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Why Are The Fireworks Displayed On July 4th?

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The Declaration of Independence was officially adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

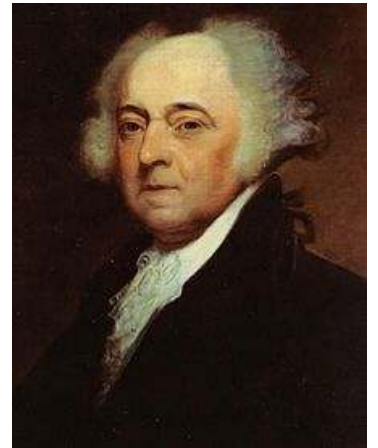


Then on July 8, 1776, it was read publicly for the first time in Independence Square in Philadelphia. People celebrated with the ringing of bells and band music there.

People in Philadelphia celebrated Independence Day one year later, on July 4, 1777 while bonfires were ignited, bells rang, ships fired guns, candles were lighted, and firecrackers sounded. after Congress adjourned.

The Declaration of Independence has since become our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty.

John Adams was a member of the Second Continental Congress and also signed the Declaration of Independence. He wrote to his wife, "I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival... it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other..." Later he became the first Vice President and the Second President of the United States.



President John Adams requested Congress to proclaim that America was a Christian nation which had a duty to obey the God of the Bible as he recommended to have National Fast Day.

"...a day of solemn humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that the citizens on that day abstain, as far as may be, from their secular occupation, and devote the time to the sacred duties of religion, in public and in private; that they call to mind our numerous offenses against the most high God, confess them before Him with the sincerest penitence, implore His pardoning mercy, through the Great Mediator and Redeemer, for our past transgressions, and that through His Holy Spirit, we may be disposed and enabled to yield a more suitable obedience to His righteous requisitions in time to come; that He would interpose to arrest the progress of that

Vacation Bible School '11

The Vacation Bible School was held at the church in June 6-10. The theme was **Big Apple Adventure**. The motto was Hear it! Believe it! Connect it based on Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God". There were mainly two classes, elementary and teenagers. Debi Duryee was our guest teacher and taught the elementary group while Nathan Hill was teaching the teenagers. Debi is the missionary for Mexico teaching the deaf Mexicans. She is now on furlough visiting churches to share the message concerning her work at Mexico and also to seek more financial support for her work.

We had worship song service, teaching, recreation according to the group level, and food in New York style. We averaged 8 kids per days. The greatest attendance was 14 on Wednesday night with few visitors. On Wednesday while we had VBS there was still Wednesday night service. Debi Duryee shared her works using DVD and answered questions.

On the final day we had a family night. People especially from the church came to see what was done throughout the week at VBS. We sang having fun worshipping God. Debi who taught younger was able to show how she taught through the week. She used the flannel an drama to visualize the story. Nathan was able to show how he taught the teenagers using the PowerPoint. Afterwards, we had refreshments in New York style. Overall, the kids had a great time learning God's Word and having fun. We were grateful for volunteers enrolling the kids, making crafts and snacks in New York style, and providing recreation.



Many stood and sang the worship

The teacher used the flannels and drama to tell the story





They were passing before the balloon bursted.



Mary Harris was having fun on the water slide



Missionary Debi Duryee was teaching the younger group



Debi Duryee shared her works with DLBC members and visitors



The younger kids played taxi race



The youngsters made faces on their puddings



Teenagers performed a skit before the congregation on Family Night

Churchwide Picnic

Deaf Liberty Baptist Church had a churchwide picnic at Kill Creek Park south of DeSoto on June 4. Fortunately the people gathered early to have fun for Johnson County Parks and Recreation offered Daycation for the families of this county meaning we can fish for free without license, pedaling the boat or canoeing for free, and free beach admission on that weekend. At least 60 attended to this picnic. Some of them hiked. Some played some games such as ladderball. The chickens were barbecued and everyone of us enjoyed the meals as people brought their covered dished. Clark Corogenes shared a devotional encouraging us to have faith even in the storms of life like Peter walking on the water and sinking due to fear of the storm.



Having fun at the beach in Kill Creek Park



Clark and Jill Corogenes were pedaling the boat at the lake



Raul was having fun with the ladderball



Lining up for yummys including BBQ chickens



George McCarley was cooking the chickens on the grills

impiety and licentiousness in principle and practice so offensive to Himself and so ruinous to mankind; that He would make us deeply sensible that '**Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.**' (Proverbs 14:34)."

Mission Trip to Bulgaria

April 28, 2011-May 8, 2011

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Rev. Jim Sloan and I flew to Varna, Bulgaria on April 28th Thursday and stayed at the



Splendid Hotel for 4 nights. We had Bible study for deaf people at Baptist church on Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. No deaf people showed up on Saturday but one hearing man. Jim talked with him about the ministry to deaf people. On Sunday one deaf lady showed up so I taught her about the harmony of 17 events at Jesus Christ's crucifixion. Jim Sloan taught John 3:16 using PowerPoint. This lady enjoyed learning God's Word.

On May 3, we rode on train to Plovdiv and stayed at the Hotel Chelesa for 3 nights. We had a meeting with Sergi, a deaf pastor, Nikki, an interpreter for deaf, and her daughter at McDonald's Restaurant for a few hours.

On May 6th Friday, we rode on train to Sofia and then to the small village and rode in a car driven by a deaf man to the Christian resort. There were 26 people attending the camp. On May 4th Saturday I taught the Vine from John 15 and Jim Sloan taught the evidence of salvation from I Timothy 3:16 and John 3:16. The deaf people performed a drama on Good Samaritan,



gave some verses, taught some spiritual lessons, sang some songs, and prayed.

On May 8th Jim and I flew back to America with joy of seeing the deaf Christians loving and serving Christ in Bulgaria.



31st Antioch Conference

On April 8-10 31st Antioch Conference was held at North Overland Baptist Church. Dr. Bill Schutt was our guest speaker for the weekend. The theme for this year was "The Imminent Return of Jesus Christ". He preached mainly on Second Coming of Jesus Christ according to the theme. On Friday night after preaching we had s'mores for refreshment in the backyard of the white house where we roasted marshmallows. Approximately 65 attended the service.

On Saturday he preached the signs of His Second Coming. Before the service pizzas were served along with ice cream cake celebrating 31 years since the establishment of Deaf Liberty Baptist Church. 78 came to the service to hear Dr. Schutt.

On Sunday he continued to preach on His Second Coming. Afterwards he taught Sunday School on how we should control the technology and not the other around based on 2 Corinthians 10:5. We had 114 at the service.



Pastor David Hanson introduced Rev. Bill Schutt



Dr. Bill Schutt enjoyed his s'mores



Display of God's creation by Children's class



Becky Olheiser shared her testimony with Charlene Hanson's help

Charter members from left to right: Jerry Sanders, Leslie Ann Sanders, Sandra Chang, Teddy Chang, Nancy Antrim, Rev. David Hanson, and Marchelle Ellis



Sunrise Service

There was a gathering of 22 people to see amazing sunrise to remind them of amazing resurrection of Jesus Christ. Afterwards, they went to Perkin's nearby to eat breakfast before attending Easter service at the church.



Pastor Hanson used objects to teach the children about Easter

Pastor Hanson shared treats with the children to celebrate Easter



After the church service the children had Easter egg hunt

Mother's Day Celebration



Three young girls sang Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the audience

Young girls handed out roses to every mother on the stage



Every mother received a corsage as put on by husbands and friends

John 19: 26-27

²⁶When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

²⁷Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! (emphasis concerning Mother's Day) And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Events

August 11-14

Deaf Liberty Camp in Branson during Deaf Awareness Weekend



September 16-18

Elijah's Men Retreat at Fort Rock in Arkansas. For more information contact Clark or Jerry



November 4-6

Mary and Martha's Deaf Retreat in Branson

