

BRADY LANE LEDGER

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Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting

THE BIG THREE!

BLC Worship Team at the 4th of July Gospel Fest in Flora!

The BLC Worship Team led by Lee Anna Atwell will be one of the groups providing music at the Gospel Fest & Fireworks in Flora, Indiana on July 4th! Come to Flora and support our team and enjoy the fun! 6p-9:30p - fireworks to follow.

Return of Sunday School

July 26 - Open to Adults

August 9 - Kids Sunday School Begins.

Back to Church Policies

- Refrain from handshakes and hugs and try to social distance
- Utilize hand sanitizer stations around the church
- If you have to sneeze or cough do so into your elbow...please cover your mouth. If sick...stay home!
- We will utilize communion stations rather than pass trays and plates. Instructions will be given during service. There will be an offering box on the entrance table.
- If you plan to sing bring a mask
- Brady Lane Kids ministry is in the 11am service only.

There's Nothing Free when it Comes to Freedom

When Elder Mike Roller submitted his devotion to me this week, it inspired me to write on this topic as well, from a different perspective. This weekend is independence weekend...with the Fourth of July tomorrow (Saturday). Normally, my family and I would celebrate the Fourth by finding a fireworks display somewhere - when we lived down



in Crawfordsville, it was usually the display at Baldwin Memorial Field. We would find a nice seat on the hillside of the first tee box on the City Golf course along with hundreds of others and we would enjoy the show.

A tradition began while Amy and I were

working with the youth at New Hope - several of the kids would come out and find us and sit with us during the show. It was always fun to visit and celebrate with them while still giving attention to my family.

We did this for several years in a row - one year one of our students showed up with a bandaged hand and a bit of a hangover from pain killers because he had a firework go off in his hand...thank God he was not seriously injured.

While those were great years there were other Fourth of July celebrations that were a little different - like the Summer we were at Johnson Bible college and we missed fireworks on the fourth but took the kids to see the fireworks display across the Tennessee River Downtown Knoxville - on Labor Day in a celebration they call Boomsday in Knoxville. Those fireworks to this day are the best ones we have ever seen! Made Disney look like amateur hour!

Since coming to Lafayette, the Fourth has not been the same, although we have had a great time visiting with the Fritz's at their annual party at their home, and one year we watched a doozy of a home fireworks display in our neighborhood. (Sadly those people have moved away!). For the longest time Ashton and James and their kids were far away, and Elijah kind of lost interest in going to see the fireworks...so Amy and I have not really gone anywhere to see them. Last year - the kids moved to Lafayette, but had just

Freedom Has a Cost

By Mike Roller

A lot of time has been spent over the last couple of weeks of unrest talking about freedom. Whether it is freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom from oppression, freedom to not to wear a mask, etc...., freedom is something that we all hold dear. As we near Independence Day, we will no doubt continue to hear about the freedoms that we celebrate in this great nation.

We are all blessed to live in United States and be free from the true grip of oppression that is very real to the people of many other countries. The question that we should be asking ourselves this holiday is this, "has the wealth, comforts and freedom of our country lulled us into complacency and distracted us from our true calling (see Matthew 28:19)?"

Several years ago, the Asante Children's Choir visited Brady Lane and I had the opportunity to spend some time leader of the group. When they were leaving the elders offered a prayer to the group and thanked them for coming. The leader of the group mentioned that he would in turn be praying for us. That seemed so strange to me, what would this man, with so little, be praying for on our behalf. As he was leaving, I asked. I will never forget his answer, "With all the distractions that you have here I will pray that you can keep your focus on God."

In chapter 8, verse 34 of John, Jesus explains that we are all a slave to our sin. True freedom has nothing to do with our time on this earth but is freely given to us by Christ. This year while celebrating our country's freedom, take time to share your freedom from sin, given to you by Christ and His great sacrifice.



been here a few days so we didn't make any big plans.

This year was going to be the year...this year was going to be the year that we had some semblance of celebrating Independence Day with family and friends and do something special...and then COVID-19 blessed us with its presence.

Now - Lee Anna and the worship team from BLC will be sharing music at the GOSPEL FEST in Flora, IN - I think we are going to try to go to that, but still many are not sure about what to do - if anything...and fireworks displays all over the country have been cancelled. It's been kind of a bummer!

Regardless of the year, the people we spent time with while we celebrated, the various locations that we went to watch displays - every time I have ever witnessed a fireworks display with patriotic music playing in the background, I cannot keep my mind from considering the cost that goes along with the freedom that we celebrate every year.

Contrary to popular opinion these days...nothing is free. There is no free college, there is no free lunch, there is no free housing and promises of the like are empty because one truth remains...it may be free to someone but it costs someone else. Nothing is free. Like those other things there also is the truth that freedom isn't free even though free is in the word. Freedom that we enjoy has come at a great cost.

I thank the amazing men and women who throughout our county's history have made the ultimate sacrifice whether on the battlefield or running into burning twin towers, I am grateful to all of those who stand on our front lines and say "I will do it!" when the call to sacrifice oneself is given.

As Mike so well put it - there is also the One who gave all for all humanity, so that we could experience TRUE freedom. Freedom that is eternal. That wonderful gift wasn't free either although it is freely given. The cost was great. The HOLY SON OF GOD experienced death, hell, sin, and shame to make our way back to God possible.



Let's all say a prayer this Independence Day weekend - and thank God for our country, our way of life, our freedom, but let's also make sure we thank Him for the greatest gift He has ever bestowed upon us, Jesus. Happy Holiday Weekend to all of you. May God bless and keep you all! See you Sunday in person, live online on YouTube, or later this week!

Services at 8:30am and 11am on campus
Live online at 11am on YouTube