



# Freedom Communicator

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*Serving God By Serving You*



Hi:

What do you think of when you see a cross? We see them everywhere; on buildings, on chains, in earrings. There are several styles and shapes. Some have a sculpture and some without. The reason for its popularity today is because of one man's death, Jesus Christ.

In the days of Jesus it was a symbol of punishment. It was a place people would be sent to be put to death for a crime they had committed. They would have to carry a cross to a place and it would be laid down on the ground and the person would be laid on top of it. A nail would be driven through their feet and one in each hand. Then, the cross would be stood up and dropped into a hole. The person would try to hold himself up on those nails. Finally, their strength would give out and they sank down and would suffocate because of lack of oxygen.

I can't imagine the pain one would feel. But, if you think it might be easy, try standing in one place with both hands stretched out to your side without moving for ten minutes. Most of us can't do it, but Jesus lasted for several hours before dying.

It would be one thing to die this way if you were a criminal and had to but Jesus had done nothing wrong. They could find no fault to charge him with. He did this for you as a living sacrifice for your sins, and He did it with out complaining. Instead, he said "Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing". He was taken off that cross after his death and buried. Then on the third day, He arose. After being seen by over five hundred people he went to heaven to prepare a place for those who accept his love.

He did this for you. Only you can come to him and ask him into your life. You need to accept his offer of forgiveness and love.

If I can be of any help please call.

Pastor Wallie

## Welcome Megan Stockton

On Sunday January 4th Megan Stockton

the grand daughter of Alfred and Ruth Rice was welcomed into the family of God when she made her decision to ask Jesus into her life. She came forward during the worship service invitation and stated that she believed Jesus was the only son of God that he came to teach and that He died for our sins and was raised again to prepare a place for us.



On Sunday January 11, Megan brought her daughter Corinn Elaine Stockton forward to be dedicated to the Lord. The congregation was charged to help in bringing up the child in the ways of Jesus. After Sunday School Megan was baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## Sweetheart Breakfast

Plan to come to breakfast Sunday, February 8th. The men of the church are planning breakfast for you at 8:15 and ask you to bring nothing but an appetite. The men will meet at 7:00 to prepare it all for you. This is a yearly special in celebrating Valentine's Day

## A. B. Y. Meeting

Calling all youth, Sunday February 22 you are invited to the Freedom Baptist Church from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jerry and Tammy have a special program planned. If you need a ride call pastor Wallie.

## Stress Busters

I was told stress is one of the three greatest causes of heart disease. Here is a list of 36 Stress Reducers maybe they will help you in your daily life.

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No, to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you to do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.,
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut.) This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough exercise.
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write thoughts and inspirations down.
22. Everyday, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until its time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you, Jesus!"
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but yourself, not at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
32. Sit on your ego.
33. Talk less; listen more.

34. Slow down.

35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.

36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.

~Author Unknown~

## 7 Wonders Of The World

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To Laugh
7. And to Love."

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder -- that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man till he is dead. So why should you?

Mark Twain

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**Birthdays for February**

2/2 Garrett Shirar  
R#1 Box 8  
Darlington, In 47940

2/3 Madi Shilling  
1405 W. Main St.  
Crawfordsville, In. 47933

2/6 Skyler Brenda  
C/o Bill Brenda  
5531 Imperial Blvd. L.H.  
Crawfordsville, In. 47933

2/9 Penny Petry  
1143 S. St. Rd. 59  
Waveland, In. 47989

2/14 Bailey Kiger  
712 W. 11th St. Apt 1  
Veedersburg, In 47987

2/17 Shirley Cox  
R.R. 1 Box 76  
Waveland, In 47989

2/19 Roland Molenaar  
208 W.College  
Crawfordsville, In 47933

2/19 Ruth Rice  
6022 W. 575 S.  
Crawfordsville, In. 47933

2/21 Ruth Hallett  
3265 Indiana 234 W.  
Crawfordsville, In.  
47933

2/23 Logan Petry  
1143 S. St. Rd. 59  
Waveland, In. 47989

2/28 Tammy Gates  
R # 6 Box 82  
Crawfordsville, In.  
47933

2/28 Eric Stockton  
Box 155  
New Market, In.  
47965

**Anniversaries For  
February**

2/18  
John & Evelyn  
Reynolds  
5628 North 950 East  
Marshall, In. 47859

2/26  
Don & Bettie Myers  
RR # 1 Box 141 D  
Waveland, In. 47989