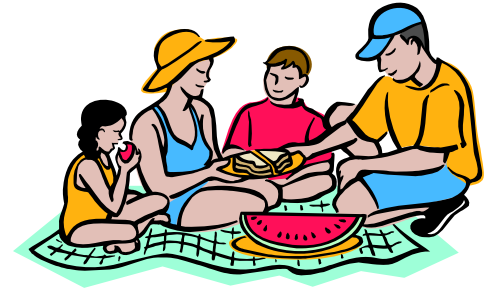


Salina Heights Christian Church



**ALL CHURCH PICNIC AND
COOKOUT
SATURDAY, JULY 31,
3:00-8:00
Oakdale Park, Shelter 1**

Come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at the park. Grilled hamburgers will be provided.



Future Link . . .

- July 17 - High School students leave for a week of CIY in Cleveland Tennessee
- July 25-29 - 5th & 6th Grade Camp
- July 31 - All church picnic at Oakdale Park

So bring a couple of side dishes, a lawn chair or two, and the family. We'll plan to eat about 4:00, and then spend the evening visiting, playing games and enjoying the time together.



Excerpts from . . .

The 4th of July - A Christian Perspective

By Mark Parsec

In seeking independence from Great Britain the colonists declared to the world their belief in a personal, infinite God - "their Creator" - who endowed them with certain "inalienable" or absolute rights... God given rights.

In this respect, the Declaration of Independence was a Declaration of Christianity. For the Declaration of Independence is structured upon two fundamental Christian ideas...

First - It professes faith in a "Creator" who works in and governs the affairs of men in establishing absolute standards to which men are held accountable.

Second - And even more fundamentally, since all Western nations of that era professed a belief in the Creator, there is the idea that man is a fallen creature and, therefore, cannot be his own law giver and judge. In other words... an imperfect creature cannot establish perfect laws. If laws are to be good they must come from God who is good.

In the end it is God to whom the appeal must be made. And, in this sense, the law cannot be simply what a judge or a fuhrer says it is. It is what God says it is.

The God that our forefathers once sought and loved is today despised and dismissed by our government as legend and myth. And the end result is a tyranny of secularism that is systematically stripping away our God given independence and producing untold pain and suffering in the midst of the people.

Our values are under attack. Our security, the family, our sanity, our faith, and yes even Christianity is under attack throughout our country.

The Apostle Paul understood this concept when he assured us in Romans 8:37 when he said, "...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

If the Christians of America are to know the true freedom that comes through Christ then we MUST embrace the Declaration of Independence from the tyranny of Satan.

We must embrace our freedom to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform drug dealing gangs into disciples of the Lord, to eradicate poverty, hunger and homelessness, to assist our seniors, to acknowledge the Ten Commandments in our court-rooms, and to uphold the integrity of Christian Marriage.

So, in concluding this article I would ask that you reflect upon the words of just one great president... President Lincoln once said, "It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

Kerry



Outreach Link . . .

Did you know that your living room could quickly become a center of great encouragement?

While most of our Life Groups are taking summer breaks . . . it's a great time to begin planning for the fall.

Is your home available for a LIFE Group? If so, contact Kerry for details on how YOU can host a group this fall and share in the joy of being a *Light House* in your community.

Mission Link . . .

DARREL & CINDY BOYD

Darrel & Cindy are on break from Prishtina High School, and have returned to the U.S. for the summer. They are spending time with family and getting acquainted with new grandchildren. They will be letting us know soon about their plans to come to Salina to share with us about their work in Kosovo.



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Youth Update

It's July already and the summer is flying by so fast! Don't forget that with the Summer regular youth group on Wednesday nights is taking a break until September. But that doesn't mean we don't have tons of things still going on for the youth group!

Here are some great opportunities for your student to be a part of what's going on at Salina Heights.

CIY Move

Christ in Youth Conference is rapidly approaching on July 17th. Registration for CIY is closed, so if you missed it you'll have to wait until next year. But the high schoolers are going to have an awesome time in Cleveland Tennessee on the campus of Lee University, worshiping God, growing closer to Him through his Word, and hanging out with each other! Whether you're going or not, please help us out by praying that this trip would be everything God wants it to be in the lives of everyone going!

Capture the Flag – Wednesday July 28th 6:00-8:30 PM

We will be having an awesome time of capture the flag at the church. Come out and bring some friends for a great time of running, flag capturing, and eating good food! This event is for all ages from 6th to 8th grades and it won't cost anything! We'll see ya there!

Also on the Horizon -

Day at the Lake – August 14th

To Save A Life Movie Showing – August 21st

These events are going to be awesome and we'd love to have you come and be a part of the great times hanging out and growing closer to God! If you have any questions you can contact Micah at micah@salinaheights.com or you can reach him at 823-7050.

Get connected!



LIFE GROUPS

Sunday Afternoon: 1pm
Monica Englehardt's home
1316 Indian Rock Lane

Tuesday Morning: 9:30am
Church Overflow Room w/ Sue Dickey

Tuesday Evening: 6:45pm
Eric & Amy Wolf's Home
2873 Mahan Rd., Brookville

Thursday Evening: 7:00pm
Chuck & Lana Heaton's home

ARE YOU READY TO PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION?

Here are some opportunities for you to make a difference in the ministry of Salina Heights Christian Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EDUCATION

Help is needed in some of the Sunday School classes, including the nursery. Also, beginning in September we need someone to help with PROJECT ROCK during the second hour service. Please see Danae House if you are interested in serving in this way.

P.I.T CREW (People In Touch)

Provide a warm welcome to our SHCC family and guests when they arrive on Sunday mornings. Each P.I.T. Crew team serves one Sunday per month. Call LaVeda Hobbie or Sue Dickey if you can help with this ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRY

There is a real need for sponsors to help with Junior High boys, Junior High girls, and Senior High boys. This is an opportunity to have a huge impact on the lives of our students. See Micah Crosley to learn more about the exciting plans coming up this fall.

NURSERY

Your help is needed to provide a safe, fun environment for babies and toddlers during the second hour service. If you would like to be a part of the schedule to serve in this way please call Sue at the church office.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28