



**HAZELWOOD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Waynesville • North Carolina

"The Lord is good... faithful to all generations" - Psalm 100:5

Hazel Leaf

July 2010

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Anita Diaz, Minister of Music

Bob Allen, Editor

Amy McClure, Minister to Youth
Tasha Byrd, Minister to Children

Reflections . . .

Independence Day has always been a thrill for me. There is just something about fireworks, hot dogs, family and friends getting together that really sparks the patriotic side of me. I love America and am grateful for all of those that have helped to provide such an amazing and wonderful place for me to live. For 234 years, we as a nation have served as a beacon of hope and justice to our world. We are a mixture of races and cultures – all blended together in the tapestry that we call America. Surely our forefathers would be amazed at the progress that we have made since the days of Bunker Hill and Valley Forge. In these years that our country has grown, we have experienced much together – some wonderful moments as well as painful ones. There have been lessons that we have learned along the way. My hope for America in this our 235th year, is that we follow the words and admonition of God as recorded by the chronicler in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive sin and heal their land."

Let's pray for our nation as never before. We face some monumental challenges in these days. Pray for our leaders. Pray for those that are in authority over us. Pray for those that are hurting and searching for answers and looking for hope. Pray that we, as a church family, will continually seek God's face and His desires. Pray that God will forgive our sin – corporately and individually. Pray that we will humble ourselves before Him and allow Him to open the doors of ministry that He desires. When we do, we will surely discover the joys that only God can bring.

What a great Vacation Bible School we had this year! I really believe that it was one of our best. Thank you SO MUCH to those that gave of their time each and every day in helping with the week. Countless lives were touched and Heaven rejoiced! Pray for the follow up that will be taking place over the next few weeks. Seeds have been planted in the lives of many. Pray for the harvest. And thanks, Tasha Byrd, for your incredible leadership!

I know that you join with me in praying for our Minister to Students, Amy McClure, as she begins a new chapter in her life through enrolling at Campbell University School of Divinity this fall. This has been a matter that Amy has prayed about for a long time and I am sure that God is going to bless her in many ways as she continues her journey of faith. Preparation for ministry is vital to all whom God calls. We will certainly miss Amy around the halls of Hazelwood, but we also rejoice in knowing that she will continue to be a blessing to many. We will have several opportunities to express our gratitude and thanks to her in the weeks to come. For now, thank you, Amy, for being you and for reminding us all that we are God's instruments in sharing His love to a hurting world.

I thank God for you, Hazelwood Baptist! You are such a blessing in my life and I love being your pastor. Always know that I pray for you and with you as we share life and ministry together. I hope that you have a great month and I really hope to see you in church – Bible and tithe in hand!

You are loved!

Tim

OFFERING BEARERS

July 4

J. R. Caldwell Jerry Farmer
Jim Cook Roy Haynes

July 11

Jim Boone Greg Owens
Charles Byrd Tom Williams

July 18

Fred Buchanan Bobby Joe McClure
Ron Ingle Roy Moody

July 25

John Allen Marty Scruggs
Loyd Parton Jim Shell

GREETERS

July 4

Mary Jane Allen O
Tanya Cable P
Emogene Powell VO
Bobbie Jean McClure VP

July 11

Joanna DeWeese O
Beth Cook P
Norma Lindsay VO
Violet Massey VP

July 18

Beth Plisko O
Ed Leatherwood P
Linda Ethridge VO
Jane Young VP

July 25

Ann Kinsland O
Barbara Buchanan P
Maxine Farmer VO
Carol McKnight VP

COUNTING COMMITTEE

July 4 Jane Young
July 11 Ed Leatherwood
July 18 E. J. Massie
July 25 Ronda Owens

