

July 4, 2010

Video Prelude

Opening Worship

Worship through Gathering
Grace Anderson

Worship through Music
*Jon Eric Woodward, Pastor of Worship & Arts
& Worship Team*

Worship through Prayer & Giving

Worship through the Word
Through the Iron Gates to Freedom
Dave Annan, Pastor of Children's Ministries

Benediction

Welcome to Community Bible Church! If you are a guest, we would like to extend a very special welcome to you. Please take a moment to fill out the "Connection Card" in the bulletin, tear it off and place it in the basket when it is passed.

Prayer team members are available following each service. If you have a particular prayer need, please feel free to come to the front of the Worship Center.

Elder Board: Rob Black, Trevor Cartee, Tom Eller, John Greene, Lee Kruger, Al Neumann (Chairman), Pic Schrum, Jim Stonick, Wayne Wingfield, Chip Witcher.

Through the Iron Gates to Freedom

Text: Acts 12:1-18

1. Inside the iron gate:

They chained his hands but they could not chain his heart. He was a _____ man because he experienced the peace of God in the jailhouse.

John 16:33

2. Outside the iron gate:

Verse 5 says "the church prayed hard"- The church was free physically but was chained and imprisoned by _____.

3. The Believer's iron gates that God swings open:

Philippians 4:19

4. The Unbeliever's iron gate that God swings open:

Revelation 1:5

Devotional Questions

1. What does Romans 13:1-7 tell us our responsibilities are to the government authorities of our day? Acts 5:29 states a limitation on our obedience to governmental authorities. What is it?

2. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is a wonderful verse on how Christians have the potential of affecting their nation. List the steps that are given in the verse. What promise is given at the end of the verse?

3. Read Daniel chapter 3 and reflect on how the three Hebrew children refused to bend, bow or burn. Underline verses 17, 18 and pray that God will give you a determined resolve to worship God alone during these days of tolerance/intolerance.

4. Read the following verses on how to experience true freedom. Write next to the passage where, how, or who we obtain true spiritual freedom.

John 8:32-

Romans 6:18-

I Peter 2:16-

Revelation 1:5-

2 Corinthians 3:17-

5. According to I Timothy 2:1-4 what is the best activity that believers can do when it comes to our response to those in government authority?

Today . . .

8:55 AM Global Prayer (Choir Rm.)
9:30 AM Worship (Worship Center)
Nursery - 4th grade (Children's Wing)
No Global Connection Class
Middle School Sunday School (MS Rm.)
High School Sunday School (Modular 1)
No Young Marrieds Class
11:00 AM Worship (Worship Center & Video Café)
Nursery - 4th grade (Children's Wing)
Lighthouse Hispanic Worship (MS Rm.)

Monday . . .

Church Office Closed

Tuesday . . .

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Red Rm.)

Wednesday . . .

9:30 AM Women's Summer Bible Study
10:00 AM Women's Revelation Bible Study (Mod. 2)
6:30 PM Praise Team & Praise Band Rehearsal (WC)
7:00 PM Video Café Band Rehearsal (Video Café)

Thursday . . .

6:15 AM Elders' Prayer Time

Happenings at CBC . . .

Global Outreach

Global Connection Class - The Global Connection Class will not meet today. Our annual summer class is offered at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Choir Room. Join us next Sunday as we hear about God's work and learn life lessons from the book *Turning Your Life Upside Down* by John D. Phillips.

Global Prayer Time - Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:55-9:15 in the Choir Room as we praise God for who He is, give thanks for all He is doing around the world and intercede specifically for our missionaries and their ministries.

Worship & Arts

BE THINKING AHEAD TO THE FALL -The Worship & Arts ministry of CBC will be presenting Carols by Candlelight this year (December 8-12)! We are looking for new singers to join the choir and now is the time to plan ahead for that.

You have the option of singing only for Carols or with the Praise Choir on Sundays as well. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor Jon Eric at 841-4480 ext. 23.

Children's Ministries

Teaching Opportunity - If you would like to help in our Pre-school Department of Children's Ministry, either hour during the summer, circle the letter **P** on your Connection Card.

Be sure to check out the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Children's Wing where pictures of our VBS Outreach are posted. Thanks to everyone who made this outreach a success!

Adult Ministries

What's Next - Join us as we work through a practical and intentional 10 lesson Bible study/DVD series, *Chasing Daylight*. This group of young adults meets bi-monthly on Sunday evenings from 6 - 8 PM at CBC. For more information, contact Jordan Darrow at jderrow@hotmail.com.

Student Ministries

Student Small Group Leaders Needed - We are looking for loving leaders for our middle and high school student small groups. Small groups run from September to May. Please circle **S** if you are interested.

Local Outreach

Open Door Meals - Volunteers are needed to make a meal and serve the homeless at the Open Door Ministries on July 16 and August 20. If you would like to volunteer for one of the dates, please email Carole at carole.stonick@cbchurch.org. Thanks for helping those less fortunate.

Food Ministry - CBC has begun a food pantry to help people in our church, our outreach neighborhood and those involved with the Lighthouse Ministry. Please help out by bringing a can or two of vegetables, meat, rice, pasta, etc., anything non-perishable. A box is located in the Information Hallway where you can put your items.

2010 Financial Plan	
Tithes/Offering on 6/27/10	\$19,659
Weekly Plan Needs.....	\$31,230
Year to Date Tithes/Offering	\$709,077

CBC Family

Please pray for John LeMaster and Brenda Norris as they go through treatment for cancer.

Please pray for Sue Draughn (2424 Glen Cove Way, High Point, NC 27265). Sue is now at home but welcomes visitors, phone calls and cards.

Pray for Ellen Pittman (1451 Skeet Club, High Point, NC 27265) as she recovers from a broken hip. Ellen is now home but welcomes visitors, cards and phone calls.

Pray for those in our congregation who are traveling over this holiday weekend.

Pray for Treka Graney (2313 Dover Place, High Pont, NC 27262) as she recovers from surgery this past week.

As we celebrate this holiday weekend, remember those in our CBC family who have family members serving in our military.

Prayer for today . . .

*Dear Lord,
There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.*

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen