



Maupin's Corner

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Let Freedom Ring

Freedom is never free and always comes at a great price.

That is the message of Memorial Day since the time of my grandfather, who served in WWI as cavalry at the age of 14.

It's the same for my Father and Mother-in-law, who during WWII, left their homes in Concord, NC and South Boston, VA to serve their country building airplanes for the war effort in Baltimore, MD.

Freedom came at a great price for my Dad's generation during the Korean War where he served as a Marine.

For my generation it was Vietnam and recently Operation Desert Storm, followed by Operation Iraqi Freedom that is winding down while we are building up in Afghanistan.

Those are the majors with several smaller conflicts that are of no less importance where men and women died that we and others might live in freedom.

So when freedom rings it rings with the loss of life, and for those who endured battle and the memories of losing friends, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers who served our country it rings often, especially on Memorial Day. And we give no shallow thanks for their sacrifice.

I often say that the Men and Women of the WWII era whom I have had the pleasure to serve and learn much from are of a special quality. They grew up and met the challenge of their century in defeating Germany and Japan. They kept faith and sacrificed much without complaint.

Tom Brokaw is right to call the generation that grew up during the

Great Depression and who fought and served in WWII the "Greatest Generation." "They fought not for fame and recognition but simply because it was the right thing to do."

Isn't it interesting how the Great Depression prepared these sons and daughters for the greatest war of our era, at just the right time?

This generation was united not only by a common purpose, but also by common values—faith, duty, honor, economy, courage, service, love of family and country, and Brokaw is quick to mention responsibility for ones self.

They faced great odds and a late start, but they didn't whine; instead they succeeded on every front. They won the war; and literally saved the world.

They came home to joyous but short-lived

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Danny Funderburk will be in concert Saturday night, July 13 at 7:00pm. He will also be singing a few songs during worship on Sunday, July 14.

celebrations and immediately began the task of rebuilding their lives and the world they wanted.

They married in record numbers and began families, giving birth to another distinctive generation, the Baby Boomers. A grateful nation made it possible for more of them to attend college than any society anywhere had ever educated.

They gave the world such new science, literature, art, industry, and economic strength, it would be unparalleled in history. As they now reach the twilight of their lives, they remain fairly modest.

Their stories need to be told and shared to our generations and more to come. They, in most cases, were not told in their day because they didn't think that what they did was all that special, because everyone else of their time was doing it too.

But as history looks

back we know this generation rang freedoms bell as clearly and loudly as it has ever been rung by a generation and because they did we are free to hear it ring and so our children.

The Psalmist in 33 calls out for all the earth to fear and stand in awe of their Creator when they see the world before them. For the Lord brings the councils of the nations to nothing, He frustrates the plans of the peoples, but as for His council it stands firm forever, the plans of His heart will not change for all generations, blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has claimed to be His heritage.

The Great Depression came and prepared a people like no other in all of modern history to believe if they did the right thing they could keep their world free.

Memorial Day marks the beginning of our summer every year,

reminding us, as it should, of the many freedoms we have that should not be taken for granted.

We need to keep the freedom stories fresh in each new generation and for that we have Memorial Day every year for our day to remember.

To remember and be thankful for God's hand that is over every nation, the everlasting Creator of the ends of the earth. Who does not grow tired or weary, but gives power to us who faint, to the weak he gives strength, to those who wait in faith God promises he will renew their strength and they shall run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.

God's blessings on our nation and may we, it's sons and daughters, remember and be thankful.

Pastor Randy

Women's Ministries

The Day Circle will meet Monday, June 7th at 2:00 pm at the home of Melba Hunter.

The Night Circle will meet Monday, June 14 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall with Alice Stokes hosting.

Send kids to Egypt to join Joseph on a journey from prison to palace! Children will build pyramids...jostle through a colorful marketplace...squish mud to make bricks...and join Joseph on the family friendly adventure of a lifetime! Bible Points:

1. God gives us hope - Jeremiah 29:11 Joseph interprets dreams in prison.
2. God gives us special abilities - Romans 12:6 Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge.
3. God gives us wisdom - James 1:5 Joseph leads Egypt through famine.
4. God gives us forgiveness - Nehemiah 9:17 Joseph forgives his brothers.
5. God gives us a family - Galatians 3:26 Joseph settles his family in Egypt.



