



Gloster Baptist Church

July 2014

“Reaching families to equip them to serve, to go and to glorify God.”

Mark Your Calendar

7.3

July 4th Celebration

7.5

Tyler Zoo Trip

7.6

Commissioning Service

7.15

NGO at 11:00 a.m.

7.12

Hotwheels Skating

7.19

Splash Kingdom Water

Park

7.26

Party Central

July 4th

America became a free country on July 4, 1776, however, what many may not know - or forget - is that America is also a nation under God founded on Christian principles.

54 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Christians, 27 held theology degrees. Many went on to form Bible societies.

Two of the Continental Congress' first actions were to hire military chaplains and to [purchase](#) 20,000 Bibles to remedy a national shortage.

John Adams believed that the [Fourth of July](#) should become a religious holiday – a day when we remembered God's hand in deliverance and a day of religious activities when we committed ourselves to Him in “solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.” Such was the spirit of the American Revolution as seen through the eyes of those who led it, evidenced even further in the words of John Quincy Adams, one who was deeply involved in the activities of the Revolution.

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In 1837, when he was 69 years old, he delivered a Fourth of July speech at Newburyport, Massachusetts. He began that address with a question: “Why is it, friends and fellow citizens, that you are here assembled? Why is it that entering on the 62nd year of our national existence you have honored [me] with an invitation to address you. . . ?”

The answer was easy: they had asked him to address them because he was old enough to remember what went on; they wanted an eye-witness to tell them of it! He next asked them: “Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the Fourth of July]?”

An interesting question: why is it that in America the Fourth of July and Christmas were our two top holidays? Note his answer: “Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?”

According to John Quincy Adams, Christmas and the Fourth of July were intrinsically connected. On the Fourth of July, the [Founders](#) simply took the precepts of Christ which came into the world through His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

Galatians 5:1 “It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery,” gives us as believers our foundation on which we stand. This passage helps believers to understand who we are in Christ and how to live. Believers are not bound to perform for their salvation. We have been made free from sin and the curse of sin by what Christ had accomplished on the cross.

peace—perfect peace

Celebrate the Fourth!

**There will be NO service on
Wednesday, July 2!**

Thursday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m. until ??

BBQ, Water Slides, Fireworks,
Music and Dessert Contest.

Bake your best cake or pie or make your best ice cream
recipe. Prizes will be awarded!

Family Night at Brickhouse Café

Sunday, July 6

5:30 p.m.

Come join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship.
We will have supper and be able to use the putt putt
course and the bounce houses!!

Praise and Celebration

Sunday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m.
FBC of Converse will be our guest

Youth Camp Report

Sunday, June 20. at 5:30 p.m.

Family Missions Project

Sunday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m.

We will be collecting supplies to make
backpacks for area students in need.





Super Saturdays in July

Children's News: "Super Saturdays In July" will begin on the first Saturday. Fun activities and meals are provided at a fraction of the cost. See the following planned dates and activities:

July 5 - Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, Tx.
Cost \$5.00. Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

July 12- Skating at Hotwheels in Shreveport.
Cost \$5.00 Time: TBD

July 19- Splash Kingdom Water park in Shreveport.
Cost \$10.00 per child. Time: 10:00am-5:00pm

July 26 - Party Central.
Cost \$10.00. Time: TBD

Note: Parents are welcome but are required to pay full price unless they have been designated as a chaperone. Chaperones will be decided by the Children's Committee so if anyone is interested in chaperoning any of these events, please contact Kim Mynes or Amy Stevens ASAP. Friends are welcome and encouraged. One medical waiver will be required and will cover all events in July.