USHERS

July 4

Fred Buchanan Loyd Parton

July 11

John Allen Marty Scruggs

July 18

J. R. Caldwell Roy Haynes

July 25

Bobby Joe McClure Roy Moody

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3. Aaron Buchanan, Mike Jones
4. Clyde Allen
7. Kathy McConnell
8. Charles Dean, Chris Hawkins
9. Walter Blanton, Sarah Cook, Frances Wyatt
10. Harry Monteith
12. Kevin Cable, Ruth Wilson
13. Leslie Abercrombie, Margaret Grantham, Amy Pryor
14. Maggie Boyer, Barbara Freeman, Mick Jones,
15. Norma Lindsay, Vicki Rogers
16. Jennifer Pitts, Jean Stokes
17. Mary Jane Haynes, Loyd Parton
18. Megan Jones, Ed Morrison
19. Cami Green
21. Steven Goldsmith
28. Linda Morrison

DEACONS/YOKEFELLOWS

July 4

Cal Grantham -- 454-0748
Jim Cook -- 648-9548

July 11

Roy & Mary Jane Haynes -- 452-5410

July 18

Mike Jones -- 627-8982

July 25

Ed Leatherwood -- 456-5545
Marty Scruggs -- 456-5835

MEMORIALS

Chris Massie Scholarship Fund
In memory of Joe Farmer
By the Grace Sunday School Class

Chris Massie Scholarship Fund
In memory of Chris, Gary & Randy
By Mike & Joy Jones

Hazelwood Baptist Church has given gifts to the
Sanctuary Renovation Fund in memory of
Flossie Gibson and Ida Wood.

AND THE LORD ADDED . . .

For Baptism:

Benjamin Watkins & Nina Richards
Waynesville, NC 28786
Benjamin's Birthday: May 2
Nina's Birthday: April 17

By Statement:

Chris Shell
Waynesville, NC 28786
Birthday: November 21

By Letter:

Amanda Eichhorn
Waynesville, NC 28785
Birthday: March 24

Paige Snowden
Waynesville, NC 28786
Birthday: April 29

Christian sympathy is extended to . . .

- . . . the family of Flossie Gibson.
- . . . Irene Knight in the death of her sister, Ida Wood.
- . . . Jay Eichhorn in the death of his aunt, Grace Carpenter.
- . . . Glenna Marie Wyatt Ferguson in the death of her husband and Bill Rogers in the death of his nephew, David Roger Ferguson, Sr.
- . . . Bonnie Buchanan in the death of her nephew, David Brown of Anderson, SC and her niece, Brenda Thurman of Covington, GA.
- . . . Gertrude Fugate in the death of Todd Overgarrd.

ATTENTION!!!! ANYONE POSSESSING A DRIVERS LICENSE

Due to illness and various circumstances we find ourselves needing more van drivers and riders for our Wednesday night route, as well as the Sunday afternoon pickup. We believe in this ministry and that these children would not be in church if we did not pick them up and take them home. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please let Tasha know. In order to be a successful ministry we must all be willing to participate.

July Van Schedule

Sunday, July 4

AM Jim and Beth Cook
PM **No Van Service**

Wednesday, July 7

5:30-6:30 Andy and Brenda Beck
7:30-8:30 Tasha Byrd and Bobby Joe McClure

Sunday, July 11

AM Jim Shell and Barbara Parton
PM **No Van Service**

Wednesday, July 14

5:30 – 6:30 Harris and Nancy Pryor
7:30 – 8:30 Andy and Brenda Beck

Sunday, July 18

AM Tom and Sandy Williams
PM **No Van Service**

Wednesday, July 21

5:30-6:30 Kevin and Tanya Cable
7:30-8:30 Tim Lolley and Matt Ruff

Sunday, July 25

AM Ed and Polly Leatherwood
PM **No Van Service**

Wednesday, July 28

5:30-6:30 Blair and Beth Plisko
7:30-8:30 Andy and Brenda Beck

Thank You!

I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our Relay for Life Team – H.I.M. Hazelwood In Motion. We raised a total of \$1,358.00 towards a cure for cancer! Awesome Job!! There were many luminaries and torches at the event in memory of those we have lost, and in honor of those we are blessed to have with us. Bob Allen and his lovely wife and

caretaker, Mary Jane, walked the Survivors Lap, along with many others from our community.

