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SOUNDS OF FREEDOM - JUNE 2018

There are days...!

Psalm 119:137-138

Righteous are you, O LORD, and your laws are right. ¹³⁸The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.

The word of the Lord is a delight to those who are tired and feeling alone.

The writer of Psalm 119 was clearly someone who loved the Lord. The author was quite familiar with days of struggle, days that perhaps he desired would end sooner rather than later. Throughout this chapter we see his experience and growing reliance upon the Lord and His everlasting Word. This was a source of refreshment and encouragement.

In verses 137-144 the psalmist declares boldly that the Lord and His word, or laws, statutes, and decrees are good, right and trustworthy. He has come to know the Lord more deeply through his life experience as he sees the righteous truths of the Lord proven true. They do not change over time and can be depended upon. Through times of distress and trouble the Lord's commands are his delight. When his enemies behave as if the Lord and His word does not exist, the psalmist remembers that His promises are trustworthy. He now has the understanding he needs to live a life of dependence upon the Lord.

We all have had days we wish would end sooner rather than later. I once spent a weekend in a hospital required to lie in bed extremely still. It was one of the most difficult experiences of my life. Through it I recalled these delightful, trustworthy words of my Lord. The words of the Lord are encouraging and rejuvenating. They have been tested and loved by many through difficult days. May you find delight in the righteous word of the Lord when you experience one of "those days"!

Pastor Andy

Are you ready for a new Bible Reading Challenge for 2018?

Let's commit to reading the Book of Acts.

- Read and Study one Chapter in Acts each week.
- June's Reading: Acts 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
- Join us on July 11th to discuss the final chapters.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Birthday's
- Anniversaries
- NFBC: 160th Anniversary



*Encouraging, equipping,
and empowering women to live
out their faith in Jesus Christ.*

Women's Fellowship June 12th at 4pm.

This month the NFBC Ladies will be participating in the North Freedom Munch Bunch at the Village Hall. It is a wonderful time of teaching, serving, and getting to know kids and adults in our community. Join us!

Mother/Daughter Banquet 2018

A good crowd of gals attended our Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 10th at the Baraboo Pizza Ranch. This year's theme was "aprons" and a clever skit presented by seven ladies wearing aprons and narrated by Deb Vogel was enjoyed by all. Louise Faivre, Thelma Zastrow, Judy Klemm and Mariah Foster were given special gifts for recently having gone through difficult physical ailments. Good food followed by lots of laughter took place.



THANK YOU!

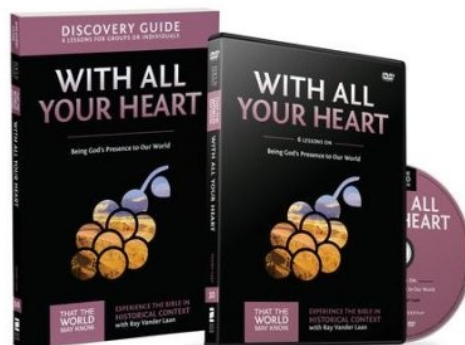
To: Linda Trager for cleaning the church

To: Everyone who blessed us with Special Music.

To: The ladies who led the Mother/Daughter Banquet.

Join us for Sunday School at 9am

The adult Sunday School class continues to enjoy learning about the historical and cultural background of the Bible. This month we are continuing our series "That the World May Know" with the video teachings in "With All Your Heart". Come and join us and be enriched in your understanding of familiar Scripture accounts.



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

3 Jack Vogel
18 Nathan Espinoza
18 Allen Clary
22 Nickeisha Bloss

ANNIVERSARIES

14th - Jason and Kristy Snyder
17th - Pastor Andy and Heather Dear
24th - Bob and Nancy Johnson

Monthly Janitors

June:

Deb and Jack Vogel

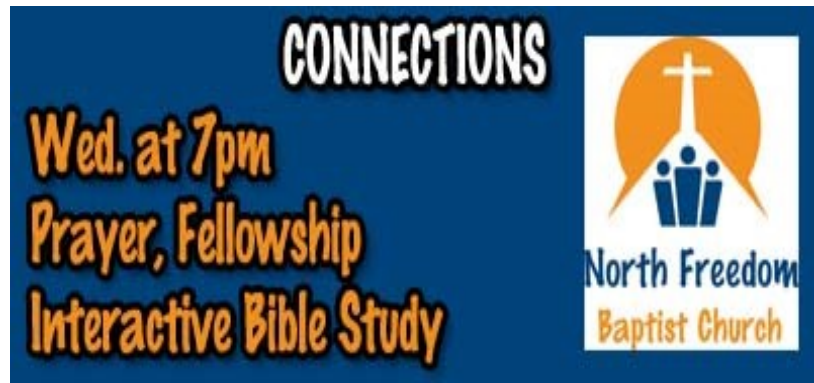
July:

Shirley Veatch

August:

Kitten Bloss

Carol Calleia



June Calendar:

Sunday School:	Sundays	9am
Worship Service:	Sundays	10am
Kid's Bible Club:	Sundays: 3rd, 10th	6pm
Connections:	Wednesdays	7pm
Women's Fellowship:	Thursday, 28th	7pm

