



# CALENDAR

# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Freedom Celebration & Dessert Auction 12pm - Atrium	3	4 Independence Day Offices Closed	5 VBS Preview Night - 6:30pm Atrium/Gym	6	7	1 8
9 Singles Luncheon 12pm - Fellowship	10	11 VBS	12	13 VBS Family Night- 6:30pm	14	15
16	17	18	19 Finance Committee Meeting - 6:30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Student	26 Mission Trip	27	28	29
30 Church Family Meal & Meeting 12pm - Gym & Atrium	31					

### OFFICE HOURS

8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00am- Life Groups and Worship Gathering (Atrium)  
 Preschool LGs, Kids LGs, Student LGs  
 10:30am- Life Groups and Worship Gathering (Atrium)  
 Preschool Ministry, ARK Worship & Kids Worship

### MONDAYS

10:00am-1:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry  
 5:30pm-7:00pm Care Center-Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAYS

10:00am - Midweek Bible Study  
 6:15pm - Next Gen Ministry  
 Embrace Group Options



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# NEWSLETTER

FIRST MOORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# FREEDOM

COMES WITH A COST



## A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

This month we celebrate one of the most special holidays we have as Americans, Independence Day. In 1776, we declared our independence from England, which set us on the trajectory of a nation built upon the values of individual liberty and responsibility. In some way, we could argue that, as a nation, we have moved away from some of the values that have made the United States of America great. Still, regardless, we are undoubtedly fortunate to live in a place that offers freedoms that so many other people on the planet can only dream of. Independence Day speaks to more than simple cookouts and fireworks. It is a day that not only reminds us of the beauty of freedom but also reminds us of the sacrifices that have been made to earn and keep the freedoms we enjoy. Freedom is not something we should ever take lightly, and as we have been reminded of in times past, it is not free. Freedom comes with a price.

The freedoms we enjoy as Americans should remind us of the ultimate freedoms we have as believers in Jesus Christ. Greater than the freedoms our Constitution and Bill of

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Future Campaign

Thank you for your above and beyond sacrificial giving to our "For the Future" campaign. We have been able to raise \$806,506.16. If you want to learn more and join us, visit [firstmoore.com/forthefuture](http://firstmoore.com/forthefuture).

### New Wednesday Night Times

Beginning in August, we will adjust our Wednesday night activities start times. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm-6:15pm. Next Gen Ministries, Choir, and Adult Groups will begin at 6:30pm.

### Serving Opportunity - Wednesday Dinner Team

We are working to create a set of rotating teams that will help serve and clean up after our Wednesday Night Meals. We hope for teams to serve once every four to six weeks. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Stephanie at [stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com](mailto:stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com).

### Freedom Celebration & Dessert Auction

Join us on Sunday, July 2 from noon to 1:30pm in the Atrium for a time of fellowship, celebration, and generosity. We will enjoy a church meal together as we celebrate the freedoms we have as Americans. Sign up for the meal and to bring a dessert at [firstmoore.com/freedom](http://firstmoore.com/freedom).

### VBS Preview Night - July 5

Our preview night for VBS is Wednesday, July 5 starting at 6:30pm in the Atrium. You don't want to miss this fun night of seeing all that will be happening at VBS this year. Kids will also have the opportunity to play games, including water games (come prepared), and receive their VBS shirt! No need to sign up for this event.

### VBS 2023

We are excited to host Vacation Bible School for kids that have finished Kindergarten through 6th grade on July 10-13. VBS will be held from 9:00am-noon each day. Kids will have the opportunity to have fun, enjoy snacks, and most importantly, learn about Jesus every day. Register your child to attend at [firstmoore.com/vbs](http://firstmoore.com/vbs).

### VBS Family Night - July 13

The whole family is invited to join us for a free event that includes food, inflatables, and a time to hear what the kids learned at VBS! The fun begins at 6:30pm Thursday evening in the Atrium!

### Student Mission Trip - July 22-29

A group of Students are heading on a summer mission trip to Nicaragua through Little Ones Ministries. They will be participating in construction and ministering to children. If you would like to support this group, you can do so by participating in our Freedom Celebration and Dessert Auction on July 2.

### Church Family Sunday - July 30

Our next Church Family Sunday is coming up on July 30. Meal registration will open soon at [firstmoore.com/familymeeting](http://firstmoore.com/familymeeting)

### Night of Prayer - August 2

We continue our quarterly Night of Prayer gathering on Wednesday, August 2 starting at 6:30pm. 7th graders and up will be a part of the prayer time in the Atrium. There will also be age-specific ministry for our preschoolers and kids. There will not be a church dinner on this evening.

### Parents Night Out - August 4

Our Next Gen Team is hosting a fun night for children on Friday, August 4 from 6:00pm through 9:00pm at First Moore. Parents Night Out is for infants through 6th grade. Cost is \$5 per child (\$20 family max). Sign your kids up by Wednesday, August 2 at [firstmoore.com/pno](http://firstmoore.com/pno).

### Embracing Generations - August 16

All generations are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00pm-8:00pm for our Embracing Generations Night. All ages will enjoy Chick-fil-a Sandwiches, Chips, and Cookies in the Atrium at 6:00pm. At 6:30pm, kids, 6th grade and below, will head to their ministry areas and everyone else will stay in the Atrium for a time of multi-generation fellowship and learning.



## A WORD FROM PASTOR CHARLIE

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Rights afford us is the freedom from sin and death that Jesus earned for us through His death and resurrection. Greater than the sacrifices of brave men and women in our nation's history is the sacrifice of the sinless Son of God to bring forgiveness and renewal. We are fortunate to be free because whom the Son has set free is free indeed (John 8:36).

As we gather together as a church on July 2nd, we will begin by celebrating the freedoms we have in Christ Jesus during our time of worship. In a sense, every Sunday is an "Independence Day" because we are reminded of and celebrate the freedom we have in Christ. We will conclude the day with lunch followed by a celebration of the freedoms we have in our nation. We truly have much to be thankful for in this country. One of the many things we have to be thankful for is the freedom to worship God, who has given us the ultimate freedom in Jesus.

For His glory and your joy,



## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

Join us for Wednesday night dinner from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Cost is \$5 per person with a family max of \$20. You can sign up and pay for the meal each week online or through the Realm Connect App.

July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Summer Time No Dinner	Summer Time No Dinner	Summer Time No Dinner	Summer Time No Dinner



## SUNDAY MORNING STATS

	JUNE 4	JUNE 11	JUNE 18	JUNE 25	YTD
<b>Life Groups</b>	749	731	539	721	639
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	827	836	754	802	813
<b>Offering/Tithe</b>	\$74,491.01	\$59,053.08	\$41,414.22	\$49,257.25	
<b>For the Future</b>	\$9,646.00	\$12,767.00	\$4,820.38	\$7,172.50	



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### JUNE 2023

Bailey Robinson (Statement)  
Tiffany Johnson (Statement)

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Moore, contact our Director of Connections, Stephanie Gaches, to begin the conversation.  
[stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com](mailto:stephanie.gaches@firstmoore.com)