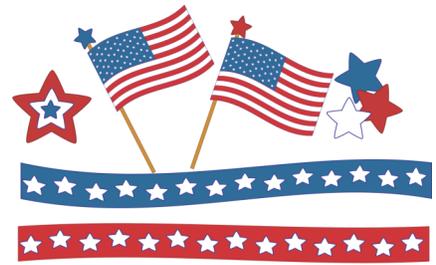




# CHAPEL CHIMES



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Randall's Chapel United Methodist Church

July 2016

## Independence Day -

From the Pastor

Our nation was birthed on July 4, 1776. We continue to celebrate our freedom as the United States of America.

Independence is a wonderful thing. We looked forward to the day when we would be independent of our parents, out on our own. We like being independent, being on our own; coming and going as we pleased.



As we all know, our independence and freedom cost something. Many men and women have given their lives for our independence, our freedom. One of those who gave his life for our freedom was Jesus. Think about it, we were slaves to sin and Jesus sacrificed His life that we may have freedom from sin. His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sin. His death was the payment to reconcile us with God the Father. Our freedom, our independence from sin's ownership on us, cost Jesus His life. Yet, His resurrection declares God victory over sin and death. It gives us liberty, freedom when we put our faith in Jesus.

Think about it, if I want independence, freedom to be my own man, I become a slave to the world and my sinful nature. Independence from God makes me a slave to sin. But if I want liberty, I must surrender to and be dependent on God.

Just as the Statue of Liberty is a sign of freedom and hope to many who come to America, so is the Cross of Jesus a sign of freedom and hope to those who have come to know Him as their Lord and Savior. This Fourth of July, as you celebrate Independence Day, are you truly free?

Have a blessed holiday, free in Christ,

Pat

## NEWS AND EVENTS



To Kick off our Vacation Bible School Theme “Surf Shack” which Begins on Monday July 11th, please wear a Hawaiian or Beach Shirt to our worship service on Sunday July 10th.



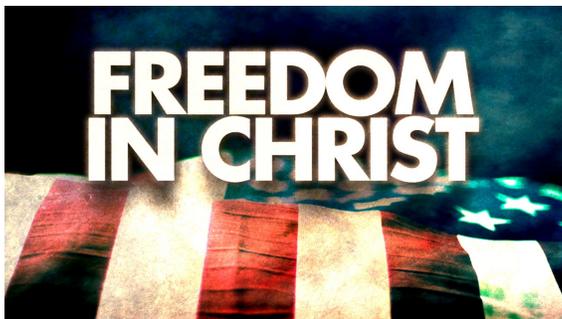
### *Vacation Bible School*



Our Vacation Bible School theme for this year is ***“Surf Shack, Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love!”*** The dates for VBS are **July 11-15** from **6 - 8 pm.**

***Surf Shack VBS has everything you need to keep your Surfers in the pocket so they’ll hit the impact zone with a deeper understanding of God’s awesome power!***

All volunteers are welcome. We want to make this year the best ever! If you would like to volunteer, there will be sign up sheets available. Also, if you have children or know someone who has children we would love for them to experience God’s amazing love through this VBS!



#### **Galatians 5:1**

It is for freedom that Christ has set you free. Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered once more by a yoke of slavery.



# Church Events

Sunday, July 3 - No Evening Services	July 15 VBS 6 - 8 pm
Tuesday July 5 - UMW Meeting 10 am	Sunday, July 17 - Admin Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Saturday July 9 - 9 am Safe Sanctuary Training \$12 - background check	Monday, July 18 - UMM Food & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday July 10 - Hawaiian Shirt Day	Tuesday, July 19 -Salad Day 11—1



## Salad Buffet

Sponsored by UMW  
 Tuesday, July 19th  
 11:00 – 1:00  
 \$6 donation  
 Eat in our take out.

Your support enables us to continue this annual summer community event. Sign-up forms (front table) will let us know if you will be able to participate. As usual we will have a delicious array of salads and salad desserts to choose from. (Flyers are also available.) Proceeds benefit missions. We appreciate your help!



Would you like to volunteer on a project that requires no special training, is not stressful, and is very rewarding? Then contact Mary K. Carlton @ 256-566-9422 and inquire about helping fill food bags for the School Backpack Program



A group from First Methodist meet on 9 am on Thursdays at Fellowship Methodist Church to fill the bags. The only requirement is a heart willing to serve!

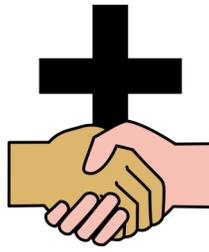
Betty Richey



We are excited to welcome Debb and Phillip Webb as new members of Randalls Chapel UMC!

