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Biblical Freedom: Why Being a Saved Christian Is True Freedom

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The Bible teaches us about a far greater freedom, one that no government can give or take away: the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN

Before salvation, every person is enslaved to sin. Jesus said, *"Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin"* (John 8:34). But when we accept Christ, we are set free from that bondage. *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"* (John 8:36).

FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION

Romans 8:1 declares, *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* A saved Christian no longer lives under the weight of guilt and judgment. The price has been paid. We walk in grace.

FREEDOM TO LIVE FOR GOD

Christian freedom is not freedom to do whatever we please. It is freedom to live as God intended. Galatians 5:13 says, *"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."* We are free to love, serve, and walk in righteousness.

FREEDOM THROUGH THE SPIRIT

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17). The Holy Spirit empowers us to live beyond our own limitations, to overcome temptation, and to walk in the fullness of what God has called us to be.

FREEDOM ROOTED IN TRUTH

Jesus said, *"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:32). Salvation opens our eyes to the truth of who God is, who we are in Him, and the purpose for which we were created. That knowledge brings a liberty that the world cannot offer.

After we have celebrated America's 250th birthday, let us also celebrate the eternal freedom we have in Christ. National independence is a blessing worth honoring, but spiritual freedom through salvation is the greatest liberty any person can ever know.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." - Galatians 5:1

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Pastor Jim Elmore

PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

Jonathan Hall - Kellysville

Shane Kinzel - Hotchkiss

TITHE BREAKER

(based on May 2026 reports)

East Kermit	James Wilson	\$12,056.00
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NEW MEMBERS ADDED

(based on May 2026 reports)

Promise of Victory	Kevin Rhodes	18
Bethesda	Chad Dingess	12
Cumberland Rd	Travis Helmondollar	8
Summersville-New	Brian Patterson	4
Beginnings		
Parkersburg-19 th St	Jimmie Cox	3
Paden City	Joyce Hill	3
Matewan	Jeremy Compton	3
East Kermit	James Wilson	3
Lifeline	J B Hurt	2
Kellysville	Franklin Adkins	2
Beaver	Jesse Smith	1

Calendar of Events

International General Assembly, Orlando, FL
July 27-31, 2026

State Office Closed
July 27-30, 2026

CAMS Classes
August 1, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
September 5, 2026

Golf Tournament, Grandview Country Club, Beaver, WV
September 25, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
October 3, 2026

Senior Adult Day, Fayetteville, WV
October 10, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
November 7, 2026

Harvest at the Ranch @ New River Ranch, Fayetteville, WV
November 7, 2026

Ministers/Widows Christmas Banquet, Beckley, WV
Family Worship Center-Fishes & Loaves
December 4, 2026

CAMS 4 Students/CAMS/MIP Classes - Various Locations
December 5, 2026

MIP Classes - Various Locations
January 2, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
February 6, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
March 6, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
April 3, 2027

MIP Classes - Various Locations
May 1, 2027



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West Virginia Church of God

GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 25, 2026



Registration 8am
Shotgun Start 9am

Lunch included!

- Hole-in-One
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the pin
- Prizes

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Grandview Country
Club

1500 Scott Ridge Rd
Beaver, WV 25813



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
★ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM ★

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Kelly Crabb & The Bowling Sisters

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