A special Thank You to my set-up and take down crew - Blair Plisko, Tom Williams, Jim Cook and Tasha Byrd. If anyone would still like to contribute to Relay, you may still make a donation to the American Cancer Society, and we will get this turned in for you.

Thank you,
Beth Plisko

Thanks so much for the acts of kindness and concern at the times of illness and other needs.

May God bless you all,
Irene

Dear HBC,

One degree down and one to go! Thank you for your continued prayers as I turn the corner and head down the final stretch. Thank you for your love, support and encouraging words. Mom and Dad pass them on each time we talk.

Good luck with all of your summer activities! Praise the Lord for the work He is doing through you and the joy you bring to the Hazelwood community.

Continue to pray for FBC - Elm Mott as we seek after God's will in our search for a pastor. Pray that people will not be discouraged and that we cannot only maintain, but grow (physically & spiritually) in this time of transition.

I love you all and look forward to seeing you soon!

Megan

New address:

2516 Colcord Ave.
Waco, TX 76707

Thank you for your prayers and cards while I was sick. They really meant a lot to me.

Jim Boone

Thank you so much for all the prayers, love and support for our family. It will never be forgotten.

From all of
Flossie's Kids

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and emails during my recovery at home. It is so nice to know I have sure a loving church family. Continue to pray for me and my family. Summer time is always my time to be outside in the yard. Now I am out on the porch reading. As they say, time heals all. My problem is waiting!

Thanks so much and I hope to return to church soon!

In Christ,
Missy Gentry

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciated them very much.

B. J. Norman

CHRIS MASSIE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chris Massie Golf Tournament will be held at Maggie Valley Country Club on Friday, October 1st. The tournament will start at 1:00 PM. This is a beautiful golf course and we are sure you will enjoy playing there. Chris (Moose) particularly enjoyed playing there. We ask that you start reserving this date now. We look forward to a wonderful day of golf together. Further announcements concerning the tournament will follow in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your participation in the past and future. Please spread the word about the tournament to all of your golfing buddies. This is for men AND women. This is a golf tournament that Chris's friends have organized every year in honor and memory of Chris. The proceeds go into an education fund for Kelly and Daniel. Let E.J. know if you have any questions.

Notes from the Choir Loft....

In Psalm 86, David writes,

1. Bend down, O Lord, and hear my prayer; answer me, for I need your help.
2. Protect me, for I am devoted to you. Save me, for I serve you and trust you. You are my God.
3. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am calling on you constantly.
4. Give me happiness, O Lord, for I give myself to you.
5. O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.
6. Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry.

7. I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble,
and you will answer me.

Wow, Have I prayed that prayer! How many times I have cried out like a child and begged Him to bend down and hear my cry. We fail Him so often, yet His mercy is unfailing and unending. How awesome is that?

What I think is so great about this passage is that David is not just asking for God to help him, he is also telling God that he serves and trusts Him, and that he will give himself to Him.

We too often want to call on God when we are in trouble, then we forget about giving ourselves to Him--all the time. I would like for you to take away these thoughts. First, let's devote ourselves to Him. What does that mean? It means putting God first in our lives. That's a pretty tall order! Think about the decisions we make every day. Some small, some large. Are we putting God first and His church? Secondly, let's serve and trust Him. I think that we can serve Him and His church by doing whatever is needed to help our church reach out in His name, trusting Him to give us what we need to do that. Thirdly, let's give ourselves to Him. That means doing everything we do for His glory. Whether it's sweeping floors or delivering beautiful sermons, do it all for His glory.

We have an incredible mission ahead of us. Every single day we embark on a journey to grow closer to God, and lead others to Him. I just encourage you to put Him first. Worship Him, love Him and adore Him, then the Holy Spirit will guide us as we try to do His work together.

We are very blessed to have some very faithful people working to advance His kingdom in our church. As always, there are lots of opportunities to serve in the music ministry. You can pick from choirs, men's quartet, orchestra, or praise band. Look for your place of service! All God requires is that your heart be right, we can help with the rest!

