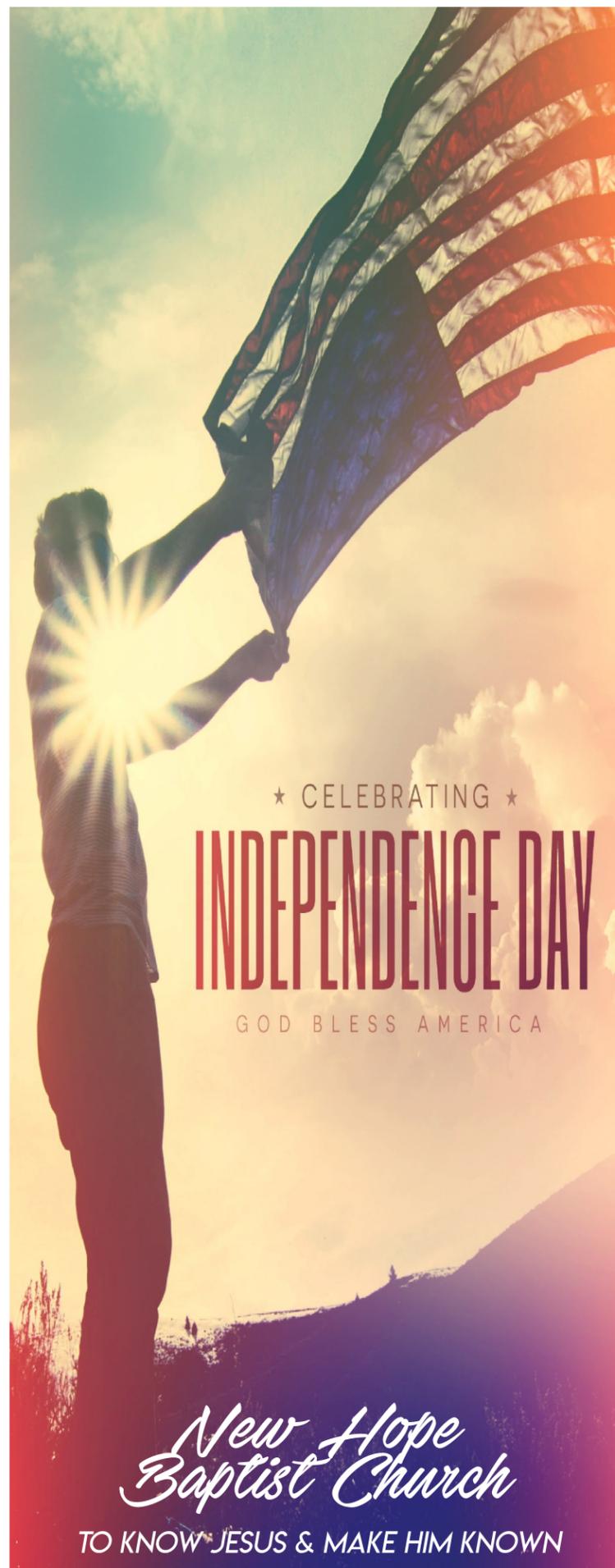


It just goes to show the moral relativism which says, "I can do anything I want and so can you as long as it doesn't offend me." "WHAT, I offended you!" Let me illustrate by the two teachers, peers who were caught having sex with each other on school grounds before school started. Their defense was: "we were not on duty, we were off the clock". From a Biblical worldview such an act is concerning for a multitude of reasons but the inconsistency of our current culture is what made these two consider this was even ok. The monster is out of the cage and we must act for God.

Since the world cup is going on right now let me give you an example of standing for your beliefs you likely did not hear about. Jaelen Hinkle is a female soccer player who refused a call up to the national team because she was going to have to wear a jersey to honor the LGBTQ community and it conflicts with her Christian beliefs about marriage. She said, "I felt so convicted in my spirit that it wasn't my job to wear this jersey." She gave up her dream for her convictions. She prayed on her decision for three days, and she knew she was giving up "the one dream little girls dream about their entire life." She knew she may not get another chance, and she hasn't been called back up to the team again since (the women's world cup is in 2019). It was not a hasty decision. It is the dream of every soccer player to play for your country in the World Cup, it is the greatest honor and her refusal could cost her this opportunity. Women's soccer and basketball players are known for having several outspoken LGBT players, two of whom just posed together on the cover of ESPN's fitness magazine. Hinkle has received criticism from many but also praise. Her story is powerful not just because of her tactful refusal but because there is more to her life than just soccer. In fact, soccer was nearly taken from her when she was in college just a few years ago. She struggle in the world of sports, college and sports trying to fit in at all three when everything came crashing down, a blood clot in her knee which would need a stent and threatened her career. However she received a miracle and conviction to match. She is standing for freedom which says not one should be forced regardless of the religious or political views to portray something they do not believe in. The criticism she has received is unfair because in the end she made a personal choice which did not affect anyone else except herself, emphasis on the fact she hurt her own career... the US team will just replace her and probably not think twice about so where is the tolerance preached so much by LGBTQ side?

