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INDEPENDENCE DAY

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TALES FROM THE OLE WEST



Where is this year going? It is already July and we are halfway through the year. They say time flies when you are having fun, so I really must be having a blast. I think they also say the older you get the faster time goes. I like the first definition of having fun better.

This is the time of year that we celebrate our freedom. Freedom to speak, freedom of religion, freedom to be all we can be. This all came about with the signing of The Declaration of Independence in 1776, stating that the United States would be independent from Great Britain. It is a national holiday when the whole country comes together as one great nation, united as one.

Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a picnic or barbecue and take advantage of the day off or a long weekend to gather with relatives.

Decorations such as streamers, balloons, and clothing are generally colored red, white, and blue, the colors of the American flag. Parades are often in the morning, while fireworks displays occur in the evening at such places as parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.

Fireworks shows are held in many states and many fireworks are sold for personal use or as an alternative to a public show. For safety reasons, I personally am not a big fan of fireworks, especially the back yard kind. I just don't get a big bang out of them.

Now lets think back 2000 years ago on a hill called Mt. Calvary. This is where our true independence comes from. Our Lord Jesus Christ set us free from sin and gave us the path to eternal salvation, eternal life and the opportunity to be with Him in Heaven for eternity. Can you picture the fireworks that would or should be displayed on that occasion? Shouldn't this be our first Independence Day, and shouldn't it also be celebrated on Easter with

praise and fireworks? Romans 8: 1-2 says, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." This is the first and the greatest freedom of all. Without this freedom that Jesus gave to us on the cross, we would not have been able to celebrate the freedom presented to us 1776 years later. There would be no purpose to our life.

The second Independence Day gave us the freedom of religion, of speech and the ability to live in a free country. The first Independence Day gives us freedom from sin and the way for eternal salvation and as it says in 1 Peter 2: 16 "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as *(continued on page 2)*



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Tales (continued)

servants of God"

Shouldn't we use the second independence presented in 1776 to celebrate the first and most important independence of all: the independence given to us on Mt. Calvary?

Happy Trails,
Jim

TABOR TALK

Recently, on a trip to Dallas, Texas, I had the opportunity to visit the seminary campus where I spent four years of my life almost 40 years ago attending class, reading a plethora of books, and beginning a lifelong process of gaining a theological education. I had not been back to the campus for almost 25 years. While there on campus, my friends and I got onto an elevator and were surprised by the presence of one of our favorite professors. I had not seen him or held a conversation with him at all in the years since I was there. I knew him as a positive and enthusiastic student of the Word of God and a man committed to seeing the Good News of Jesus Christ become the heartbeat of people all over the world.

My encounter with him brought back the memory of one of my favorite conversations with Ron. It occurred about a week after he returned from a speaking en-

gagement in El Salvador, during the height of the civil war unrest in that country many years ago. He talked about how he had been riding to the church where he was to speak and the driver of the vehicle was dodging potholes made by exploding bombs and grenades. After the service, he returned to his car to find it ridden with machine-gun bullet holes. My question was simple: "Ron, weren't you scared for your life then?" His response was equally as simple. With a wide grin, he said, "Of course not. The Lord led me to this place. The Lord would get me out of this place. And if he didn't, then I'll be in a better place! I just trust the Lord for my life - even there,"

When we saw him there in that elevator, he still had that broad ear-to-ear grin that I remembered. He was on his way to go see his grandchildren. As we visited briefly, one of my friends happened to ask him, "*Ron, you've been here for a long time and you seem to be still going great. What are you looking forward to? What does the future hold for you?*"

Without hesitation he replied, "*To take another mountain for God, as did Caleb.*"

You may recall the story of Caleb: after Israel's trek across the desert from Egypt to Jordan, God commissioned Moses to send 12

spies into the Promised Land, only to have 10 return in fear, and disbelief. The two exceptions of course were Caleb and Joshua, who urged Moses to take the land. ([Joshua 13:30](#))

Forty-five years later Israel had still failed to acquire portions of the land promised to them by God. Caleb, who by now was eighty years of age, rises to the challenge: "*I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day,*" ([Joshua 14:10-12](#))

In our Fourth Days, it is very easy to become complacent, to get a little lazy, and to avoid responsibility or challenge. The question I have for all of you is: "Are you 'CALEB'S CALIBER' — like my friend Ron, who, in his old age, still chooses to believe God for new mountains to conquer?" That could be taking on a new and needed ministry in your local church. It could be experienced by serving in the Emmaus community, in one of the many roles needed there. It may be as simple as sponsoring a pilgrim on the next walk.

Whatever it is, we are looking for Calebs!

Any Calebs out there?

Chuck Tabor

Welcome the Ladies from Women's Walk 88

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Emmaus Walk #86

*I had a talk with God today
I had so much I wanted to say.
I thanked him for giving me
His love, many blessings and my family.*

*I wanted to tell him, as we talked
About my Emmaus Walk.
I told him about the friends I'd made
And about the posters we displayed.*

*I told him we laughed and cried too
And vowed to let our light shine thru.
He listened and I know he smiled
Cause he said he'd been with us all the while.*

*Along with the praises, love and tears,
We stuffed ourselves up to our ears
Singing and hallelujahs we added to the mix
And that's the story of Emmaus Walk #86*

-Dorothy Mockabee



Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus—WUMC
 PO Box 191
 Wilmington, OH 45177



SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!
July 10
Singing starts at 6:45PM!

Women's Walk #88 REUNION
 6:00 pm



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MONTH	SPECIAL MUSIC	INSTRUMENTALIST	SONG LEADER
Jul	Christy Mitchell	Jennie Harner	Bronwyn Jones
Aug	Cindy Bloom	John Glaze	Christy Mitchell
Sep	Bronwyn Jones	John Glaze	Peggy Larkin
Oct	Peggy Larkin	John Glaze	Cindy Bloom
Nov	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec	Community	John Glaze/Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones

Planning ahead! Do you have musical talent you would be willing to share with the Emmaus Community? We typically have two music specials at a Gathering and need a song leader and an accompanist. Although "piano" is listed, we can have guitar accompaniment...or any other instrument able to lead group singing.

To volunteer for a monthly Gathering contact JENNIE HARNER at 937-987-2518 or harnersewing@yahoo.com.