If you have not checked out my blog, you can find it at: <http://riseupandpraisehim.blogspot.com>. I post scripture, thoughts, music and anything else I think might be encouraging as we go through life. Hope to see you there!

Serving Him,
Anita

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Here are the last words spoken by famous people at their death or shortly before:

"This is the last of earth. I am content."

John Adams, U. S. President - died July 4, 1826.

"See in what peace a Christian can die."

Joseph Addison, writer – died June 17, 1719.

"I am ready to die for my Lord, that in my blood the church may obtain liberty and peace."

Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury – died 1170.

"Now comes the mystery."

Harriet Ward Beecher, evangelist, died March 8, 1889.

"Ay, Jesus."

Charles V, King of France, died 1380.

"Farewell, my friends, I go to glory."

Isadora Duncan, dancer, - died 1927.

"It is very beautiful over there."

Thomas Edison, inventor – died Oct. 18, 1931

"Lord, help my poor soul."

Edgar Allen Poe, writer – died Oct. 27, 1849.

"Jesus, I love you, Jesus I love you."

Mother Teresa – died Sept. 5, 1997

Youth News

Centrifuge

The time is here! Our students will be loading up and heading down the road on July 5th to attend Centrifuge at Carson-Newman college!! We will be taking 15 people to attend this camp and we couldn't be more excited! I ask you all to pray for several things as we travel and attend camp:

- Safe travels. Pastor Tim will be driving the church bus, so please pray for him and other church groups who will be traveling on the road.
- The hearts of our students and chaperones. God has already gone before us and knows how each of our lives will be changed. Pray that our

hearts and minds will be open to hearing HIS voice.

- Group Unity. We already have an amazing youth group, but pray that we can grow even closer as we experience different things together.
- Centrifuge Staff. Pray for the counselors and staffers as they minister to our group. Pray for their energy and strength. Pray for their wisdom as they lead Bible studies, that God's Word will be clear to all who listen.

Sign Language/Stick Ministry

Our Sign Language and Stick Ministry is growing!!! God is giving us vision and discernment on how He wants to use this ministry and we are excited about the future of all it will bring. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please let Angela Ergle or Cindy Riley know. They would be happy to have YOU join this ministry!

Encouragement

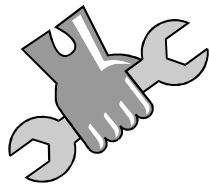
Let us continue to do what we do best at Hazelwood and encourage our students in all areas of their lives. Look for ways to build them up and teach them what the Bible says about living life. Also, don't be surprised if they find ways to encourage you! Our students do such a wonderful job in encouraging and affirming one another.

God is good ... ALL the time;
and all the time ... God is GOOD!

Amy ☺

TOM'S THE MAN!

Mr. Fixit! If it's broken, he can fix it. Who is this wonder man you ask? Why it's none other than our newly minted custodian, Tom Williams. Tom joined the Hazelwood Baptist Staff several weeks ago, and since that time has been busily engaged in making repairs in the various parts of the church, including fixing doors, installing light fixtures, repairing the air conditioners, and a variety of other much-needed repairs. We welcome Tom on board. We already appreciate what he has done to make our building a safer and comfortable place. Oh, yes, if you think the sanctuary is too cold, and someone else thinks it's too warm, then Tom's the one to whom you should complain. He's sure to get the temperature just right for everybody, or, at least, do his best to do so.



