



Our Saviour's Good News

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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Phronesis (φρόνησις) in Philippians

There is a common thread in Philippians that is not as evident with the English translation. Paul uses the word "phronesis" seven times in his letter but it is translated differently to reflect the meanings of this word.

Phronesis is defined as "have an attitude", "to ponder" and "to hold a view". To go a bit further, phronesis can be considered as a mindset or a way of thinking. The beauty of the original Greek is that after hearing or reading the word phronesis seven times, it will grab your attention!

Below are the seven occurrences of phronesis. Read through these and see if this changes your interpretation in any way. Try reading it out loud and substitute the word "phronesis" where the underlined and bold words are.

Phil 1:7	⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.
2:1-2	So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind , having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
2:5	⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
3:15	¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.
3:19	¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
4:2	² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.
4:10	¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

The overall arching theme here is Paul is asking us to reject the old way of worldly thinking and accept a new way of thinking and seeing things through Christ. And Paul does not continue to pound them into this new way of thinking rather he is sharing how he is doing this as well. Paul was trying to get the Philippians to understand that through Christ, there is a whole new way of thinking - a better way of thinking and living. This explains how to accomplish what Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13 - we can only do all things through Christ only when we change our way of thinking.

Paul was not naïve to think that everyone grasps this mindset instantly (Phil 3:15). Where are you on your spiritual journey? I would love to hear your stories!

Pastor Pete

Pentecost



WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

WHAT HAPPENED ON PENTECOST?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in [Acts 2:1-41](#)).

WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL COLOR FOR PENTECOST?

Red is the liturgical color for this day. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

WHY IS PENTECOST SOMETIMES CALLED "WHIT SUNDAY"?

A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals (particularly those from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition) still use this term.

WHY IS THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION OFTEN CELEBRATED ON PENTECOST?

Confirmation Sunday is the day when young people who have been instructed in basic Christian doctrine confess their faith in the presence of the church. The key to understanding confirmation is to recognize that the faith the confirmands confess is not of their own making; it is the gift of God that He gives through His means of grace. The Holy Spirit who empowered the disciples to preach the risen Christ two thousand years ago is the same Spirit who empowers the confirmands to make their confession. This is why many churches celebrate the rite of confirmation on Pentecost.

WHAT IS THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST?

Because Pentecost is the day that God poured out His Holy Spirit on Christ's disciples, the Season after Pentecost is centered on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day to day life of the Christian. This is reflected in the liturgical color for this season: green, the color of life and growth. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit, Christians are enabled to trust in Christ and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the church year -- it lasts from [Trinity Sunday](#) until the first Sunday of [Advent](#). This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, almsgiving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us by His grace to share the Gospel with others.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

There are three "mega-festivals" commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His one and only Son, and Christ's [Easter](#) triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us the gift of saving faith. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe and trust in Christ as our Savior. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
April 17, 2017 Council Minutes**



Devotions: Steve Digh; read by Bill Trudnak

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak.

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White, Bud Penley, Alice Vlaservich, Teri Trudnak and Robbie Wooten. **Absent:** Becky Messick, Shirlee Marazza, Steve Digh.

Minutes for March 20, 2017 were reviewed. Motion made by Bill Trudnak to approve the minutes and a second was given by Bud Penley.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. Reviewed; no action taken. Information from Lutheran Military & Families Ministries, Inc., to be placed in bulletin for consideration.
- b. NALC Seminary financial support request. A motion was made by Melinda White to collect loose/love offering each Sunday in May to support this cause. Bud Penley seconded that motion.

Report of the Pastor: N/A;

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Alice Vlaservich.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Light bulbs replaced in Activity Building; floor tile in women's restroom repaired, and the church grounds to be sprayed with Roundup for weed control.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report.
- c. Worship & Music: Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast was prepared. Robbie Wooten will join the Music & Worship committee.
- d. Youth Team: No report.
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be delivered.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS is scheduled for 6/18-6/22/17 at Philadelphia Lutheran beginning at 5:30pm with light supper and class will run from 6:15-8:15 pm. OSLC will be serving the meal that week on Tuesday 6/20/17. Seeking volunteers/helpers for VBS.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Rachel Circle: Met at the home of Betty Clemmer for bible study and refreshments.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Report on Upper Room devotional book: checking the expiration date of current subscription then trial the newly suggested devotional, The Upper Room. A motion was made by Melinda White to trial the new subscription and Robbie Wooten seconded that motion.
- b. Working on Pastor Agreement and job description for Pastor Feigh.