The sinful and satanic objective is simple, destroy sex, or at least plunge it into utter confusion with the purpose of destroying culture. We have fought against the issues but what we must fight for unashamedly is God-designed sex within Biblical Marriage. A right view which celebrates what God has gifted us and which paints a beautiful picture of the gospel and glorifies God. Sex within marriage is a wonderful portrayal of the intimate relationship of the gospel with our heart and the outward expression of that love to someone else... beginning with your spouse, extending to your children and reaching out to others. The Acts 1:8 model of evangelism, Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria, and the ends of the earth. A relationship which looks like this provides women with confidence in their own beauty, who they are in God and men with the satisfaction which comes from an adoring spouse. It is no wonder the first attack on the human race went after this beautiful bond and the true foundation of all culture.



**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**

*Morning Worship Service*

**# 633 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**  
Welcome & Prayer

**# 630 America the Beautiful**  
with **# 634 My Country, 'Tis of Thee**  
**Salute to the Armed Forces - Choir**  
Scripture Reading & Prayer

**# 142 There Is a Fountain**  
**THE BATTLE FOR BIBLICAL MARRIAGE**  
**IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE**  
*Genesis 2*

**# 307 Just As I Am**

*Evening Worship Service*

**# 493 Onward, Christian Soldiers**  
Invocation & Welcome

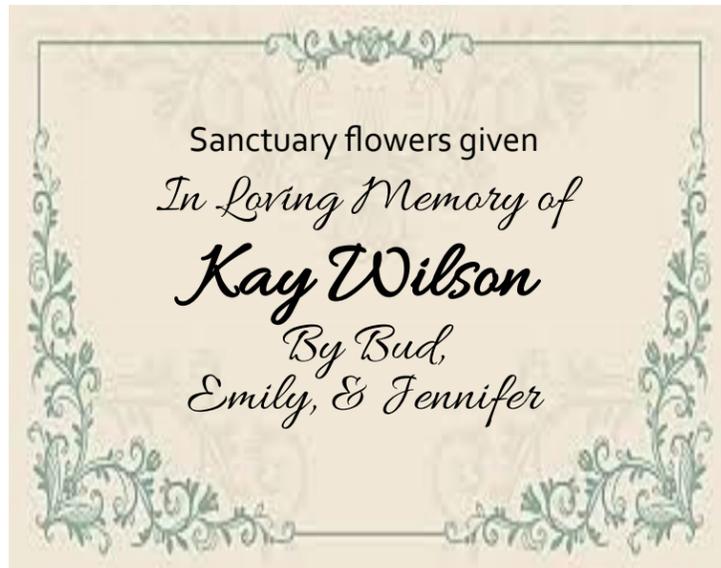
**# 433 Rejoice in the Lord Always**  
**# 202 All Hail the**  
**Power of Jesus' Name**  
Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

**# 634 My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

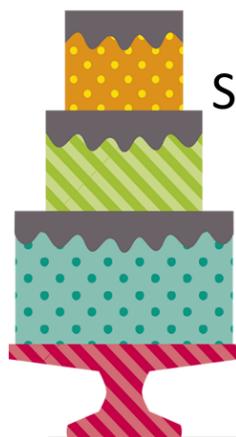
Today's message is on marriage and as I was preparing the message and hearing from God there was far more that needs to be said on this subject, specifically sex. It seems apparent not talking about sex has hurt the Christian influence in society. Rather than respectfully celebrating sex, the biblical model of sex and its intention for procreation and enjoyment, we have minimized sex and, in some cases, refused to speak about it. For many it is a hushed subject, or something only done in an effort to make a baby. Perhaps there is a fear if we really say how awesome it can be our children will rush out to find out. However, looking at culture many are doing that anyway. It is time we deal honestly with ourselves, our children and the culture. This is a God-designed act meant to be enjoyed. After all, God designed us, gave us this gift before the fall into sin, which means sin isn't what makes it enjoyable, it was God and He said it was good. Actually, the result of children was meant to be pain free! Even though childbirth now causes pain it doesn't stop the enjoyment nor the desire. In addition, there is a whole book of the Bible, Song of Solomon, devoted to sex within marriage. Read Song of Solomon chapter 4, if you dare! (I'd put the text in here but it's a little risqué... and it's in the Bible...) Sex can bring glory to God. This is the consummating act of the marriage covenant, an intimate, physical, and spiritual encounter and the foundation of society and has been, and is, under attack.

