

JULY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



- July 2 LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCH @ SWEDISH PANCAKE HOUSE
- July 4 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATIONAL MTG. @ 10:30AM
- July 8 GOSPELFEST @ 6:30 @ NEIGHBOR'S REHAB CENTER
- July 9-11 BYRONFEST
- July 14 SR. OUTING TO STARVED ROCK FOR LUNCH
- July 25 MOVIE OUT UNDER THE STARS...FACING THE GIANTS @ DUSK
- July 26-30 5-DAY CLUB FROM 10:00-11:15
- July 28 ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS CHRISTIAN NIGHT

SAVE THE DATES: AUGUST 2-6 VBS...SEAQUEST...6:00-8:00PM!!!

The church office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Pastor Randy and Michael are off on Fridays.

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About 6 years ago Mary and I attended the BGC Annual meeting in Maryland. During some free time we went to visit Fort McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner was written. We took part in raising a huge flag (about 50 people to hold it) and I was very inspired to stand where brave men fought and died to stop the British attack. They believe if Fort McHenry fell the British would have taken Washington and defeated our forces, changing our history greatly. Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics to the Star Spangled Banner as dawn showed the flag still stood over the fort. Now it is our National Anthem and is sung before our ball games and Nascar races. We only sing the first verse but I think the last one is also very powerful, so I listed it here for you to read:

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God Is Our Trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

At this Fourth of July may we not get complacent and self-reliant and forget the Power that sustains us as a nation. Let us not forget the brave men and women who are in danger today to preserve our freedom. Let us claim the motto "In God Is Our Trust". May the Star Spangled Banner ever wave.

Keep The Faith,

Pastor Randy