New Business:

- a. A computer projector was purchased using memorial funds from Eleanor Clonger's fund.
- b. NALC 2017 convocation, Newton, NC: May 19-20.
- c. The Council will not replace Jon Clemmer's appointment

- at this time. Council will remain at 9 members until next election.
- d. Discussion was had regarding the frequency of communion for Worship Service. Robbie Wooten made a motion to continue communion on a monthly basis and church holiday schedule as previously. Also will be offered is communion by intinction weekly after the worship service for parishioners interested. Teri Trudnak gave a second on that motion.
- e. A fellowship covered dish luncheon after Sunday worship service will begin May 21st and thereafter each third Sunday of the month. We will try this instead of Family Night. Robbie Wooten made a motion we try this idea and Alice Vlaservich seconded.

General Information:

- a. Attendance
- b. Kids Alive Report.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 15, 2017 Devotions: Teri Trudnak

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NALC NEWSLETTER

If you want to find out what is going on in the NALC, you can do it in two ways:

1. Go on line and type in thenalc.org. Once you have their home page click on to Newsletter and select the newsletter month you wish to read or print out.
2. Go to Our Saviour's website (oslc-nc.org) and pull up our home page. Click on Link and then click on North American Lutheran Church. This will pull up NALC home page. Follow the same procedure mentioned in 1.

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LOOKIE! LOOKIE!

CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Our website has been redesigned by Renee Falkenberg who has also been maintaining it.

NEW FEATURES have been added, such as;

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DAILY DEVOATIONAL FROM NALC

MONTHLY CALENDAR

So check out our website.

SPECIAL THANKS to Renee Falkenberg for redesigning our website and helping maintaining it.

FATHER'S DAY

Our Father in Heaven
 Bless all fathers today.
 Those who are young
 And those with hair of grey.
 As Head of the House
 Give them a firm hand,
 On questions of right
 To take a firm stand.
 Help them remember
 In all that they do,
 That they were made
 In the image of you.
 Alice E. Freeman, Stratford, Ontario



THE WORTH OF A BOY

Nobody knows what a boy is worth,
 And the world must wait and see;
 For every man in an honored place,
 Is a boy that use to be.
 -----Unknown-----



“If a son shall ask bread of any of that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye than, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” ----- Luke 11:11-13



“We’re hoping it will increase our giving.”

Why I Like Retirement !

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? **Answer:** The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire? **Answer:** Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire? **Answer:** NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal .

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth. And, my very favorite....

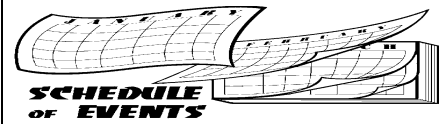
QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING. Saturday & Sunday, REST.

June 2017



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i>	5 <i>Team Mtg.</i>	6 <i>D-Day</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Holy Trinity Sun.</i>	12 <i>Board Mtg.</i>	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Discover your strength in God"						
25 <i>3rd Sun after Pentecost</i>	26	27 <i>Prayer Group</i>	28	29	30	

- June 4— The Day of Pentecost.
- June 5— Team Meetings—Youth at 6:30 pm
Other Teams at 7:00pm
- June 6—D-Day WWII
- June 11— Holy Trinity Sunday
RACHEL DAY
- June 12—Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
- June 14— FLAG DAY
Gaston Together (see p 8)
- June 18-22—VBS
- June 18— 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



FATHERS DAY

- June 21— Begins on the 21th. 
- June 25— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 26—
- June 27—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm

Holy Communion Schedule:

June 5: Day of Pentecost



Worship Service Assistance:

Altar Guild: Joann Scarborough

Acolyte: Nick Vlaservich

Crucifer: Nick Vlaservich

Communion

Asst: Yvonne Finger

Lay Reader: Marie Robinson

Worship Asst: Yvonne Finger

Greeters: OSLC Members

Ushers: OSLC Members



FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Green Beans, Grits, Rice**



CHOIR PRACTICE DURING MONTH OF JUNE 7 PM
Except for June 21



Birthdays

- 2 Yvonne Finger
- 9 Jeff Dease
- 11 Alice Vlaservich
- 12 Wayne Ann Penley
- 13 Bud Penley
- 20 Anna Cole



- Marie Robinson
- Joann Scarborough
- Ben Finger



3rdBud & Wayne Ann Penley
17thDan & Donna Clemmer

Board Devotions: Shirlee Marazza



Nursery Guardians Schedule

- June 4 Julie Digh
- June 11 Melinda White
- June 18 Becky Messick
- June 25 Joann Scarborough



FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- June 4 Wayne Ann Penley
- June 11 Nick Vlaservich
- June 18 Becky Messick
- June 25 Julie Digh

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

MORENOPEN DATES:



725 Gastonia Technology Parkway
Post Office Box 475
Dallas, North Carolina 28034
Phone: 705-922-4648
Email: oslcdallas@aol.com
Web-site: oslc-nc.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 18-22
5:30 pm—8:30 pm
At
Antioch Lutheran Church

"Hero Central"
"DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH OF GOD"

Supper: 5:30 pm-6:10 pm
VBS: 6:15 pm—8:15 pm

There will be a closing celebration
and ice cream social on Thursday evening.

Programs from Nursery to Adults

Volunteers are needed...
PLEASE FILL OUT FORM ENCLOSED

Churches involved: Antioch, Holy Communion, OSLC,
Philadelphia and St. Paul's

OSLC will prepare supper on June 20..Help will be needed

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Help fill the pantry
at the
Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the

OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or
reside at home* and visit them.

Marilyn Finger*
1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

Ralph Summey*
1612 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas

Jerri Presley*
2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas



EVENTS

for
Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:
Telephone: 919-552-9421
e-mail: agape@agapekurebeach.org

Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:
Telephone 910-458-0783
e-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other
information on the bulletin board or go on-line

Events For
Lutheridge -
Lutherock-
Lutherspring-
Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com



HELP! HELP!

GO OUT ON A LIMB
GET INVOLVED

BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT
A positions are still open. Participate in the
service of the Lord and sign up.



Sign up sheets for the 2016 calendar year
are on the wall in the Education wing.

A Stewardship Minute

The June issue of *Stewardship* has a story about a writer for a Chicago newspaper some years ago. His name was Vaughn Shoemaker and he must have been quite saintly. I say that because when someone asked him about his spiritual life he did not boast, but he said that he took his faith seriously and started each morning at work praying for God's guidance. He said he began by kneeling and saying "God, whatever talent that I have you have given me and developed in me. Take it and use it. Guide my hand."

Wouldn't you have liked to know Mr. Shoemaker? He surely set an example for those who worked with him. What a steward he was ... What a saint!

A story is told about a teacher in a Christian seminary who one night made a vow to God that went something like this: "Dear Father, I vow tonight to take upon myself all saintly disciplines. I will pray often, spend time daily with your Word, and use any of my talents to serve you and your Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. It will be my goal to become a saint in this life with your guidance and support. Amen." After some years

of serving God with all of his being, he died. Many of the mourners present said that he truly was a saint through and through. Being realistic about how most of us live, not many of us will achieve sainthood. But we are required by Scripture to be worthy stewards. Here is what St. Paul said in First Corinthians Chapter 4, verse 2: "It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." Enough said!

Prayer: "Dear Lord, we are yours. Use us in whatever way we are needed. As long as we live." **Amen**



The History of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "Father's Day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

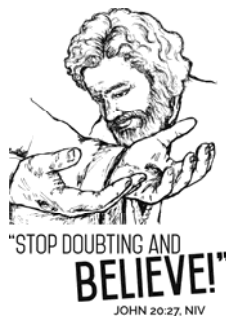
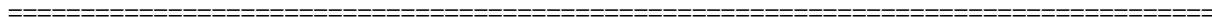
Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "Father's Day."

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.



Church News



GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION

June 6, 2017
12:30 to 2:00 pm
Hudson Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital
Lunch in cafeteria at noon, if you wish



WAKE-UP CHURCH will meet in the

Activity Building on June 6, 2017

At
6:30 pm



If you need a Pastor, please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805 or our office at 704-922-4648.

CLWRACHEL GROUP

will not meet during months of June and July



"PRAYER GROUP"

Will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza June 27th at 1:00 pm



LET US PRAY... *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up."* (James 5:13-15)

PRAYER CONCERNS:



MARGARET Addington (friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Braddy, ANN Digh (Steve Digh's mother-colon cancer HUNTER Digh (Steve and Julie Digh's nephew -cancer), MARILYN Finger, LEVI Friday (Joan Scarborough's nephew) CHARLIE Fox (friend of the Ratchford's), ROBERT Gentile (friend of Shirlee Marazza-heart attack), ANNA Harbour (CDIFF-Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter), JEAN Huffstetler, LESLIE Hunsucker, JOHNNY Lineberger (friend of the community), MARY Johnson (Pastor Feige's mother-in-law), ELAINE Kanupp (friend of the Digh's—colon cancer), HALEY Mauney (brain blockage— daughter of Julie Digh's co-worker), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson— leukemia), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White) JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, LEIGH Sellers (college friend's daughter of Libby Bickley), RALPH Summey, KIM Tucker (friend of Joann Scarborough-heart surgery) GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), SHERREE B Turner (mother of Jason Turner), KELLY Walters



The term 'flag day' has two significant definitions. The first definition states that a day is decided so as to fly a flag in a certain area and the other definition signifies that a day is determined to specially honor an event involving a day, like its adoption or creation. The national law or decree can decide where and how the flags can be flown. The flag days are usually codified in the national statutes.

The flag of the United States was born on a year just after the independence of the nation. There is a special significance for differentiating the Flag Day from the Independence Day.

The declaration of America to become a country of its own was not the only reason why the flag was created. On June 14th, it was the first day that the flag of America was hoisted with recognition. In 1777, the first flag was hoisted, since continental congress did not want to use The British Union Jack. The first flag of the country, the grand union was hoisted on a flagpole.

What does the US Flag stand for?

The colors of the flag denote the struggle for freedom. The stars represent the colonies. The red color, which is separated, signifies the separation of America from the rule of Great Britain. The pointed stars represent the colonies under united governing body. The designing and colors spread over the flag, manifest loyalty, honor and essence of patriotism that kindled in the hearts of those who fought for freedom. Therefore, the Flag Day recognizes the work of those who created such an amazing piece of work that displays patriotism and independence.

Hence on every June 14th, it is every citizen's prime responsibility to show gratitude and feel the true essence of the significance of the united colors of the national flag. The Flag Day is popularly known as the National Flag Day.

How it all started?

Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916, according to which June 14 was recognized as the Flag Day. After the resolution of the Continental Congress in 1777, the day was recognized as the Flag Day. The Flag Day was not celebrated as a holiday then, but the state of Pennsylvania was the first to celebrate this day as a holiday. On the Flag Day, a long parade is held in the City of Troy.

George Balch, a New York City kindergarten teacher first conceived the idea of observing the Flag Day. He arranged activities and ceremonies for the children in the school on June 14, 1889. Next the State Board of education adopted the idea and Flag Day celebration followed one or two years later. In 1891, the Betsy Ross house held a celebration and in 1892, the New York Society of the Sons observed the day.

After this, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America requested the mayor of Philadelphia to hoist the flag on the Flag Day and observe the significance. After two days, the Board of Managers Pennsylvania Society of the sons of Revolution voted the day as the Flag Day. Since that day Flag Day is observed on June 14th. Later, the Flag Day became a national holiday. President Truman also signed an act and designated June 14 as the National Flag day.

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS: A NATIONAL SYMBOL

The design for the current U.S. flag started out as a high school history project in 1958 when there was talk of Alaska and Hawaii becoming states.

Robert Heft, a junior in Lancaster, Ohio, decided the Flag's design shouldn't be changed radically if two more stars were added with the admission of the nation's 49th and 50th states.

He spent hours sewing the new combination of stars. His mother, more adept with a needle, refused to help because she feared her son's project would be desecrating the flag.

His grade on the project was a B-minus.

Heft's teacher, Stanley Pratt, said the idea lacked originality but promised a better grade if lawmakers would consider the design. The boy contacted his congressman, Rep. Walter Moeller, and on July 4, 1960, Congress adopted Heft's creation as the nation's 27th flag.

Heft had his grade changed to an A.

The flag "is a symbol of the countless freedoms we enjoy and the responsibilities we must maintain as caring as loyal Americans," Heft said by telephone from his home in Saginaw, Mich. "HAPPY FLAG DAY on June 14."

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the nation's first official flag. Eighteen years later, more stars and stripes were added to accommodate the addition of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. The 1818 flag, however, went back to 13 strips, with only stars representing the states, which at that time total 20.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, President Lincoln refused to have stars for the Southern states removed. Union soldiers fought under a 33-star flag, a 34-star flag when Kansas became state in 1861, and a 35-star flag in 1863 when West Virginia broke from Confederate Virginia.

Flag Day was first observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the selection of the nation's first flag.

The original designer may have been Francis Hopkinson, who submitted a bill to Congress, payable in several casks of wine for his efforts.

D-DAY

During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

Preparing for D-Day

After World War II began, Germany invaded and occupied northwestern France beginning in May 1940. The Americans entered the war in December 1941, and by 1942 they and the British (who had been evacuated from the beaches of Dunkirk in May 1940 after being cut off by the Germans in the Battle of France) were considering the possibility of a major Allied invasion across the English Channel. The following year, Allied plans for a cross-Channel invasion began to ramp up. In November 1943, Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), who was aware of the threat of an invasion along France's northern coast, put Erwin Rommel (1891-1944) in charge of spearheading defense operations in the region, even though the Germans did not know exactly where the Allies would strike. Hitler charged Rommel with finishing the Atlantic Wall, a 2,400-mile fortification of bunkers, landmines and beach and water obstacles

Did You Know?

The Normandy American Cemetery, overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, was established on June 8, 1944, as the first U.S. cemetery in Europe during World War II. It holds the graves of more than 9,300 U.S. servicemen who died in the D-Day invasion or subsequent missions.

In January 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower (1890-1969) was appointed commander of Operation Overlord. In the months and weeks before D-Day, the Allies carried out a massive deception operation intended to make the Germans think the main invasion target was Pas-de-Calais (the narrowest point between Britain and France) rather than Normandy. In addition, they led the Germans to believe that Norway and other locations were also potential invasion targets. Many tactics were used to carry out the deception, including fake equipment; a phantom army commanded by George Patton and supposedly based in England, across from Pas-de-Calais; double agents; and fraudulent radio transmissions.

A Weather Delay: June 5, 1944

Eisenhower selected June 5, 1944, as the date for the invasion; however, bad weather on the days leading up to the operation caused it to be delayed for 24 hours. On the morning of June 5, after his meteorologist predicted improved conditions for the following day, Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for Operation Overlord. He told the troops: "You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you." Later that day, more than 5,000 ships and landing craft carrying troops and supplies left England for the trip across the Channel to France, while more than 11,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion.

D-Day Landings: June 6, 1944

By dawn on June 6, thousands of paratroopers and glider troops were already on the ground behind enemy lines, securing bridges and exit roads. The amphibious invasions began at 6:30 a.m. The British and Canadians overcame light opposition to capture beaches codenamed Gold, Juno and Sword, as did the Americans at Utah Beach. U.S. forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach, where there were over 2,000 American casualties. However, by day's end, approximately 156,000 Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches. According to some estimates, more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives in the D-Day invasion, with thousands more wounded or missing.

Less than a week later, on June 11, the beaches were fully secured and over 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed at Normandy.

For their part, the Germans suffered from confusion in the ranks and the absence of celebrated commander Rommel, who was away on leave. At first, Hitler, believing the invasion was a feint designed to distract the Germans from a coming attack north of the Seine River, refused to release nearby divisions to join the counterattack. Reinforcements had to be called from further afield, causing delays. He also hesitated in calling for armored divisions to help in the defense. Moreover, the Germans were hampered by effective Allied air support, which took out many key bridges and forced the Germans to take long detours, as well as efficient Allied naval support, which helped protect advancing Allied troops

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In the ensuing weeks, the Allies fought their way across the Normandy countryside in the face of determined German resistance, as well as a dense landscape of marshes and hedgerows. By the end of June, the Allies had seized the vital port of Cherbourg, landed approximately 850,000 men and 150,000 vehicles in Normandy, and were poised to continue their march across France.

Victory in Normandy

By the end of August 1944, the Allies had reached the Seine River, Paris was liberated and the Germans had been removed from northwestern France, effectively concluding the Battle of Normandy. The Allied forces then prepared to enter Germany, where they would meet up with Soviet troops moving in from the east.

The Normandy invasion began to turn the tide against the Nazis. A significant psychological blow, it also prevented Hitler from sending troops from France to build up his Eastern Front against the advancing Soviets. The following spring, on May 8, 1945, the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. Hitler had committed suicide a week earlier, on April 30.

2017 Court Square Summer Concert

(presented by the Town of Dallas and the Gaston County Museum of Art & History)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 6:00—8:30 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and local craft beverage from Ole Dallas Brewery. For more information contact Jason Luker, Assistant Director of the Gaston Museum, at 704-922-7681 ext. 105 or Jason.luker@gaston.gov.com.

◆ Saturday, June 10 — Midnight Allie

Out of North Myrtle Beach and lead by Allie Privette, **Midnight Allie** kicks off the service with some swinging beach music and a mix of rhythm and blues.

◆ Saturday, July 8— The Whiskey Gentry

The Whiskey Gentry, out of Atlanta, is set to release its third full-length studio album entitled *Dead Ringer* this spring. The husband and wife duo of Lauren Staloy and Jason Morrow and bandmates incorporate deep country, Americana, honky-tonk, bluegrass and stiff shot of gritty rock 'n' roll in their music.

◆ Saturday, August 12—Almost Vintage

Morganton based, classic-rock groove-maters **Almost Vintage** begins the feeling of a carefree Woodstock afternoon to any venue they play! Steeped in the sound of the 60s, 70s and 80s, they transport listeners to a simpler time when music spoke for a generation.

◆ Saturday, September 9—The Catalinas

Since its creation in 1957, over 60 accomplished guitarists, keyboardists, trumpet players, drummers, bass players and singers have been part of **The Catalinas**. The band owner, Gary Barker of Statesville, has performed with the band since 1965 and attributes its long success to the ongoing popularity of beach music and the tunes the band has composed, particularly "*Summertime's Calling Me*" in the 70s.



Graduating



Garrett Lowery graduated from Limestone College on May 4 . Garrett received a degree of Bachelor of science. Congratulation Garrett and good luck.

2017 MISSION EMPHASIS FOR JUNE - JAARS

JAARS Day – An opportunity to visit – a great family trip

Spend a day at our headquarters in Waxhaw, North Carolina! Ride in a helicopter or a five-seat plane. See how people get Internet in the rainforest. Record your voice into the JESUS film. You'll get an up-close look at Bible translation—and why it relies on practical support like boats, 4WDs, and software. JAARS Days coming up: June 13, August 8, October 10th all on Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Our museums take a close look at the heart of our work—language, culture, and Bible translation. Come trace the history of writing. Or study a Mexican president who deeply valued minority languages. Want to bring your class, club, or church group? We'll give you a guided tour. Just contact us at least a few days in advance. Every JAARS Day is different. In the past, we've hosted a NASCAR team, motorcyclists, a 5K run, and other mission organizations.

Book a Group Tour online or call 704-843-6066 - Make a Day of It. Pack a picnic, or buy lunch here. Drop by historic downtown Waxhaw for coffee, antique shopping, or a walking tour. Hike or camp at Cane Creek Park or Andrew Jackson State Park. You're also welcome to stay in our on-site housing.

Hours Monday–Saturday (Closed major holidays)

9 a.m.–noon, 1–4 p.m.

