

## The Beacon

1 Peter 2:16 ESV

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. The Newsletter of
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July 2023

"The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate our independence as a nation. It is also a time to reflect on the principles that founded our country. The Bible has a lot to say about freedom, independence, and liberty. In this blog post, we will look at some of the best Bible verses for the Fourth of July. These scriptures will help you reflect on what it means to be American, and they will also remind you of the blessings God has given us as a nation."

10BibleVerses.com 4th of July Bible Verses Scripture for Independence Day June 27, 2022 by tony



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Church family,

It's the month of family gatherings! Between 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnics, fireworks, pool parties, beach trips, I can't imagine July *without* them! Funny thing about family gatherings, though, is that they often include people *other than* our blood relatives. Spouses, and in-laws—sure—but I'm talking about those best friends that are so close, we think of them as relatives: our "chosen family." Actually, our church friends can be like family too. For some, this connection might be more important than you think. For those who have lost family or for whom family can't make the trip this year, July's fanfare can make the month feel extra lonely

or disappointing. But as Psalm 68 says, "God sets the lonely in families." This month, consider who might be lonely around you, perhaps in church or another social circle. We are social creatures, and we all need to be treated like family at one point or another. A small gesture of invitation would mean the *world* to one such person. Fortunately, God has placed <u>you</u> in their life. Go forth and welcome!

In peace,
-Pastor Peter

P.S. Speaking of summer gatherings, don't forget the *522*Youth Group's joint Jr & Sr High "Backyard Picnic" at Chris & Christian Hann's house: July 29 @12pm!

- -I will hold open office hours 10am-2pm at <u>Trinity</u> on Tuesdays, and at <u>St. Paul's</u> on Thursdays. -My cell phone is (609) 477-9194. Please feel free to call or text. I may not reply on Friday. (My day off.)
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St. Paul's ACCOUNT SUMMARY:

**General Fund** 

Total Income May, 2023 \$6,358.44

Total Expenses May, 2023 \$7,567.02

Interest Earned GF May, 2023 \$49.66

Net LOSS \$1,158.92

<sup>\*</sup>January-May 2023 - Net GAIN \$ 6,852.41



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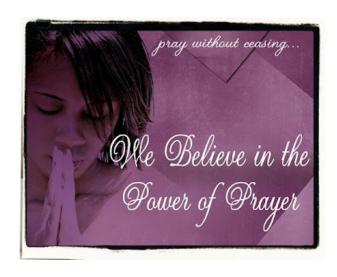
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## 2023



Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering

St. Paul's Church Women United NO meetings this summer.

Sunday, July 2 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:

for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 106:1

<u>Tuesday, July 4</u> Independence Day! Stay safe...

Wednesday, July 12 Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 16 Building Fund offering

Tuesday, July 18 St. Paul's CHANGE: NO CONSISTORY MEETING IN JULY!

<u>REMINDER:</u> ST. PAUL"S: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE BEING COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY...PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CONTAINER IN UPSTAIRS SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM! THANKS

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