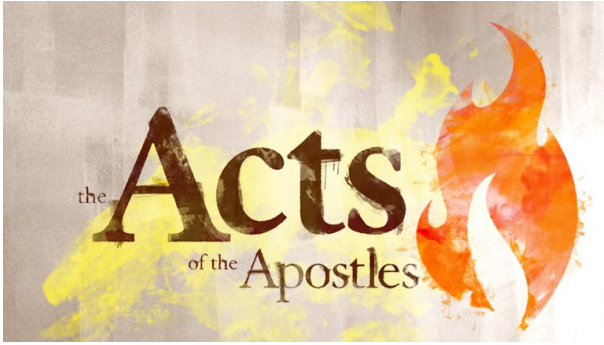
Special Events:

- **Kids Day in the Park:** Thurs, 14th 10am
- At Ochsner Park, Baraboo.
- Games, Snacks, Crafts, Bible Stories and more

Coming this Summer:

- **July 4th Picnic:** Wed. July 4 Noon
 - At North Freedom Park Lower Pavilion
- **5 Day Club:** 1-2:30pm
 - Mon. July 16 - Fri. July 20th at **NFBC**
- **Vacation Bible School:** 5:30pm
 - Mon. July 30 - Fri. Aug. 3rd at **NFBC**
- **NFBC 160th Anniversary Celebration:**
 - Sunday, August 12th

Bible Reading Challenge for 2018



Keep up the good work in reading one chapter of Acts a week.

We will wrap up our reading by the end of June.
We will discuss our reading of chapters 22 - 26 on Wed. July 11th.

Do you have a suggestion for our next reading challenge?
Talk with Pastor Andy right away so we can begin in August.

Any time you read God's Word answering these simple questions can help you understand what God is saying to you. Keep these close to your Bible and record your thoughts to these questions in a journal or notebook. Then look back afterwards at what you have learned.

- Who is mentioned in the chapter?
- What is happening in the chapter?
- Where are things happening?
- When are things happening?
- Why are these things happening?
- What does this mean for me today?
- What truths, promises, commands, sins, are there and how might they apply to me or our church?
- What does this chapter have to do with the chapter I read last week?



CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY!

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER.
HEBREWS 13:8 (NIV)

Join us on **Sunday, August 12th**, as we celebrate our 160th anniversary as a church in North Freedom.

Several former pastor's and members have been invited to join us for a day of praise and worship, fellowship, memories, and a grand potluck meal. Save the date and invite friends and family who have called North Freedom Baptist home throughout the years.



Greetings from the Bardin's - Cameroon!

The man exclaimed...“but Jesus didn't really die on the cross, since he was such a great prophet, he couldn't die, someone else died in his place at the last moment.” I replied, “but Jesus had to be the one to die because he was the ONLY sinless one to be able to be the perfect sacrifice for all of our sins. If He didn't die, we would not be free and we would have no hope.” This was a conversation I had with one of my patients last month. We are still in dialogue, so pray for him that He will see the Truth that Jesus is truly the only way to be redeemed and experience eternal life. As probably our enemy would have it, we were interrupted in our conversation and were never able to get back to it that day. I look forward to our next encounter to continue sharing the best news I know, that Jesus did die and was resurrected on the third day to give us abundant life. These days our patients have been facing challenges in coming to the hospital for care and follow-up due to some unrest in our area. Pray that they will find safe ways to get the care they need.



In March we had the privilege to be a part of the Missionary Pastors' Retreat at our church. The church supports 5 missionary pastors in 5 challenging areas of Cameroon.

We did get to experience a wonderful time of fellowship with our NAB missionaries in April at the relaxing beach in Limbe. It is always refreshing to get away and have more focused intentional time with God and be encouraged by other believers. We are so thankful for our NAB family.

Our WINS (Women IN Service) group had a retreat here in Mbingo the last Saturday in April. It was also a refreshing

time to focus on the theme, Sacrificial Love in Marriage and Family. I had the privilege of bringing the devotion that morning. Praise the Lord for His equipping! There were 26 women there, coming together to make a difference in our world for Christ.

Our wonderful family and friends, we are so grateful for your support through prayers, emails, and giving! We hope this finds you well and enjoying the corner the Lord has placed you in for this time. May He bless you wherever you are.

In His Matchless Love, Rick and Debbie



Prayer Requests:

- Peace and resolution in Cameroon and for patients to be able to get to treatment centers for their drugs
- Dr. Mbanga's pathology residency in Kenya to go well and for the doctors' strike to be over
- Pathology coverage for February medical meeting
- That our hospital will continue to be a safe haven for the community where the light of Christ is shared with all.
- Pray for our time at the NAB Triennial conference in July and also our short time with kids and grandkids

North Freedom Baptist Church is a community of believers led by the Holy Spirit to glorify God by demonstrating His love and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

We seek to transform the community of North Freedom by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

PRAYER LIST

Church Family:

- Martha P., Pearl W., Gene B.,
- Steven Rodriguez II: US Army - Active Duty
- Austin Tyczynski: Marine Corps. Basic Training
- Spiritual Health/Growth of Leadership and Membership:
- Weekly Services

Ministries:

- Freedom Bible Club; 5 Day Club; Vacation Bible School
- Outreach into our wonderful community; Munch Bunch
- Personal Ministry Opportunities

Continued Prayer for:

- Our Nation: Spiritual Revival
- Friends and Family in Military
- North Freedom Community
- Area Churches
- Israel
- Persecuted Church
- Church Growth

Missionaries:

- Kirov's and Bardin's;
- Chain of Love Orphanage;
- Jody Buddenhagen, Abbie Brandhagen

NAB: Churches, Church Planting, Triennial
UMR: Jim and Kris Renke - Regional Minister
Village Creek Bible Camp: Summer Camp!

Philippians 4:6-7 (84NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Loving the Truth, Living the Life