

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Free Indeed!

Text: John 8:31-36

Introduction: Today is the Fourth of July. It is a day when our nation celebrates its birth and when we appreciate the qualities that have made the United States of America the unique country that it is today. Besides fireworks, lakes, watermelon, ice cream and cookouts--when most of us think of the Fourth of July, the one thing that likely comes to mind is freedom. We celebrate our national freedom and remember the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

We live in a free nation. This freedom inspired a young theology student named Samuel Francis Smith. In February 1832, young Smith was sorting through some music that had been brought over from Europe and came across a German melody that was appealing or of interest. He glanced at the words at the bottom of the page and noticed it was a patriotic song. However, it was a song about another country. He tapped out the rhythm of the tune and began to write his own words to the music. These are the words he wrote:

“My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!”

Millions of people have given their lives for the protection and advancement of freedom. The chimes of freedom ring across America. We say we live in the land of the free, but let's ask, what does it mean to be free?

I. _____ Freedom

II. _____ Freedom

III. _____ Freedom

IV. _____ Freedom

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FIRST BAPTIST

JULY 4th
CELEBRATION

JULY 4, 2021 | 10:15 AM

Larry Gipson, Senior Pastor
Gary Morgan, Worship Pastor
Patrick Dalstra, Students & Young Adults Pastor
Dan Sims, Pastor Emeritus

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 A.M.

Praise and Worship

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Piano Duet: Shepard Sargent and Lillian Staton

God of Our Fathers
Trumpets: Julie and Miranda Marcum & Johnathan and Saige Dempsey

My Country 'Tis of Thee
Flute Duet: Sara Hester and Cherie Towns

Welcome and Prayer for Our NationLarry Gipson

Salute to the Armed Forces

US Army.....1LT Lonnie Funderburg
US Navy.....Petty Officer 2nd Class Dusty Register
US Coast Guard.....Petty Officer 3rd Class Phil Crider
US Air Force.....SSG Jimmy Register
US Marine Corp.....CPL Jonathan Dempsey

Pledges.....SSG Jimmy Register

Pledge to the Flag of The United States of America
Pledge to the Christian Flag
Pledge to the Bible

The Star-Spangled Banner.....Wanda Gipson

Message in Song.....Celebration Choir and Band
America the Beautiful

Message.....Larry Gipson

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Time of Commitment

I Need Thee Every Hour

Closing Song

God Bless America

Post Service Music.....Celebration Band

God Bless America

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of Robert Marsh
placed by Shirley Marsh.

THANK YOU NOTES

have been received and placed on the bulletin board from
Everett Tidwell and the Magnolia House.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children ages 3 years old through the 2nd grade meets in
Room D on the CDC Hall at 10:15.

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, July 13,
Local Joe's Restaurant in Albertville
The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:30.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

meets each week at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Prayer concerns are
prayed for and Bro. Larry is teaching from the Book of Galatians. Everyone
is welcome to attend!

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY—July 24-July 31

FBC will be taking a team of 13 to the Chanku Wastè Ranch on the Pine
Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The projects include medical and
vision clinic registration and set-up, evangelism, construction, cooking, and
driving. Please call the church office (205.625.3191) for more information.

WE HAVE ONE SPACE AVAILABLE!

MISSIONS TRIP FUNDRAISER MEAL

Sunday, July 11 at 11:30
Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert
The proceeds will benefit the South Dakota Mission Trip.



Our Response to God's Faithfulness

Our Tithes & Offerings

Monthly Budget Needs.....\$62,817.90
Budget Receipts to Date in June.....\$53,649.23