FABULOUS FREE MARKET

Under ominous, threatening gray clouds, a large group of people anxiously awaited the opening of the Hazelwood Baptist Free Market on Saturday, June 16th. As the gates opened at 8:45 a few drops of rain began to fall, but as the crowd rushed in the rain stopped, and the searchers eagerly began seeking treasures to bring home. Helped by Hazelwood volunteers clad in bright blue H.I.M. shirts, the treasure seekers happily hauled away chairs, clothing, CD's, furniture, and a vast variety of other goodies. By the time the grand event was finished, over 300 people had pursued and carted away most of the freebees available. Along with picking up free items, a large number of those present also indicated on the registration cards that they would like to learn more about the ministries of Hazelwood Baptist Church. The Free Market outreach has been so successful that it has been decided to have a "Back to School Free Market" in August, just prior to the opening of school. Of special need then are children's clothing, school supplies, etc., as well as the usual no longer needed treasures from your homes. In fact, you might even consider bringing some "new stuff" that you purchased just for the Free Market. The Free Markets have been a great outreach to the community, and a valuable aid for those in need.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHUCKLES

After his Sunday School teacher told him about the power of prayer, a young boy decided to ask God for \$100 to buy a new bike. He prayed for two weeks, but nothing happened. So he then decided to write a letter to God asking for the \$100. When the local postmaster saw the letter addressed to "God, U.S.A.", he decided to send it to the president of the United States. The president was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the boy a \$20 bill. The little boy was delighted with the \$20 and wrote a thank-you note to God. It read, "Dear God, thank you for sending me the money. I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington, DC. As usual those crooks deducted 80% for themselves.

SOMEBODY'S MISSING



It's Sunday morning, and somebody's missing. Why isn't Jo Ann Manning at the organ? Alas, Jo Ann will not be with us to lead us in worship on the organ on Sunday mornings during the summer months. As she has done for several years, she will be accompanying the Lake Junaluska Singers at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in July and August. But all is not lost, as she will be with us during our Evening Worship services happily leading our worship service on the organ keyboard.

OFF TO CAMPBELL

Campbell University's gain is our loss. After three fruitful years as our Minister to Youth, Amy McClure has resigned as of the end of July to pursue further ministry education at Campbell University. After graduating from North Carolina State Amy served our Lord with Samaritan's Purse as a missionary in Liberia. Upon returning to the states and Haywood County, Amy felt the Lord's call to serve with our youth, a position which she filled with great passion and effectiveness. Now Amy has felt the call to go on to new ministries, and in order to do so she will be attaining further ministerial education in seminary at Campbell University. Needless to say, we, all of us, but especially the youth, will miss Amy, but we rejoice in her desire to serve our Lord in new ways. A reception for Amy will be held at the end of July or the beginning of August. You'll want to be there to wish her your best.

Below is a list of items that she will need in order to set up an apartment in the Buies Creek area. Please let Amy know if you are willing to help her with some of these items:

- Wal-Mart gift cards (Wal-mart is about the only place in Buies Creek I will be able to shop... even for food!)
- Coffee table
- End tables
- Lamps
- Futon
- Dinette Set (table and chairs)
- Microwave
- Vacuum (something light-weight)

- Cooking pots
- Pans
- Cookie sheet
- Cake pans
- Casserole dish
- Plates
- Bowls
- Cups
- Cooking utensils

If you have something that you would like to give, please call Amy on her cell phone (828)712-3835 to make sure someone else hasn't already donated it. Amy says, "I can't believe how many people have already offered to help me. I feel very blessed to be a part of such an awesome church family."

OMEGAS TO VISIT CAL AND MARGARET



It's off to Franklin they go! Yes, on the 13th of July our Golden Agers in the Omegas will be journeying to Franklin to visit Cal and Margaret Grantham at their ministry at Moody Cottage. They will be leaving the church at 11 AM, and on the way will stop at Ryan's Restaurant for a sumptuous lunch. None other than Pastor Tim will be driving the busload of peripatetic seniors. It promises to be a great day for all, so plan to join the group and visit with Cal and Margaret. They would love to see you!

Greetings from the Children's Department

Have you heard the cry of the coyotes? Well...have you seen the tumbling tumbleweeds? Maybe just heard the laughter of children...if so you must have been at Hazelwood this past week and if you weren't there I know you were praying for us because we have had an incredible week at Vacation Bible School!!!

