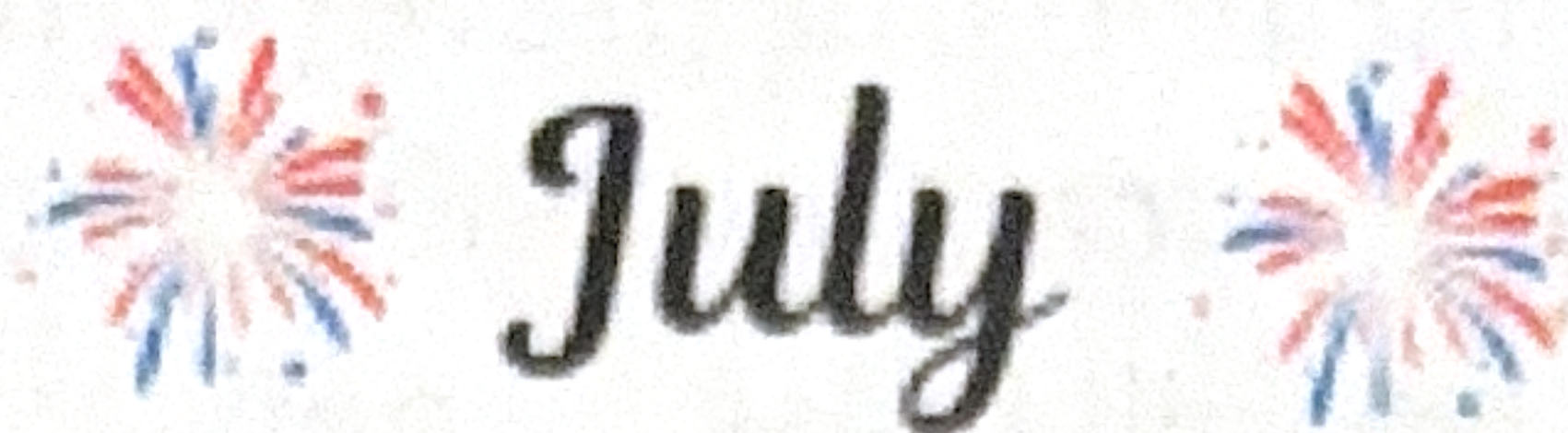


FROM THE DESK OF AMS JERRY R. CHUMLEY:

On Sunday, June 28, we held our annual "God and Country Service" at Quincy First Baptist Church (QFBC). There were about 330 people (including six pastors) from ten of our churches who came together to worship our Lord and celebrate America's 250th birthday. Thank you, Connie McLendon, for leading the children's choir. Thank you, Thomas Memorial Baptist Church Minister of Music Bill Spiers, for leading the congregational singing, selecting the musical, and leading the associational choir. Thank you to the 55 singers who did an awesome job presenting the patriotic musical. Thank you, Miriam Alston, for being the pianist for the choir rehearsals. Thank you, Vicki Cox, for playing the piano for the patriotic service. Thank you, QFBC Pastor Rev. Jeff Jackson, for presenting the challenge to close the service. Thank you to all who helped with the apple pie and ice cream for the fellowship that followed the service. Thank you, Jeff and QFBC, for hosting this special event. I trust that you can tell from what I've written just how many people it takes to make an event like this happen. It takes a family of believers from different communities joining hearts and voices in lifting up the matchless Name of Jesus. Well done, one and all!

Our associational event is over, but I pray that the celebration of our nation's birthday will continue in our lives, homes, and churches. We must include in these celebrations the realization that it is only by God's grace that this nation has survived and thrived for 250 years, and we must thank Him for His amazing grace. Our

celebrations must include our prayers that God will continue to bless America. Our celebrations must acknowledge that He will bless us only as we bless Him! Again, as I do each year, I urge you to support the "WinShape Camp," July 27-31, at QFBC, in any and every way you can. Stay cool by preaching Jesus and loving people this hot summer. Happy Independence Day!



Wednesday, July 1
Pastors' Luncheon
The Golf Club of Quincy
12:00 Noon
(cost: \$10)

Saturday, July 4
Independence Day

Monday-Friday, July 27-31
WinShape Day Camp
Quincy First Baptist Church

LOOKING AHEAD/MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, August 4
A&L Team Meeting – 9:30 AM
Executive Committee Meeting – 10:30 AM
Gretna Baptist Church
Followed by Pastors' Luncheon
at The Golf Club of Quincy (cost: \$10)

Tuesday, August 25
Senior Adult Luncheon
Chattahoochee First Baptist Church
11:30 AM
Guest: Anna Wescoat

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