One of the major issues in our culture and society is the reduction of religious liberty and the promotion of sexual liberty. The two go hand-in-hand and are closely related, perhaps, more than we realize. The issue of sexual freedom has long been gaining ground and many of the major cultural issues center around this foundational part of humanity. Let's think for a moment about the major issues surrounding the decline of morality. Abortion, the killing of an unborn child in utero. Why would someone desire to do this unless there was a sexual sin which caused a child in an unwanted situation? The scandal of divorce is nothing but a picture of the freedom we have promoted to try it and if it doesn't work out "no biggie". One of the biggest causes of divorce, physical relationships deteriorate because of the misplaced sexual desire. God hates divorce and it is no wonder why. Same sex marriage and LGBTQ issues occupy so much of our current culture and have everything to do with sexual liberty regardless of natural biology and distancing themselves as far from Biblical theology as possible.

It seems culture has created the society it wants, one in which sex is free and you can do what you want; except you can't. This is the real contradiction: you are free but not really. It is a classic contradiction. In the last couple weeks there seems to have been a proliferation of moral judgements pertaining to sex. Politicians, athletes, movie stars, are all coming under fire for their private lives and some receive more "kick back" than others. It seems a movie star or athlete has more freedom than does a politician and all have more freedom than do school teachers. There is a proliferation of school teachers being involved physically with their underage students and it does not seem to matter what gender the teacher is nor which gender the student is. I by no means condone such actions but isn't this the monster our culture has created and let out of its cage and now is trying to put a leash on it? I am appalled it is happening but unfortunately not surprised.



## Happy Birthday!



**Today**  
 Kelly Jo Smith  
 Sylvia Hendrickson  
**July 4**  
 Grace Dubois  
**July 5**  
 Cara Smith  
**July 7**  
 Danielle Weeks

### Sunday Services

Nursery.....19  
 Morning Worship.....106  
 Evening Worship.....36

### Giving Record

Budget Needs/Week .....\$7,056.00  
 Tithes & Offering .....\$2,929.10  
 Difference.....(-4,126.90)  
 Designated..... \$0.00

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# JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 7pm Deacon's Meeting	3 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	4 	5	6	7 Youth -Led Service Rehearsal Dinner @ 5pm Rehearsal @ 6pm
	9 6pm Stewardship Meeting	10	11 5PM Nominating Comm Meeting 6:30 Business Meeting	12		14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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**COUNTING COMMITTEE - JUNLY2018**  
 Jo Smith, Helga Shackelford, Sandra Moore

**WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open  
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building  
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary  
 Kids' Church K-5  
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study  
 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)  
 G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.  
 Women's Bible Study  
 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

**USHERS OF THE WEEK**  
 Marlon Pendergrass  
 David Moore  
 David Suttles  
 Justin Davidson

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
 July 1-7  
 Kord Robertson 781-5383  
 July 8-14  
 Johnny Trammell 781-0444



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.  
*We're so glad you're here!*



**Mr. Hinton Shackelford's 91st Birthday Celebration**

Resthaven

Saturday, July 21

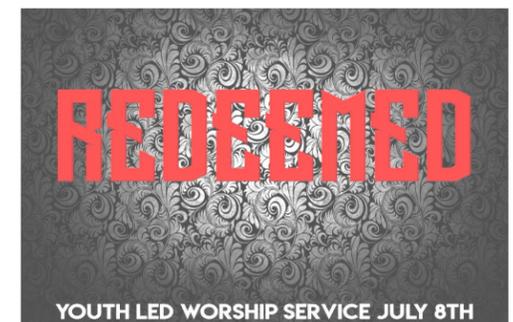
Drop in any time between 2:00pm - 3:00pm

*\*No gifts...just friends!\**

Contact Renee with any questions  
 863-781-0878



### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES...



UPCOMING YOUTH  
 FRIDAY, JULY 20TH  
 DINNER @ 5PM