

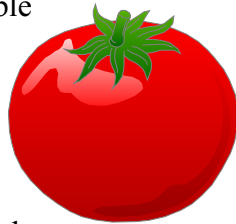
Munfordville Church of Christ

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Garden Fresh

This time of year one of the most enjoyable things to do in a rural area is to have fresh vegetables from a garden. There is no time that foods such as tomatoes, corn, beans, etc., taste as good as when first picked from the garden and brought right to the table.



With the nature of seasons and crops, we only get to enjoy that fresh garden taste for days and weeks at best and then it's over until the next year. Even then, due to drought, disease, pest, etc., the vegetables might not be as good as the previous year.

We cherish the fresh taste that can only be had for a little while. Vegetables canned or frozen and consumed later just are not the same. Wouldn't it be nice if every tomato, anytime, always tasted as wonderful as when first picked right from the garden?

I can't help but think of Revelation 22:2 where we are told that the tree of life yields it's fruit every month. In Heaven, the saved will be able to partake of this fruit "every month." Whatever this may entail, we can know that it will always be fresh and new and beyond anything we could ever possibly partake of in this life. It will never

taste stale, old, or anything but the freshest of fresh.

We wait with great anticipation for a garden to produce it's fresh fruit. Let's anticipate Heaven and work and live in such a way that we can partake of that monthly fruit from the tree of life—eternally.

—Marty Edwards ❖



Romans 6:22, *"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."*

This coming Tuesday is Independence Day. We as a nation celebrate our freedom from the bondage of another nation. The United States declared its independence in 1776—241 years ago. Perhaps with time, people have lost sight of what it really means to be in bondage. We might never in our lifetimes experience true bondage to another land.

There is another freedom that is so much more than freedom from the bonds of a nation. It is the freedom from sin. I don't think people realize the seriousness of being bound by sin. When you are, you are not in a covenant relationship with the LORD. If you leave this life a servant to sin, your soul will be eternally lost.

It's interesting that the words "free" and "sin" only occur in the same verse within the book of Romans. No doubt the people of Rome could relate to the freedom that their citizenship gave them. It gave them certain rights, freedom from punishment being uncondemned as Paul wrote in Acts 16, and protection from other nations. There was a certain comfort found by being a Roman citizen.

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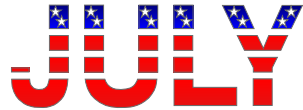
Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Wanda Bozarth**, the mother of Ruby Edwards, has been quite sick and hospitalized in Springfield, Missouri. She is

now back home in Arkansas. Ruby is spending some time there. **Herbert and Betty Franklin**, parents of Stewart, were involved in a head-on collision last Sunday evening on their way to services. Fortunately the injuries were not as serious as first thought. They both were released from the hospital that same evening.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.



Birthdays

Christopher Duncan — July 7

Mitch Duncan — July 27

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Paul, in talking about being free from sin knew the readers in Rome could understand how wonderful it was to be free from bondage. He was letting them know there is an even greater freedom. That freedom is from sin that leads to life eternal. This freedom is given by Christ. Paul wrote in Romans 8:2, “*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*”

Even though we are free in our nation, we still obey the laws and are in a since still servants to authority by our obedience. The same applies within the LORD. We are indeed free from sin, but we are servants to the LORD. We are told in Romans 6:18, “*Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*”

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Sunday, June 25, 2017		
Classes	13	I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Preaching	23	Acts 16:9-40
Contribution	\$615.00	
Evening	7	Revelation 13:1-18
Wednesday, June 28, 2017		
Classes	5	Hosea 10:1-15

Visitors— Jun 25 (AM) Lee & Tara Cain (San Diego, California)

Bible Quiz

Where was John standing when he saw a beast rise out of the sea?

Last Week’s Answer— Two wings of a great eagle (Revelation 12:14)

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We are free and yet servants. We serve the LORD where we are free from sin and death and have eternal life. Revelation 22 says we reign and are yet servants. Revelation 22:3, “. . . *and his servants shall serve him.*” Revelation 22:5, “. . . *and they shall reign for ever and ever.*” To be a servant to the LORD is to have everlasting life and true freedom.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)