

**2023**  
**SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE**

**Created To Be Free**  
 Genesis 1:27-31

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ Nation
- Built on the principles of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our nations forefathers found Scripture spoke about \_\_\_\_\_!
  - True freedom only found in \_\_\_\_\_!
- God Intends All to Be \_\_\_\_\_!
- God provided man with \_\_\_\_\_ he needed and gave him the freedom to rule over \_\_\_\_\_! (Gen. 1:27-31)
  - God is intimately \_\_\_\_\_ of everything that is going on in the life of His children! (Ex. 3:1-10)
  - Jesus defines \_\_\_\_\_ freedom – (Jn. 8:31-32)  
*\*His truth will set us \_\_\_\_\_!*
- Freedom Has Its \_\_\_\_\_!
- Finding and \_\_\_\_\_ God's will (Jn. 6:38-40)
  - Doing God's will is \_\_\_\_\_ fruit (Matt. 7:21-23)
  - Does God have a \_\_\_\_\_ for our nation?
  - Does God Love America more than any other \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Does God love American people more than any other \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is America above God's \_\_\_\_\_?
- Freedom Has a \_\_\_\_\_!
- Man often \_\_\_\_\_ the authority of God (Gen. 2:15-17)
  - God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ His creation (Jer. 29:11)
  - The tragic side of freedom is \_\_\_\_\_ God (Deut. 8:7-14)
- \*\*\* No matter how prosperous we become, we must never forget that God is the giver of \_\_\_\_\_ and the sustainer of \_\_\_\_\_!

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**SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.

**ELDERS AND STAFF**

**Elders**

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Bible Hour  
 Kim Bower

ELDER for July Eric Bliss  
 LADIES COMMITTEE for July Cheryl Bliss



**JULY 2ND 2023**

**Order Of Worship**

Song Leader: Ryan Bliss

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

851 Blue Skies And Rainbows  
 500 O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Prayer.....Russell Capshaw

380 Just As I Am

Lord's Supper.....Dave Gastellum

682 To God Be The Glory

Offering.....Bob Murray

867 Humble Yourselves

Scripture Reading.....Shawn Johnson

Morning Service....."Created To Be Free" ..... Roy Senior

684 This World Is Not My Home  
 394 Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen

Closing Prayer.....Jerry Hopkins

Prayer & Song Services..... @ 5 PM

**PRAYER IS IMPORTANT**

<b>WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>July 2nd</b>	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Prayer & Song Worship @ 5 PM
4th	Independence Day
5th	Prayer Service @ 6:30 PM Cheryl Bliss's birthday
6th	Vickie Wadlington's birthday
8th	Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM



**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

If something is worth starting - then it's worth finishing!

**SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY**

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ~ James 1:12*

-**Carol Quesnel** passed away Wednesday morning. Please keep the extended **Quesnel family** in your prayers. She & **Dick** will be missed for all their contributions to the church here in Lompoc. Graveside services are Friday, July 7th @ Lompoc Cemetery @ 11 AM.

-**Mike Cottam** asked for prayers for his sister **Cheri**, who had surgery this past Thursday. Also, prayers for **Alora** & peace.

-**David House** went to Cottage earlier in the week fighting an infection. Please keep him in your prayers.

-**Dale Donaghe's** brother **Danny**, traveled to Stanford for tests concerning his heart this past week. Please keep him in your prayers. Also, **Robert Summers, Sharon Donaghe's** dad is still having trouble with his foot. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Please keep **Loretta & Tracy Bower** in your prayers as they are in Texas visiting family. Also, please keep **Linda Thompson Hofer** in your prayers as she traveled home to Coco Beach. Finally, **Kevin & Ann Thompson** in your prayers as they visit family in Iowa.

-**Jan Hayes** asked for prayers for her grandson **Dale Shell Jr.** He has recently moved to New Mexico & started a new job & is having some struggles. Please keep him in your prayers. She also reports that **Shawna's** scan came back good. Prayers of thanksgiving for her & the family.

-Please keep **Elias Hernandez** in your prayers as he was diagnosed with Vertigo.

-**Laura Crowover** asked for prayers for her brother **Joe**. He will be starting his cancer treatments of Radiation & Chemo soon & is dealing with deep depression as well. Please keep him & the extended family in your prayers.

-**Mike Loney** came through his surgery well. He will be transferred to a rehab facility most likely in SB for a while & then hopefully back to Lompoc for more rehab & therapy. Please keep him & his sister **Rebecca** in your prayers as he moves forward with recovery & rehab.

-Please continue to keep **Veda Battison** & the extended family in your prayers. As she remains on hospice care.

-Please continue to keep **Jimmy Williams** in your prayers. He is feeling much better & continues to gain strength @ the CCC.

**ENCOURAGING WORDS**

**No Shortcuts!**

Shortcuts can be great. No matter what topic we're talking about, people are always looking for shortcuts, especially traveling through Los Angeles! Sometimes shortcuts can be found, while other times, only old-fashioned hard work will reach the goal. When it comes to spiritual things, people diligently and tirelessly search for shortcuts. Sadly, far too many have claimed to have found an "easy way into heaven." Even more tragic, every single time something like this is claimed, the truth of Scripture has been neglected.

Jesus made it unavoidably clear when He said, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me"* (**John 14:6**). This is the only way. There are no shortcuts. There are no other paths. There are no other options. If we want to go to heaven and be with the Father, then we must go through Jesus by obeying His words found in Scripture (John 12:48).

There are plenty of shortcuts for everyday activities. There are no shortcuts into heaven. Perhaps this is why "the many" are on the wide and easy path towards destruction, and "the few" are on the narrow path leading to life (Matthew 7:13-14). Ironically, God hasn't made the way to life overwhelmingly difficult. In fact, anyone can do it! Let's stop looking for spiritual shortcuts into heaven and skeptically examine any who claim to have found one. Let's praise God for revealing to us the way to be with Him and diligently search the Scriptures to make sure we are following His way!

R. Senior

**JULY CALENDARS & THOSE WHO SERVE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE**