

Welcome to Freedom



We are so happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope you feel God's presence and the love of His people in this place.

If you are a first-time guest, **please fill out a card in the pocket in front of you** and don't forget to pick up your **FREE GIFT** at the Visitor's Desk on your way out. We hope you will join us for more experiences at FREEDOM!

Week of Prayer for Nigeria

February 2nd - 8th

Each time that Freedom Church meets in Nigeria, they take time to pray for us. In return, we devote one week each month to pray intently for our Freedom brothers and sisters on the Nigerian campuses. The challenges there continue to be great, so let us be faithful to lift up our brothers and sisters in Sapele, Idah, Lagos, Benin City, Agenebode, and across all of Nigeria.

Night of Praise

February 16th at 6 p.m.

Mark your calendars and prepare your hearts for an unforgettable evening of praise and worship! We invite you to gather with us for a "Night of Praise," a time set apart to lift our voices in song and glorify God together as one church family. This will be an all-singing event, filled with powerful music, heartfelt lyrics, and the unifying joy of worshiping our Savior. Whether you love hymns, contemporary worship songs, or simply soaking in the presence of God, this evening is for everyone.

Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.

At Freedom Church International, we believe that everyone is recovering from something. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery ministry for anyone struggling with hurts, habits or addictions of any kind. It is a safe place to find community, encouragement and freedom from the issues that are controlling your life or the life of someone you love. Join us on Thursday nights from 6:15-8:30 pm in the Grace Room. Dinner and childcare are provided.

2024 Donor Statements

Available Now!

Giving Statements for 2024 contributions to Freedom Church International have been mailed to the address associated with your Church Center app. If you are currently not using the app, and you are unsure of the address we have on file, please feel free to stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Upon receipt, if you have questions about your statement, feel free to reach out to me (Joanna@myfreedomchurch.net) or our Treasurer, Mike Sappington (mikesappington@bellsouth.net). Thank you for your faithful support of God's church!

Connection Class

February 9th at 4 p.m.

Our Connection Class is for anyone at Freedom (first-time visitors and returning guests) who is interested in learning more about who we are, where we're headed, and how you can be more involved. Feel free to join Pastor Mark and other members of staff and leadership in the church lobby at 4 p.m. to discuss all the ways you can get connected with Freedom.

| CALENDAR | |
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| FEB | 3rd Return from Nigeria Campus Visit |
| | 9th Connection Class (4:00) |
| | 16th Small Group Leaders and Core Team Mtg (4:30) |
| | 16th Night of Praise (6:00) |

CREATION

When God Made the Universe (Genesis 1:1-5 / Genesis 2:1-4)

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The Abandonment of Biblical Theism was not a scientific development.

- Unwavering Theists alone carried out the Scientific Revolution.
- Atheism and Materialism have always been philosophical and not scientific belief systems.

Wherever the scriptures are not directly literal, their truth exceeds literality.

- Jesus used symbolism, metaphor, and parables throughout scripture more often than literal speech.

“1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.” – Genesis 1:1-5

Light in Hebrew is “OHR”:

God's presence, favor, goodness, truth, and/or guidance (any or all).
Order out of chaos. Physical light.

Good in Hebrew is “TOV”:

Complete. Fit for its purpose. Moral perfection. Simply good.

Day in Hebrew is “YOM”:

Phases of creation (Gen. 1 context only). A period of time.

Sunset to sunset.

The Sabbath day was [for us](#) from the start.

1 “Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven.”

– Genesis 2:1-4

- God makes it clear throughout the Old Testament that Shabbat (the day of rest from work) was essential for His people to maintain and observe.
- The corrupt religious tradition turned God’s command for Shabbat into a recurring day of man-made rules and oppression.

“Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” – Mark 2:27

- God doesn’t need a day off. People need consistent sanctity and rest, or we will not be well.
- No eighth day, or the beginning of the following week, is mentioned in Genesis. God’s rest abides over His creation.



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