## JULY GREETERS

- 3 - HAROLD BROOKSHIRE
- 10 - JAMES GREEN
- 17 - TIM HOLLIS
- 24 - WAYNE WHITE
- 31 - ROGER BROOKINS



## JULY NURSERY WORKERS



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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 - MADISON HELMS   | 24 - REBECCA MURPHY |
| 10 - LEE ANN WALKER | 31 - SONYA SHOOK    |
| 17 - BETH HELMS     |                     |

If you would like to volunteer to help with nursery duty, please contact Jean Hardman our Church Secretary. **256-574-6685**

If you are scheduled for nursery duty and can't be there, please make arrangements for someone to work in your place.



### The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!



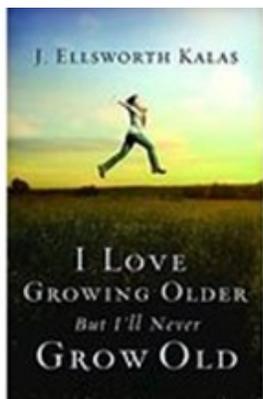
## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Julie Richey
- 9 Dianne Grider
- 13 Tina Guess
- 14 Jim Snyder
- 26 Brett Grider
- 27 Jerome Richey
- 28 Jason Talley
- 29 Maxine Wright
- 29 Benton Culpepper
- 30 David Sisk
- 30 Sharon Millican



- 1 - Pat and Kathy Mahan
- 3 Gary & Gina Riggs
- 4 Robert & Sonya Shook
- 9 Bill & Martha Henshaw
- 30 John & Evie Campbell

## ***I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old* by Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas**



A Review by Elaine Brookshire

*The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away (Psalm 90:10 KJV).*

The above passage from the psalmist was quoted to J. Ellsworth Kalas, when he was a 19-year-old pastor of a small Methodist congregation in northwest Iowa, by his 80-something-year-old host during a noon meal. After quoting the passage, the host concluded that his own life affirmed the psalmist's words.



Many decades later, while looking back to that day with fondness and gratitude and pondering the host's counsel and the psalmist's meaning, Kalas argues with his host's conclusion. Kalas says he believes that the psalmist "meant for us to live in such fashion that we wouldn't allow our later years to be all downhill." Kalas continues "I had the sublime confidence that God meant for life to be as good as we possibly could make it with divine cooperation, until at last there was a blessed exit, and that all the intervening years should equip a person for just such an exit."

Such is the stuff of Kalas's book *I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old* (Nashville: Abington Press, 2013). In this book, Kalas uses a lifetime of experiences and people, both negative and positive, to illustrate that "*Older* is a journey. *Old* is a destination." With his own optimistic outlook on life, Kalas is fond of these opening lines of a poem by Robert Browning: "Grow old along with me! / The best is yet to be, / The last of life, for which the first was made: / Our times are in His hand / Who saith 'A whole I planned / Youth shows but half; / trust God: see all, nor be afraid!'" Kalas urges readers to learn how to "make peace with where you are right now."

Born in 1923, Kalas lived in the same city for the first 17 years of his life, a time he describes as "rather simple years in a small world." Yet he became a United Methodist pastor for 38 years, served five years in evangelism with the World Methodist Council, and was a preaching professor and later interim president of Asbury Theological Seminary. He authored more than 35 books and approximately 30 studies, was a presenter on DISCIPLE Bible study videos, and recorded the entire Bible on audiotape. His life of positive service exemplifies his declaration that "I would rather die singing and believing than live defeated and despairing" (ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, Winter 2011-2012). Dr. Kalas lived what he preached. On November 12, 2015, he passed on to his destination at age 92. (Sources: ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, Summer 2016; Obituary, Asbury Theological Seminary)

*I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old* is an inspiring "must read" for older adults – or adults of any age.

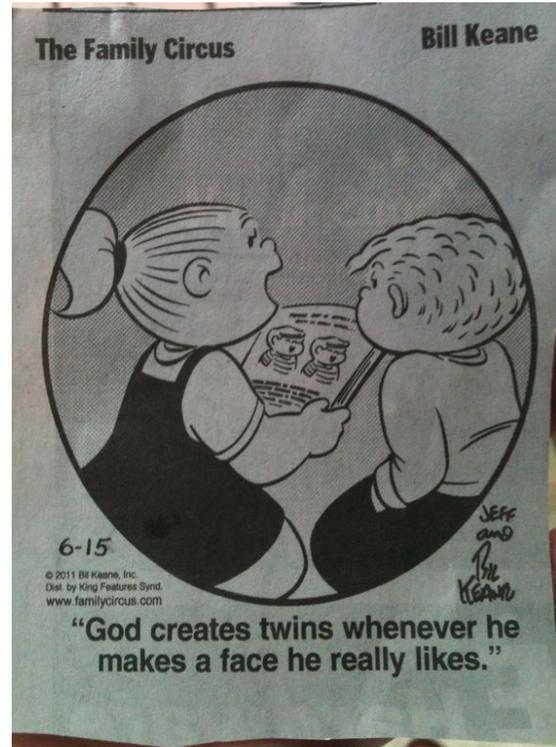


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### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUNDAY

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

*Classes for all ages - nursery provided*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

YOUTH AND CHILDREN 6 PM

#### THURSDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM