



# 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**

It is always a big encouragement and joy to hear first-hand how God is working to change lives and expand the Kingdom in other countries. So it was a real treat to have our DCI missionary partners, Bill and Kathy Craver, with us for worship last Sunday. Our missions pastor, Butch Hedgepath, was the person God used to connect Freedom with DCI and the Cravers. And Butch is the person that God is using to spur Freedom forward in the area of global missions, so I have asked Butch to share a few words with you here...

*What a wonderful blessing it was for those who got to hear Bill and Kathy Craver of DCI missions speak to us last Sunday!! Coincidentally, it was exactly one year ago that I took a trip to Tizimín (pronounced "Tee-zee-meén"), Yucatan, Mexico on a "discovery" trip! It was during this time that I felt the Spirit of God quickening my mind and heart to the reality that THIS is where we are supposed to minister. I could only dream that we could be fortunate enough to have Bill and Kathy visit US and telling us firsthand of their journey that led them to the mission field in general, and specifically to Tizimín.*

*I (Butch) took a team of 15 Freedom members to Tizimín this past May 31st - June 6th. I don't believe there is a single member of the team that doesn't cherish the memory of that trip. God worked mightily. We were able to help with some "light construction" labor at "The Grace Place," which is a school/church building in Tizimín that supports local Mayan children throughout the week and congregants on Sundays. The team was extremely blessed to attend the dedication to The Grace Place, where we saw 40 people come to accept Jesus as their personal savior! Glory!!! After the service, our team handed out bags of food to those in attendance who often don't know where their next meal will come from. We also did street evangelism, giving away light bulbs as a way to initiate conversations about Jesus, the Light of the World.*

*Plans are currently being made to establish a Celebrate Recovery program in Tizimin. There is a particularly strong need for this program in Mexico as alcoholism is a big problem there. I don't think it's a coincidence that a house adjoining with the DCI base camp became available, was purchased by DCI, and will now become the "Freedom House." It will be the epicenter of the Celebrate Recovery program in Tizimín!! Don't you just LOVE the name?! As a church, we're looking forward to helping establish this program and providing support to DCI and the Freedom House!!*

*I'm excited to announce the dates for our second trip to Tizimín!! Please mark May 30 - June 5, 2019, on your calendars and plan to attend or support those of us who will be forming the next team. Please pray about your role in this and future trips. In November, I will be holding an informational meeting about the trip. Remember that we all have a role to play in reaching the world with the Good News of Jesus! - Blessings...Butch*



## **October 2018 Special Dates**

- **Sept. 30: Joint Worship Service (6:00)**
- **Oct. 21: Communion**
- **Oct. 26-28: Ramp Youth Ministry Conference**
- **Oct. 28: Fall Festival Fellowship**
- **Oct. 31: Youth Mystery Night**
- **Celebrate Recovery every Thursday at 6:15 pm**
- **Freedom's youth meet on Wednesdays, 6-8 pm**

**You Are Loved!  
Mark**

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## Preschool and Children's Ministries

The holidays are fast approaching and we are planning something special for the children at Freedom on November 30<sup>th</sup>! We will have a holiday party for the kids, while parents can take the night for Christmas shopping or for a date night. There will be more information on this event soon, but we just wanted you to save the date!

Happy Fall,  
Mrs. Sabrina and Mrs. Lyn

## Freedom Youth

We are ready for fall at Freedom Church, - really, really ready! The youth are growing together relationally and individually, and we have seen significant spiritual growth in some of our youth.

Our fall retreat is planned for October 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> at the Ramp School of Ministry in Hamilton, Alabama, and we are asking for prayers and contributions for the trip. We will have a yard sale on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, to raise money for the trip. If you have any items to donate to the yard sale, please let us know.

Since Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year, we have a "real-life" Clue game planned for that night! The youth will dress up like characters from the game and play out the mystery. It will be a fun, safe way to spend the holiday!

Thank you for your support of our youth,  
Charlie and Katie

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