

ROSE HILL

Friends Church



July 2014

From the Pastor's Pen

By Pastor David

This week we celebrate something that all Americans hold dear, our independence. In 1776, General Washington and his army began fighting to win it and ever since, brave patriots have fought to keep it. In the minds of our forefathers, the concept of independence was never independence from God, but rather independence from tyrannical government that would impose the will of a few aristocrats upon the backs of the people. On the contrary, political and personal independence were always seen as a direct endowment from God and completely dependent upon His grace.

Our founding documents, without exception, note that our independence from others is only due to our dependence upon God. "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights..." The preamble to our constitution declares that the structure of our government is necessary, not to grant freedom, but to secure the "Blessings of Liberty" for us and



for our children. They knew that freedom came from God, and that we could only exercise the power to secure it through submission to Him or squander it in rebellion against Him.

It would be good for us this week to ponder a very relevant question written by Thomas Jefferson in a 1786 letter to George Washington: "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we remove the conviction that these liberties are a gift from God?" The answer to Jefferson's question is a resounding, "No!" Which is why we as individuals, and as a nation, need to continually say, "Yes." to Christ!

YOUTH NEWS

CAMP QUAKER HAVEN REPORT

10 students from RHFC went to 3 camps this year, June 10-21.

Junior Campers were challenged to “Shine Like Stars!” in the world around them from Philippians 2:15: *“Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.”* Each cabin was given the challenge of leading a skit during chapel time. The boys cabin representing RHFC acted out the story of Elijah vs. the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel and the girls cabin acted out the story of Esther.

Sr. High campers learned about their identity in loving God with all their heart, soul, and mind. Chris Stanfield, pastor of Chandler Friends (RHFC youth pastor 1999-2008), challenged the campers to put on their *“new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy”* (Ephesians 4:24, NLT).

“I really liked sharing about my experiences and it was really cool when some of the girls opened up and shared too.” – Sierra Tireman, DHS Junior who counseled at Junior Camp

Coffeehouse Concert Wednesday, July 23

Jr. High & High School students are invited to a **free concert** at Friends University on **Wednesday, July 23**. This event is a kick-off for the EFC-MAYM Ministry Conference, July 24-27. **Jeremiah Williams**, Sarah’s brother, will be performing some of his originals that evening.

The concert is set for **8:00-10:00pm**.

GET AIR

12 people from RHFC, ages ranging from 12-28, went to the GetAir Trampoline Park in Wichita on June 30. If the goal was to have fun together, this trip was a huge success! After jumping off some calories, the sweaty group headed to Chick-fil-A for dinner.



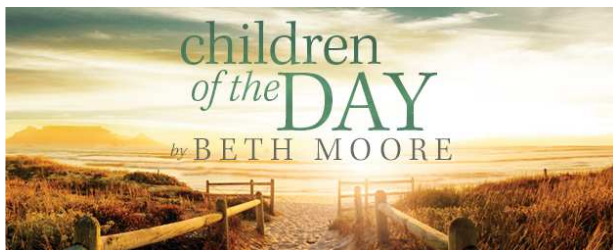


Rose Hill Friends Church
July 14-18
6:30pm-8:00pm
Pre-K thru 6th grade (completed)

Through Bible stories, singing, skits, and fun we will learn that each of us is a unique creation that God rejoices over! There has never been, and there will never be another you! Come join the fun!

Register online: <http://www.rhfc.org/register-for-vbs.html>

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*1 and 2 Thessalonians sheds light on the relationship shared by those who comprise the church. Together we stand shoulder-to-shoulder as we look outward, living in obedience to God's Word and in anticipation of Christ's coming.* - intro from **Children of the Day** by Beth Moore.

Beginning Thursday, *September 4*, the ladies of RHFC will jump into this brand new study. We have two groups who meet on Thursdays -- one at 9:30am and the other at 6:30pm. When we heard Beth live in KC she spoke from 1 Thess. and it left us all hungry for more! If you are interested in participating please contact the church office. The fellowship along with the Bible study have proven to be *invaluable* ... don't miss out!



New General Superintendent, *Dr. David Williams*, will serve as the lead speaker for our General Conference Sessions and Ministry Conference 2014. We will also hear from a wide variety of voices during our time together, representing the whole spectrum of EFC-MAYM.

**Sunday Morning Worship.** A special *Community Worship Celebration* will be held at 10:30am in Davis Auditorium at Friends University. Every member of the EFC-MAYM family is encouraged to attend this final gathering of Ministry Conference 2014, which will include a Commissioning Service and a keynote message from our new General Superintendent, David Williams. **Rose Hill Friends Church will participate in this Worship Celebration at Friends University - there will NOT be any services at the church building on Sunday, July 27.** \*\*\*Please note: Sunday morning Children's Conference is only for ages 0-2nd grade. 3rd graders and older are encouraged to attend the Community Worship Celebration worship service with their families.

Our church has registered so that you may attend any of the general sessions or the Concert of Prayer. Concert of Prayer (Pastor Gabe will lead music) is July 24 at 9am-Noon, general session 1 is at 7pm. Session 2 is July 25 at 7pm. All three of those sessions are in Riney Fine Arts Center at Friends University. The Sunday morning Worship Celebration is in Davis Auditorium beginning at 10:30am. To attend the missions banquet on Saturday evening you must register and pay here:

<http://www.efcmaym.org/register-for-ministry-conference/>

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**Mission Statement**

Rose Hill Friends Church,  
in obedience to Jesus Christ our  
Lord, endeavors to encourage and  
nurture spiritual growth and  
reach out  
to the community and beyond  
presenting the Gospel.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:45am

**Wednesday - 7:00-8:00pm**

Junior High Youth - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades

High School Youth - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

**AND** PAC Club all meet together

Adult Bible Study

Child care provided

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