Contact: www.jaars.org Location: 6409 Davis Road Waxhaw NC 28173

The Bible is the best tool we have for becoming more like Christ. First, it's an incredible guide—a lamp for our feet (Ps 119:105). And second, the Holy Spirit can speak through it to change our hearts and minds (Rom 12:2). With God's Word, entire communities can find freedom from sin, fear, selfishness, and destructive behaviors.

JAARS sponsors Missions at the Airport. In May there is a special day at Winnsboro, SC on May 9 from 10:00 am – 5 pm. The team will offer airplane and helicopter rides at the Fairfield County Airport Wings and Wheels Air Festival. (There are three Missions at the Airport in NJ.)

JAARS staff has many qualified personnel who give training at their center in Waxhaw. Also they travel to give on the job training to missionaries, and also to those who are preparing to enter the missions field. In February, John Pepper, traveled to Cote d'Ivoire to provide riders safety and maintenance training for eight translation team members who will be using motorcycles to accomplish their daily work. They sincerely thank everyone who prayed and gave, which provided the needed resources to meet their transportation needs. Now these Bible translators have access to more independent travel within their project areas.

Museum of the Alphabet

Where did writing begin? And who created our alphabets? Trace the history of writing systems, from the ancient world to today. See maps, paintings, and sculptures. Take quizzes. Examine a copy of the Rosetta Stone, a 150-year-old Torah scroll, and a handmade lyre. (Music is a language, too!) You can also print your name in Arabic, Assyrian, Hebrew, and Punjabi (as well as other languages.) Displays include: replica of Gutenberg's Printing Press, and cuneiform archeology display. Enjoy the beautiful drawings in each room from floor to ceiling and sculptures created by various missionaries.

Mexico-Cárdenas Museum

Absorb yourself in Mexican culture with folk art, photos, artifacts, and clothing. Along the way, you'll learn about Lázaro Cárdenas, Mexico's president from 1934 to 1940. He was close friends with our founder, Cameron Townsend, who led early efforts to study Mexican languages. He even gave Townsend a 1938 Chevrolet; see it parked right in the museum.

Why is JAARS a working arm of Bible translation?

Bible translation is about giving people the best resource for knowing God—in a language that speaks to their minds and hearts. That's the simple answer. Translation impacts people in many ways, and it looks different for every community. Practical, day-to-day support can make Bible translation possible. We at JAARS have believed that and helped to provide that support for 60 years.

That's why we help our partners get the support they need most, whether that's Internet access, lifejackets, 4WD, motorcycles, motorboats, or a flight to a remote village. First, we identify their top needs and research solutions. Then we make it easy for people like you to help. And for every project, we share updates and photos on our website as work moves forward. Learn more about how you can get involved.

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Another goal is helping people understand and relate to God more deeply. You don't need a Bible to be a Christian, of course. But without one, it's a lot harder to grasp certain concepts—or to hang onto your faith during tough times. Scriptures let people study and reflect for themselves, truly owning and growing in their relationship with God. A few examples are listed below.

1) A former shaman in Vanuatu was sent out as a missionary—before he really understood the gospel. What did he tell people? “You have to work hard to get into heaven.” Then he joined a Bible translation team. After working on Galatians, he finally understood: “There's nothing we can do to be saved. [We're saved through] the blood of Jesus.” Grace - not works.

2) Sivini was a ruthless killer. His village was in an all-out war with the Kamano-Kafe, a neighboring group in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. By chance, he wound up at a Bible translation workshop—right alongside his enemies. As they studied Cain and Abel, he saw the faces of people he had killed. Sivini repented on the spot, and later told his people not to retaliate when they were attacked

3) "I wondered if they weren't just preaching their own ideas. ... But as soon as I learned to read in Lama and could then read God's Word myself, I was convinced they were teaching the truth. When I read and meditate on God's Word, I understand it just like they do." Angèle Akonda, a woman who attended a literacy class in Togo.

4) Koti People - God is in the business of redeeming and transforming humanity. He takes special delight in doing this where all seems hopeless and impossible.

From a hilltop near the coastal town of Anfoche, Mozambique, one can see the entire area comprising the homeland of the Koti people. The view takes in Angoche town, the beautiful Indian Ocean coastline and numerous offshore islands on which many other Koti live and work as fishermen. In all, there are about 64,000 speakers of EKoti, the language of the Koti. More than 500 years ago, two languages, Kiswahile and Makhwa, fused through speakers' intermarriage and coastal trading around Angoche to create EKoti, a whole new language distinct from both of its linguistic 'parents.'