VBS begins June 20th! Pre- Registration sheets are in the Narthex and may be returned to Cathy Foster.

We are still in need of the following VBS staff and supplies:

Volunteers for Pre-school

Volunteers for Marketplace Shops (crafts) & Games

Volunteers for Snacks (see Betty)

Volunteers to build a large pyramid from boxes (see Mitch)

2 Outdoor Cabanas for the Marketplace Shops

Large baskets or pots

Colorful blankets and rugs

Artificial or live plants

Please contact Cathy if you can help and label all items so they may be returned to their owner.

Thank you for your support!

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The church will host a **Graduate Cookout**, honoring this years graduates, Sunday June 6th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Everyone is invited to Michael Swenson's Graduation Open House on Sunday, June 13th from 2-5 pm at his home: 430 S Fulton Street, Salisbury, NC.

Parking – You may not park on Fulton Street. Parking is available on the side streets adjacent to the house.

Graduation 2010



Brandy Harris will graduate from West Rowan High School on Friday, June 11. While at West, Brandy participated in the Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. She was a member of the West Rowan Bible Club and the West Rowan Crazy's. She will be attending Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in the fall and pursue a degree in Radiology. Brandy is employed with the J. F. Hurley YMCA.

Jessica Lesslie will graduate from Carson High School on Friday, June 11. She will be attending Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in the fall. Jessica is employed with the South Rowan YMCA.



Michael Swenson will graduate with honors from Salisbury High School on Friday, June 11. While at Salisbury, Michael participated in the Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Quiz Bowl. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Club, Latin Club, and Jr. Civitans. Michael won the National Latin Award. He plans to attend the Engineering University at NC State in Raleigh this fall. He hopes to participate in the Marching Band and is applying for full scholarships with the Air Force. Michael was awarded the North Carolina Scholar Award and City of Salisbury Mayor Award for his scholastic achievement.

Marissa Triplett will graduate from Salisbury High School on Friday, June 11. She was a varsity cheerleader for all four years and was varsity captain her senior year. Marissa will be attending East Carolina University in the fall with a major in teaching. She continues to teach horseback riding lessons at Highland Hill Stables.



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Choir Practice 6:30pm	3	4 Breakfast 6:15am at Cracker Barrel	5 Yard/Hot dog sale
6 9:45am- Sunday School 11:00am– Wor- ship/Children’s Church/ Communion 6:00pm-Cook-out	7 Day Circle 2:00pm Pastor’s day off	8	9 Choir Practice 6:30pm	10	11 Breakfast 6:15am at Cracker Barrel	12 Prayer Break- fast 8:00am
13 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am– Wor- ship/Children’s Church	14 Night Circle 7:00pm Pastor’s day off	15 Deaconate meet at 5:30pm	16 Choir Practice 6:30pm	17	18 Breakfast 6:15am at Cracker Barrel	19
20 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am– Wor- ship/Children’s Church 6:30pm-VBS	21 VBS	22 VBS	23 VBS	24 VBS	25 Breakfast 6:15am at Cracker Barrel	26
27 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am– Wor- ship/Children’s Church	28 Pastor’s day off	29	30			

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Congratulations!

***Michael Ranson** made the A Honor Roll at North Rowan Middle School. He also won 3rd place in the ARC art show.

***Abbie Ranson** made the AB Honor Roll at North Rowan Elementary School.

***April Spry** was inducted into Catawba College's Theta Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society on April 13. April was one of two graduate students to be inducted.

***MacKenzie Fisher** was selected to be on the East Rowan Varsity Cheerleading Squad for the 2010-2011 school year.

June Birthdays

June 10	Mitch Lesslie
June 12	Melanie Dwyer
June 13	David Lesslie
June 15	Dallas Ranson
June 17	Barry Spry
June 24	Chris Buckwell
June 26	Michael Ranson
June 29	Bob Crawford
June 29	Sean Dwyer
June 30	Adam Layman