remains. If you take off another, "it" is destroyed; all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of a habit you must throw it off altogether.



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fight!

You too can make such a "declaration of independence" - from the ruler of THIS world, Satan! But you must be willing to lay down the THINGS of this world that have a grip on you. *

Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits SIN is a SLAVE of SIN" (John 8:34). ALL of us are sinners (Romans 3:23), thus we are ALL under its BONDAGE.

It is common for us to think of SIN as a SERVANT rather than a MASTER! When we CHOOSE to commit sin, we usually do so because we think that it will SERVE OUR interests - OUR selfish desires. **SIN is viewed as a tool to bring us pleasure, and we view ourselves as being in control. The sin will go no further than WE want it to go, and we can stop it whenever we want. But we are naïve! We are like Eve who only saw the forbidden fruit as a means to satisfy her desires and ambitions, but could not see the terrible consequences of her choice (see Genesis 3).**

Once we give in to SIN, we become enslaved to it. What we thought of as our SERVANT suddenly becomes our MASTER. **It takes us places we did NOT plan to go and causes changes in our lives that we NEVER intended!**

THEN - we realize that the great liberation and freedom that sin offered was only a TRAP! We find instead that we have SOLD ourselves into slavery, and it is a bitter slavery indeed!

The GOOD NEWS is that because of JESUS CHRIST, YOU and I can make a declaration of independence from Sin! Christ, through His death on the cross, paid the ransom price to free us from the bondage of sin (1 Peter 1:18-19). Christ ratified this Declaration of Independence from Sin with His own blood (Matthew 26:28). **You and I can "sign" the declaration through our obedient faith - trusting in God (Hebrews 11:6), repenting of sin (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confessing Jesus (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Signing the declaration is also expressing a commitment - to live according to its principles so that we can continue to be free from sin (1John 1:7).**

" Therefore if the Son makes you FREE, you shall be FREE INDEED" (John 8:36).

Will YOU sign the " Declaration of Independence from Sin"?

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