We have averaged approximately 72 children per day and almost 40 volunteers everyday! I can't express enough gratitude to everyone that has made this event the huge success it has been! God has worked through us and once again we have experienced His greatness.

Thank you so much to all who participated from Bible Study, Crafts, Recreation, Missions, Guides, Leaders,

Snacks and technical support and all of your prayers ~ I am overwhelmed!

I would also like to thank the children who participated in VBS, I received several compliments on how well behaved this group of children were! Thank you also to all of the parents, grandparents, friends and relatives who took the time to bring their children to Saddle Ridge Ranch!

Look Up Lodge Campers

We've been waiting for this day since the last one ended and now it is almost here!

Let's go to Camp!!!

Zip line, huge swing, games on the field, swimming and the best part (and this is straight from the mouths of the children) CHAPEL!!

The middle school students will leave for camp on July 23 at noon and return on July 26 around noon.

The children will leave on July 29 around noon and return on August 1 around noon.

You will be receiving a packet of information including a medical release form soon.

If you would still like to make a donation to help the children go to camp, I know this would be appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and support.

BUDGET BLUES



Finances! Money! Always delicate subjects to bring up. At the beginning of 2010 our church family voted to support the budget presented by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Now, six months later, the committee is in the process of reassessing the budget as, frankly, the income has been quite a bit less than the outgo. There is still sufficient income to support our staff and pay for the utilities, but it's beginning to look like we may have to cut back on programs. This is especially so during these summer months when many go on vacation, and do not support to church while they're gone. Since it is our responsibility to support the budget we voted for, the

church family is urged to continue to bring their tithes and offerings, and to make them up when on vacation. In fact, if every church member could add a little bit more to their regular offering each week, we could continue to support our church programs. Though these are difficult financial times, our church family is urged to do the best they can in support of the budget and the ministries of Hazelwood Baptist Church.

If we were to begin counting the blessings that God has bestowed upon our nation, the list would be improbably long. At the top of that list, of course, is the priceless gift of freedom: the freedom to live, to vote, to work, and to worship without fear. God has also blessed America with unsurpassed material wealth; we are, in fact, the most prosperous nation in the history of humanity.

As believers, we must never take God's blessings for granted. Instead, we must give thanks to the Giver for the many gifts that He has given us.

To those to whom much is given, much is expected, and so it is with America. We are the world's superpower, and as such, we have profound responsibilities to our own citizens and, to a lesser extent, to those who live beyond our borders. Our challenges are great, and no single individual, no matter how wise, can chart the proper course for our nation. But, *we the people* - under God and respectful of His commandments - *can* join together to protect and preserve our nation and, in doing so, give protection and hope to freedom - loving people around the globe.

CHURCH CHUCKLES

An elderly lady had just returned home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38! (Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police on her cell phone, and explained to them what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture at you?"

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"



SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN

Thanks to the generosity of the good people of Hazelwood Baptist, almost \$500 was realized at the Children's Fund Raiser Luncheon on Sunday, June 13. These generous offerings will go to help send our children to Lookup Lodge Camp this summer. Thank you all for your support of our children.

Vacation Bible School

All the cowboys and cowgirls have galloped off from the Saddle Ridge Ranch, and their exhausted but happy Vacation Bible School mentors have recuperated after a few days rest in their bunks. A grand total of 87 youngsters moseyed into the Saddle Ridge Ranch bunk house, with a daily average of 72. They were mentored, assisted, and taught by 49 VBS volunteers, with an average of 40 arriving each day to help the children. A grand time was had by all, especially the children, and even the teachers and other volunteers, weary though they were, enjoyed their week with the children. Now everyone is waiting to see what new grand adventure awaits them next June as VBS convenes once again. It will be time to get back in the saddle once again.

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Regina Cable will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary on July 4th.

Jesus on the 4th of July

*We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.*

*With barbecues and picnics
And fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care.*

*The stars and stripes spell freedom
She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.*

*This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.*

*With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.*

*The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.*

*So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.*

*But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day.*

Happy Independence Day!