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Across the nation this Wednesday night fireworks will light the sky, bands will bellow with the sounds of John Philip Sousa. All this is for one reason—Independence Day.

Two hundred thirty-six years ago, the Declaration of Independence was signed, breaking the bondage long held by other countries. The freedoms we enjoy every day are a result of this action, therefore we celebrate it annually.

Almost 2000 years ago the spiritual “declaration of independence” was signed for all humanity when Christ died on the cross, breaking the bonds of sin and death long held by Satan. This “declaration” permits us to have a more abundant life here as well as eternal life after death. Tomorrow you will celebrate the freedom of our nation. Do you have cause to celebrate your spiritual freedom, or are you still a slave to sin?

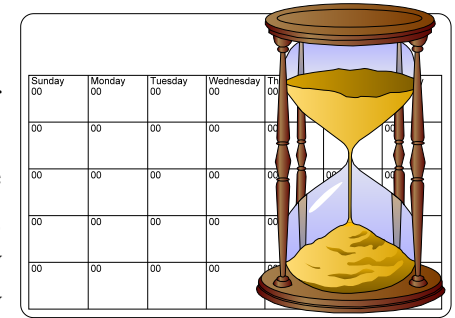
—Marty Edwards❖

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Each year we have days that are special to us such as birthdays or anniversaries. Early in one’s life, or in a marriage, these days seem to come slowly, but as time progresses, they seem to come quickly. They are never early or late. They are always right on time.



Such regularity reminds us that time slows down, nor speeds up, for no one. With each passing day, we’re one day closer to departing this life. Let’s remember the words of James when he stated that our life is “*even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*”

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Ruby and I are deeply grateful to the church at Munfordville for sending us to New Mexico and paying for the gas, food, and lodging. We appreciate the prayers for our safety and all the texts and emails which kept us company during those long drives across the desert.

We saw breath-taking scenery which reminds us if a temporary home can be so beautiful, how beautiful and indescribable Heaven must be.

Last Sunday morning we worshiped with a congregation in Van Horn, Texas in southwest Texas. The group was small and with us there the attendance was 12. We worshiped at the Las Cruces congregation on Sunday evening.

On Tuesday we went north through the panhandle of Texas then east across the panhandle of Oklahoma. We experienced temperatures of 115 degrees. We later read that the two panhandles were the hottest temperatures in the U. S. that day.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Allen Riffle, Lillian Riffle, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards.**

—Congratulations to **Allen Riffle** who was baptized last Sunday evening in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Ruby and I drove out to New Mexico and I baptized him at the church building where he, Breanna, and Lillian attend services. We very much enjoyed our visit with them while there.

—Ruby will be leaving this Thursday to go to Arkansas for a visit but also to speak at a ladies day at her home congregation in Berryville.

—Thanks to **Jerry Edwards** and **Larry Compton** for filling in for me while I was away.

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On Wednesday night we stayed at Ruby's parents in Berryville, Arkansas in the northwest corner of Arkansas and went to services there that evening. Interestingly, we were married 26 years ago that very evening, June 27, in that building. We arrived home on Thursday about 6:00 p.m.

I want to personally thank Ruby for driving the entire 3,095 miles. Due to my recent medical issues and medicines we thought it best for her to drive. But, this provided an excellent opportunity for me to keep all informed via texts, emails, and take a lot of pictures. I sent 1,193 texts while we were traveling and took 1,122 pictures. Yes, it was best that I was not driving.

Email me for a link to view a video of Allen's baptism. Over the next few days I'll have some selections from the pictures posted and share them. We are very thankful and glad to be home safe but glad we were able to go on this mission trip. —Marty

Sunday, June 24, 2012

Classes	14	Larry Compton
Preaching	18	Larry Compton
Contribution	\$527.00	
Evening	15	Jerry Edwards

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

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Bible Quiz

John was told not to write the voice of what?

Last Week's Answer— A little book (Revelation 10:10)

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Christopher Duncan — July 7

Mitch Duncan — July 27

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)