# MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Rick Aultman—Pastor



July 2023

July 10-14 Student Camp in Marshall, Tx

July 24-28 Vacation Bible School

#### Committee Work

The Nominating Committee, Budget Committee, and Committee on Committees are working toward the new church year beginning in September. The Committee on Committees will have sign-up tables in the church foyer for the next two weeks so that everyone will have time to think about where they can serve in the body of believers.

#### Freedom

There are two aspects of the freedom that is available to us. The first aspect is that freedom that we enjoy as citizens of the United States. We live in a relatively free society and have many options concerning the way we choose to live our lives. This freedom should be considered a blessing that has been given to us because of the sacrifice of many others. We thank God for this aspect of our freedom and ask Him to bless those who defend it. There is another aspect of the freedom that we have. This freedom is available to people of all nations and is possible, once again, through sacrifice. However, it is not the sacrifice of many but the sacrifice of one; His name is Jesus. Because of what Jesus did, we can know freedom that is not only political or civic but a freedom that is spiritual. Jesus offers us freedom from our sins and the coming judgement against wickedness.

As we celebrate the freedom that we have as Americans, let us remember this: If we, Americans, do not choose to live in spiritual freedom, then our civic and political freedom will not last. Remember that Jesus does not need Americans; Americans need Jesus.

Believing and Belonging, Bro Rick

#### **Connected Groups**

We will be reassigning our Connected Groups this month. This is a unique and fun way for all the members of our church to get to know one another better. We encourage everyone to sign up and designate on the signup sheet if you would like to be a host home.

#### Watoto Children's Choir

We are hosting the Watoto Children's Choir in the coming months. We need ten homes that will offer overnight accommodations for members of the group. Please sign up at church and don't miss this blessing.

#### **July Birthday Calendars**

Our July Birthday calendars are available in the foyer. We honor our Senior Saints over seventy: Sue Dean, Donna Rhymes, Carolyn Kirkpatrick.

# Ladies' game night will be on July 17 at 6:00 PM.

### Men's & Women's Bible Study

We will have men's and women's Bible Study every Sunday at 5:00 PM.

#### **Youth Camp**

Our Youth Camp will be from July 10 – July 14. It is for 7th to 12th grade. If your youth is interested in going or if you have any questions, please see Bro. Rick Aultman.

#### **Children's Field Trip**

Children's Fun Friday Field Trip will be on July 21 - more details to come.

#### Reminder

Please, no food and only clear bottled water should be brought into the Sanctuary.

#### **Shoe Box Ministry**

We will collect boys' and girls' toys, such as dolls, balls, yoyos, cars, trucks, etc. (A Wow Item). We also need soap (ivory or dial antibacterial). Donations to Shoe Box Ministry are always appreciated. For more information, please contact Susan Morgan.

## **Care & Share July**

Canned Fruit: fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, peaches.

#### **Stellar Vacation Bible School**

We will have Stellar Vacation Bible School from July 24th - July 28th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM each night. Our kickoff party will be Sunday, July 23, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Anyone wanting to help, please fill out a form in the foyer and give it to Melissa Duckworth or Jean Aultman. We will be working on decorations every Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 PM. All help is greatly appreciated.



July 2 – T. J. Thompson – Charline Odom July 9 – Mary Margaret Hoggatt – Savannah Hipp June 16 – July Gilley – Jeannie Deere July 23 – Rachel Gandy – Jessica McKay July 30 – Ann Church – Tracy Hoggatt



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