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***“Give me liberty... and Jesus”***

What most of us remember about Patrick Henry, was his famous request for freedom: *“Give me liberty or give me death.”* However, what you may not know is “Freedom” was not his only wish. Patrick Henry was much more than just a famous statesman and orator of colonial Virginia. In 1764 he was elected to the *House of Burgesses*, (similar to the English Parliament) where he became a champion for the frontier people, supporting their rights against the arrogant exercise of power by the aristocrats. Ten years later, in 1774 he was a delegate to the First Continental Congress. By 1775 the Virginia Convention was deeply divided between those who supported England and those who desired freedom. It was at this time he uttered his famous words, *“Give me liberty or give me death!”*

Yet, his life was much more than just a desire for freedom. Later during the Revolutionary War he became commander-in-chief of Virginia’s military forces. As a member of the Second Continental Congress, he helped draw up the first constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was also largely responsible for drawing up the amendments to our Constitution known as the Bill of Rights. He later became Virginia’s first governor, and was re-elected four times. Then he retired from public life, but despite his strong objections the people of Virginia re-elected him Governor for the 5th time. But being a man of his word, he refused to take the office.

He was offered a seat in the U.S. Senate, and ambassador to Spain and France, and he rejected those as well. President George Washington asked him to join his cabinet and become Secretary of State, and later wanted to appoint him the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, but again, he refused all such request and recognition. It would appear that Patrick Henry had found contentment in something besides just liberty. Later in his life, he was quoted as saying: *“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians - not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

His Last Will & Testament was filed in the Brookneal County courthouse in Virginia. If you were to read his will, you would see that he bequeathed everything to his children, just as most people do. But it’s the last paragraph of his will that leads one to know, he achieved more than just liberty. For it is the last paragraph that tells us what most do not know about the man Patrick Henry. It reads, ***“I have now given everything I own to my children. There is one more thing I wish I could give them and that is Christ. Because if they have everything I gave them and don’t have Christ, they have nothing.”***

Jesus put it this way, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* (John 8:32)

Have a happy “Independence Day,” and most importantly, have an understanding that “REAL” Freedom can only be obtained through Jesus Christ.

*Bro. Bobby*

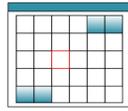


### Mission Board Resumes

Plans are being made to resume our monthly Mission Board Meeting, Monday, July 6th, at the Baptist Center. This will look a little different.



The last meeting was held on March 9th, so it has certainly been a while. We had originally scheduled our meetings at other churches, who graciously volunteered to host with a meal. Due to the recent pandemic, we will be continuing our meetings at the Baptist Center. We would like to thank all the churches that volunteered to host the meetings throughout the year, but feel it may be a hardship at this time. We will practice social distancing as much as possible, and masks are encouraged, but not required.



### Calendar Of Events



**Independence Day Observed**  
7/3/20  
(Office Closed)

**Independence Day**  
7/4/20

**Executive Team Meeting**  
7/6/20, 6:00 p.m.  
Baptist Center

**Mission Board Meeting**  
7/6/20, 7:00 p.m.  
Baptist Center

**Executive Team  
Calendar & Budget Planning**  
7/23/20, 6:00 p.m.

**Church Vacation Bible  
School dates have not been  
decided for July due to  
COVID-19**



*Teresa Smith— 7/15*

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,974.92	945.00
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	873.10	
Canton	1,028.56	250.00
Cerulean	533.00	
Delmont	593.17	
Donaldson Creek	679.44	
East Cadiz	0	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	947.44	
Locust Grove	737.00	
Maple Grove	450.00	
New Hope	332.94	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	0	
Oak Grove	479.12	
Ponderosa	372.96	1,295.00
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	495.00	
South Union	384.10	
Wallonia	200.00	
Misc. Income	1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,680.75</b>	<b>1,195.00</b>
		<b>13,875.75</b>
Interest NOW Acc.	4.80	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Assoc. Mission Project		945.00

Subtotals	12,685.55	1,195.00
Total income		<b>\$13,880.55</b>
<b>Monthly expense</b>		<b>12,697.65</b>

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$31,874.45
Interest Received	4.80
Gifts	12,680.75
Trans— Contingency Fund	-100.00
Trans— OMC	
Trans— Building Maintenance Fund	-100.00
Trans— Associational Mission Project	
Expense Checks Written	-11,802.34
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$32,557.66</b>

Treasurer: Louise Fuller 6/25/20

### Little River Association Welcomes

*Bro. Jeremiah Swaw*

Pastor— Bethany BC

&

*Bro. Terry Mitcheson*

Pastor— New Light BC