



# FREEDOM<sub>CHURCH</sub>

**"...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom."**

**2 Corinthians 3:17**

**Service Time: Sundays at 10 am**

## **Pastor Mark's Remarks**

Hi Friends,

The weather feels like there is no end to summer in sight, but the summer break for school and for small groups is nearly over. That means that good things are on the horizon as we gear up for the new church year.

Our adult small group ministry will kick off the new church year on August 19<sup>th</sup>. And I can't think of a more important step you could take right now to position yourself for spiritual growth and deeper relationships than to join a small group for this fall. Each Sunday for the next three weeks, you will have a chance to sign up for a small group, using the Small Group Sign-Up Cards during worship, located in the seatback pouches in the worship room. Whether you are a long-time small group member or completely new to the idea, please take a moment to sign up and drop your card in the offering basket at the end of worship.

We will have small groups meeting on Sunday evenings and on Wednesday evenings. As always, you are free to choose a specific group or to allow us to help you find a group that is the best fit for you.

The start of the new school year is also a great time of year to reach out and invite new people to attend worship with you at Freedom. As summer draws to a close, people tend to try and get their schedules and priorities back on track. And that tends to be a great time to invite them to come to church with you. So in line with that idea, we are sending out a mass invitation mailer to roughly 20,000 homes in our community in mid-August. You may want to consider using the mailer as a conversation starter for inviting neighbors and co-workers to come to church with you.

And on a final unrelated note, I have mentioned to you in recent months about the possibility of Freedom Church purchasing our current building (and the bank next door). Many of you have been faithful to pray over this, and the word that a number of us have sensed seems to be that we should at least further explore our purchase options. So please pray for wisdom and favor as we look further into these options.

So many times churches go through a "summer slump" in terms of attendance, giving, and overall spiritual excitement. But together you have made this summer a strong and encouraging season at Freedom. And while July is typically a very poor giving month, you have made July, by far, the strongest giving month of 2018. So thank you for your faithfulness!

You Are Loved!

Mark

## **August 2018 Special Dates**

- **August 12: Connection Class (4:00); Joint Worship Night (6:00)**
- **August 17: Youth Movie & Game Night (6:00)**
- **August 19: Promotion Day for Kids; Core Team Mtg (2:15); Small Group Ldrs Mtg (3:00); Begin Small Groups**
- **August 26: Church-wide Pancake Fellowship (9:00)**
- **Celebrate Recovery every Thursday at 6:15 pm**
- **Freedom's youth meet on Wednesdays, 6-8 pm**



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## Sunday Night of Praise; Joint Worship Event – August 12<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 pm, Freedom will host a joint worship gathering with our sister churches, Grace Anglican and The Union. Our combined worship teams will lead us in worship for that hour. Please make plans to join us for a fun evening of worship and of getting to know our brothers and sisters from these other two great partner churches! Childcare will be provided for preschoolers.



## Connection Class—August 12<sup>th</sup>

Are you new to Freedom and interested in learning more about who we are, where we are headed, and how you can be more involved? Are you interested in joining a small group or in joining the church? Do you have questions that you would like to ask Pastor Mark? If you answered “yes” to any of the above, please plan to join us, 4:00-5:30 pm, in the Grace Room on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Childcare will be provided.

## Church-wide Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00



One goal of Freedom Church is to help people establish meaningful relationships. That is why we do church-wide fellowships throughout the year. Our next one will be during the hour prior to worship on August 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Grace Room. So plan to come to church early and hungry that day. We will have plenty of flapjacks, Conecuh sausage, and good fellowship to ensure that you head into worship with a smile on your face!

## Operation Christmas Child

This year, we have a new option for participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. For those who want to participate but would like for someone else to do the shopping, we are now accepting \$25 donations to cover the contents of a box and the \$9 delivery cost to get the box to its destination. There will be boxes set up on Sundays for anyone interested in making a donation. We will also have other options to take part in Operation Christmas Child, including purchasing items for our volunteers to pack and also, as always, the option of doing the shopping and preparing of the box yourself. For more information, contact Lyn Davison at [lyn@myfreedomchurch.net](mailto:lyn@myfreedomchurch.net).

For information about the types of items to include in a box or about the Operation Christmas Child program, visit their website at [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child).



# Missions

Greetings Freedom Family!

What an exciting time to be part of our church and the Freedom Missions Ministry! I have a couple of things to which I'd like to draw your attention.

First, we will be welcoming Bill and Kathy Craver to our church on Sunday morning, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. They're excited to meet you all and to speak to you about the mission in Tizimin. In case you don't know, Bill and Kathy are the missionaries to the Mayan people in the Yucatan and the directors of DCI. Fifteen of us had the extreme pleasure to serve with this past May. It truly is a life-changing mission for our teams and for the Mayans we serve. Please mark your calendars to come hear Bill and Kathy talk about how the Spirit is moving among the Mayan people in the Yucatan. Bill and Kathy are wonderful people with a true heart to share the love of Christ to the Mayans. We are blessed to be part of that ministry.

Right after our service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be having an informational meeting about our next trip to Tizimin. If you know you want to come on the next trip, if you think you MIGHT want to come, or if you just would like to hear about it, please make plans to attend. For those of you who know they want to attend, it's a good time to go ahead and give your \$100 per person deposit to ensure your spot on next year's trip. The dates for that trip are set for May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Secondly, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, I'll be traveling to Guatemala to serve and discover with a mission organization called "Guatemala Landing Zone" (you can find their site on Facebook - check 'em out!). I covet your prayers as I travel and while I'm there. Rabinal is the small town where the Mayans were relocated in 1982 after the Guatemalan government's genocide of the Mayan people living in Rio Negro. I'll be serving the survivors and relatives of that tragedy. Many of you may know Mary Purvis, with whom I will be serving. Mary is the director of GMZ, and her father, Bill Haring, is a member of Freedom Church.

Keep an ear and eye open as I'm trying to work with some area groups to serve local populations in our area. I'm also looking for a good point of contact to connect with the unchurched Latino population in Baldwin County. If you know anyone, please see me, or contact me at [butch.hedgepath@gmail.com](mailto:butch.hedgepath@gmail.com).

Thank you for all the prayers, love and support you've shown as we get this ministry off the ground. Remember Pastor Mark's challenge to each of us to serve on an international mission team within the next 5 years (less time than that now!!!). Please be in prayer about WHEN God wants you to GO and SERVE!!!

Blessings,  
Butch

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:19-20

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# Youth Happenings

Hello Freedom Church,

We hope you are having a great month and want to begin by asking you to pray for those serving the youth, the youth themselves, and all the people that will be touched by the lives of these youth. We have high hopes on continuing disciple-making with our youth, so they can be discipling other young men and women. There is no greater impact that we can have in the kingdom than to pour into the lives of others for a period of time with hopes that they will do the same for others. This is what Jesus did; he went slow to go fast. He spent three years pouring into a small number of individuals, then sent them out and changed the face of the entire world through their lives. We are still seeing the fruit of what Jesus did with the first apostles!

Our July youth event was a lot of fun! We played some classic board games and we played some modern board games. Man, those new ones are intense! We are getting the Freedom bus repaired so we can do some "hitting the streets" type of outreach with the youth. There are some really special young men and women, and we are truly blessed to have such a loving and dedicated team who loves and encourages them. Please pray for Jesus to move on the hearts of our youth in a bigger way, and please pray for the Holy Spirit to move on the hearts of those whom we will evangelize with the outreaches when they get on the schedule.

With love,  
Charlie & Katie

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Keep up with our youth activities at Freedom Church Youth on Facebook!