For hundreds of years, the slave trade thrived in Angoche. The Koti became middlemen in the trade, capturing neighboring Makhwa people and selling them to Arab and Persian slave merchants. Some Koti even sold their own difficult children into slavery.

A serious degradation of the value of human life spread through Koti culture over time. The practice of *throw-away* marriages became common – marriages discarded as easily and thoughtlessly as a soiled piece of clothing. Communication of the Good News would have to be relevant to these key elements of Koti culture, or have little impact. "Today married, tomorrow divorced" was the mindset for most Koti people in Mozambique. But the Bible is teaching people to commit to their marriages instead.

5) After hearing what the Bible says about caring for widows, a Cameroonian couple gave back the land they'd taken from a brother's widow and children. Lives were transformed.

OUR SAVIOUR congregation's mission for June is JAARS, a support for Bible translation and a working arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators around the world. This month be encouraged to pray for JAARS as part of the world wide mission to take the Word of God unto the uttermost parts of the world, as Jesus commanded his followers. It is an opportunity for a visit to see for yourself all that is available there. All the donations go to missionary work, supplies and equipment. All staff raise their own support. Consider contributing support this month. Each Sunday in June there is an opportunity for giving to JAARS through our church.





Can you explain the Trinity?

Q: "What about the doctrine of the Trinity, the Holy Trinity?"

THREE IN ONE

"Trinity" is a term that is not found in the Bible but a word used to describe what is apparent about God in the Scriptures. The Bible clearly speaks of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit...and also clearly presents that there is only one God.

If we were to use math, it would not be, $1+1+1=3$. It would be $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. God is a triune God.

Thus the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons" who have the same essence of deity. Some have tried to give human illustrations for the Trinity, such as H₂O being water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are H₂O). Another illustration is an egg having a shell, egg yolk and egg white, but this egg illustration shows that there would be "parts" to God, which isn't the case.

God the Son (Jesus) is fully, completely God. God the Father is fully, completely God. And God the Holy Spirit is fully, completely God. Yet there is only one God. In our world, with our limited human experience, it's tough to understand the Trinity. But from the beginning we see God this way in Scripture. Notice the plural pronouns "us" and "our" in Genesis 1:26 -- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Though not a complete list, here is some other Scripture that shows God is one, in Trinity:

- "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4)
- "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." (Isa. 45:5)
- There is no God but one. (1Cor. 8:4)
- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17)
- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)
- Jesus said: "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)
- "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." (John 12:45)
- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Rom. 8:9)
- "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 1:20)
- And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)
- [Jesus speaking to His disciples] "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." (John 14:16-17, 23)

I've been told this before but forgot all about it. Very good idea!!!

What to take to bed with you - not a joke.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. A wife has suggested to her husband that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

Please pass this on even if you've read it before.

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A message from Bill Yount:

I Heard The Lord Say, "Be Patient, Your Nation Is Having Major Heart Surgery. Stay In The Waiting Room and Pray."

I remember when my mother had major by-pass heart surgery in her seventies. The doctors came to us in the waiting area and told us these words, "Because of what she just went through, she's not going to look very good to you, but she looks great to us!"

I sense the Lord saying, "Be patient with your nation and remember I am not a Republican or Democrat, I AM that I AM. I AM working on a whole nation and everyone is a work in process. Don't judge, for I AM not finished working on anyone. I am working in the Fox News Room, CNN News Room and all the other News networks and radio, TV outlets, and media. I'm going for the heart of this nation or it will surely die, unless I complete surgery on it's heart."

"Stop grumbling and complaining. It can delay and even cancel this Kairos moment as your nation is on My operating table. Speak life and become love to every person. Embrace your opposition and enemies so they will experience My arms of love surrounding them. Protest the devil, not people."

"What appears to be chaos and gross darkness to you, are the instruments I pick up in My hands and use to give new hearts to nations. Nothing is being wasted in the hands of your Redeemer. Your heart is also included in this surgery. Trust Me and tell your heart to beat again!"

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