

July 2026

Ebenezer
United Brethren
Church



The Helping S.T.O.N.E.
1 Samuel 7:12

Quick Look:
Upcoming Events

America 250
Celebration
Wed. 1
Cookout 5p-Service 6p

Nitro Youth/Adult
Bible Study
Evy Wed. 6:30p

Family Movie Night
Fri. 17
Movie @ 7

Bible Study
Evy Tues. 9:30a
No Study July 21

Congregational Mtg.
Sun. 12
Lunch after Service

Widow/Widower
Thurs. 23

The EbenezerPress

America 250 Birthday

What a time to be alive!!

Have you stopped to think that you are living in this era of “history” and have the privilege to celebrate America’s 250th Birthday? What a providence from the LORD!

I think about all the points in history we can read about; however, the thing I keep coming back to is that, for some, it isn’t just a point in history; people actually lived during those days and experienced those events firsthand, just like we are now. I am a very mild coin collector, and my favorite is the Bi-Centennial quarter. I collect them “second hand”, but there are lots of folks who remember when those coins first came out. That is kinda amazing to me. If, in God’s providence, America lasts another 100 years, people celebrating America 350 will be looking back at us who celebrated 250 years!

God’s providence is one of those biblical ideas (or doctrines) that doesn’t get discussed often enough but really should because it has a far-reaching impact in our lives. This is a doctrine which the Founding Fathers and signers of the Declaration of Independence were very familiar. In fact, God’s providence is what they staked the entire Revolution upon. After all those years of negotiating and pleading with King George to uphold and follow his own laws and give them representation in the British Government so they could have some say on the taxes they had to pay, they felt they had no choice but to declare independence from England and start a revolution. They essentially said, we have tried everything; this is the only option left to us, and if we are wrong, God will let us know by not allowing us to win, because He is sovereign and has providence over all mankind. In their own words, this is an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence,

“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.” (Emphasis mine).

As I said, Providence is a big deal (particularly in the founding of this nation), and should be a big deal, and a well known doctrine within the church. Simply put, the doctrine of God’s providence states that He is in complete control of all things. Nothing surprises Him and nothing surpasses Him. Let me give you a great example from Scripture. Galatians 4:4 says, “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son...” (ESV). The fullness of time means the exact right and perfect time, only God would know something like that, and its because of His Providence or Sovereignty. In other words, God is in charge of all things, all the time.

That is why this doctrine should be a big deal to us. We should know, and must believe that God is in charge all the time. We should orient our lives around this truth. When trials and tribulation come our first reaction should not be, “Oh no! What am I going to do?”. Our reaction should be, “God, you know what is going on, help me to understand, or carry me through this with your strength.” God knows exactly what is going on in our world, in the hearts of each of our family members,

July 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 July 4 th Patriotic Service/Dinner	2	3 Church Office Closed	4 Happy 250 th Birthday America!
5 Worship Service 9:30am -COMMUNION -	6	7 Bible Study 9:30am	8 Nitro - Adult Bible Study -- 6:30pm	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 9:30am Congregational Meeting w/Luncheon	13	14 Bible Study 9:30am Youth Mission Trip →	15 Adult Bible Study -- 6:30pm – NO NITRO YOUTH	16 Youth Mission Trip →	17 Family Movie Night! Doors open @6pm – Movie @7pm Bring a friend @ a snack or app to share!	18 Youth Mission Trip ->*
19 Worship Service 9:30am Mission Trip Meeting for Lithuania 6:30pm	20	21 NO Bible Study	22 Nitro – Hymn Sing -- 6:30pm	23 Widow/Widowers – Tony's Pizza Greencastle 11:30am	24	25 Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Use
26 Worship Service 9:30am	27	28 Bible Study 9:30am	29 Nitro - Adult Bible Study -- 6:30pm	30		

EVENTS

Information Highway

Be sure that you stop by our info hallway so you're up to date on the latest happenings, sign-ups, & events! This month is Family Movie night! Pizza will be served.

America 250th Patriotic Dinner/Service

Be sure to join us for dinner followed by a very special service celebrating God and America w/special speakers.

Congregational Meeting

Be sure to join us immediately after service for our semi-annual congregational meeting Sunday, 7/12/26.



Spotlight!!

Don't Forget
Lithuania Mission Trip
Info Meeting
Sunday July 19, 6:30p

and in our church. We can trust Him with these cares; we can trust in His providence.

Let me give you a very real-life scenario. As I write this article, I am sitting in Hershey Hospital with Evie. She has had a temperature for over a week, and even though at this moment she is looking better than she has, she is not herself. The doctors have run tests on her blood, urine, saliva, and she even had an X-ray; everything has come back normal. They are still waiting on some tests, but in general have no idea what is causing her illness. This may sound familiar to some.

Even though the doctors have no clue what is causing all this, God does! He knows every detail. That is why we pray that God gives the doctors wisdom and we pray He would guide their hands, because He is in control of all things. Ultimately, we know that God will bring healing to Evie. Even though we may not know what that looks like or understand why we had to go through this particular trial, we can trust in Him. Just as the Founding Fathers trusted in God's Providence when they signed and pledged themselves to the Declaration of Independence, we can trust in God for all the details of our lives!

THINGS TO BE PRAYING FOR!!

- BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR EBENEZER FAMILY WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL OR AT HOME RECOVERING
- KEEP THE PASTORS AND ELDERS IN PRAYER!
- PRAY FOR THE CHURCH; THAT OUR FAITH WOULD BE DEEP, OUR HOPE WOULD BE WIDE, AND OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND EACH OTHER BE LIMITLESS
- PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSING FOR EBENEZER, AS WE SEEK HIS GUIDANCE AND STRIVE TO BE THE HELPING S.T.O.N.E.

PRAY!!!
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NITRO YOUTH
LAUREL MISSION
KENTUCKY MISSION
TRIP
JULY 14- JULY 18
BE IN PRAYER FOR THE
STUDENTS, STAFF,
TRAVEL, AND MINISTRY!



EBENEZER UB CHURCH
PRESENTS

AMERICA 250
CELEBRATION

AMERICA IS GREAT, ONLY BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD!

WED JULY 1- 6PM SERVICE

SERVICE FEATURING:

PATRIOTIC HYMNS
MESSAGE BY
PASTOR GREG HELMAN

DOUG DOBBS:JOHN BROWN
FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC
SERVANT REMARKS

5PM- COOKOUT DINNER

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