First Baptist Church of Central Square

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Birthdays:
Grace Fuller 10
Maggie Heitmann 10
Ryan Casatelli 11
Brycen Cuny 12
Don Flower 15
Cheryl Backman 15
Genie Rotundo 17
Katie Rotundo 23
Misty DeFalco 23
Patrick Bort 27
Lillian Cabral 27
Cherie House 31

Anniversaries:
Lynn & Dale Bort 5
Kay & Stephen Springer 18

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
fbccsny@gmail.com

Tithes
Please have offering ready when you come into church or mail to
Attn: Cherie House
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2020 Missions
Divine Mercy's food pantry is in need of canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, pork and beans, cereal, canned and boxed pasta. Please leave it on the parsonage porch or drop it off to the food pantry Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 12pm or by scheduled drop off.

Closure
We are OPEN! Come join us on Sunday mornings while following all safety guidelines. For those who are choosing to stay home still,

Follow the link below to the sermons!

http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm

Trustee Updates
No updates.

Upcoming Events

May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.
Peter Marshall

I THANK GOD for my life, for the STARS & STRIPES may freedom forever fly LET IT RING SALUTE THE ONES WHO DIED the ones who give their lives so we don't have to sacrifice ALL THE THINGS WE LOVE

Diaconate Updates
Please notify any member of the diaconate if you have needs.

Christian Education Updates
The Christian Education Facilitators would like to congratulate Jessica Georges, Nicholas Heitmann, and Nathan Heitmann on their high school graduation!

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32
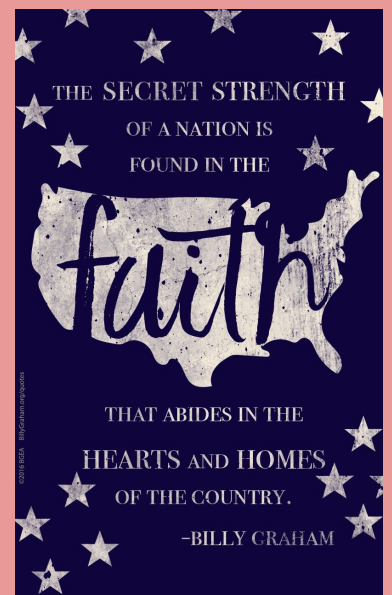
Freedom.

We live in a country that claims to be a free country yet, we still have laws to obey, taxes to pay and jobs that too often feel like we are enslaved. We hear clichés that tell us "freedom isn't free". So what exactly is Jesus telling us in these two verses?

Jesus is talking to some Jewish believers who had believed him. Does that mean at this moment when He is addressing them they no longer believe Him? I honestly don't know. We do know that He says they must hold on to His teachings, (some Biblical versions say to abide in Him). If we consider ourselves His disciples we need to listen to what He tells us. We do that by reading and studying His word. By staying connected with His word, we will know the truth. We also know Jesus is the Way and the Truth. We know Him by connecting with Him daily. Are you connecting with Jesus daily?

Connecting with Jesus daily isn't always as easy as it sounds. Some days we just plain lose our focus on what matters. Our schedule, our family or other outside sources pull us away from the time we would like to spend with Jesus. Thankfully, He gets it; because He has walked in our shoes. He has felt the same emotions of stress, busyness, frustration or just plain tired of it allness that we experience. He waits for us to return to Him and his arms of comfort. Can you picture Jesus doing a "happy dance" when we turn back to Him? Maybe not, but remember the story of the lost sheep? *"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous person who do not need to repent."* When you turn back to the Way and the Truth, there is a party happening in heaven.

The freedom He promises is from the burden of sin. We carry a heavy load no matter how hard we try to be perfect, it just doesn't work. He promises us that as long as we stay connected and in tune with the Truth, our Savior, we will be okay. We have nothing to lose and eternity
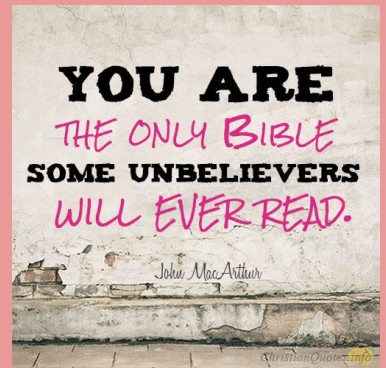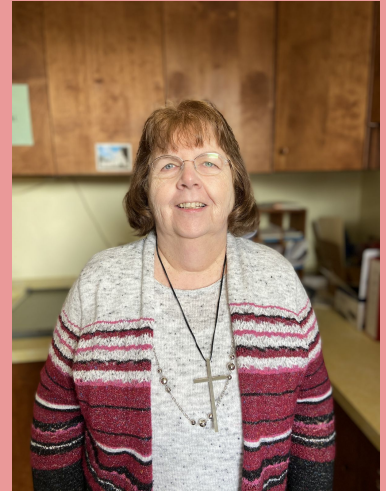
to gain.

We <u>are</u> blessed!

I hope you are as excited as I am to begin gathering for worship in our sanctuary. I can hardly wait to see you all soon.

Peace be with you as you enjoy some outside time this summer.

Pastor Lilly

YOU ARE
THE ONLY BIBLE
SOME UNBELIEVERS
WILL EVER READ.

John MacArthur

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