

# 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!

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## Thanksgiving Feast

**TODAY at 6 pm**

Please join us for our church-wide feast and Thanksgiving testimony time TONIGHT at 6 pm. The church will provide the meats, bread, and drinks. **Each household is asked to bring either a salad, a side dish, or a dessert to share.** We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## Operation Christmas Child

**Boxes are due TODAY!**

We are excited that so many in our church are taking part in Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoebox. This is a simple yet powerful way to share God's love with children in need around the world. These boxes bring hope and joy to a child who may never have received a gift before. We are so excited to make a global impact, one shoebox at a time!

IN ALL  
Things  
GIVE  
Thanks

## Help Expand Our Reach

### Next Week is Blessing Box Drive

There are few things more biblical than feeding the hungry in Jesus' name, and an amazing number of people on the Eastern Shore come to Freedom's Blessing Box each week to get food for themselves and their families.

Due to the high volume of traffic at our Blessing Box, we are seeking to expand our capacity in restocking the food cabinet. On the **first Sunday of each month**, we encourage your family to donate one of the following items to share with those in need:

- **Non-perishable food items** such as dried beans or rice, cans of vegetables or soups, jars of baby food or fruit cups, boxed potatoes, individually packaged snacks, etc.
- **Toiletry items** such as deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Items may be placed directly in the Blessing Box or dropped off in the foyer before worship. Thank you for helping to make this ministry of Freedom make such an impact here in our local community!

## Calendar

### TODAY

Communion (10 am)  
Thanksgiving Feast (6 pm)

### Nov. 24th-27th

Small Group Off Week

### Nov. 24th-30th

Week of Prayer  
for Nigeria

### Nov. 28th

Thanksgiving Day

# WHAT JESUS PRAYS FOR US

## An Evening with Jesus – Part 9

John 17:1-26

November 24, 2024

### 3 SPECIFIC WAYS JESUS PRAYS:

1. That God would be glorified through us

***“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.”*** – John 17:1 NLT

***“All I have is yours, and all you have is mine, and they will bring glory to me.”*** – John 17:10 CEV

- Jesus did not speak of being crucified; he spoke of being glorified.
- A Christian’s glory is found in the cross that he or she must bear.
- God is glorified through our obedience to Him.

***“I gave glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”*** – John 17:4 NLT

- Fate is what we are compelled to do; destiny is what we are meant to do.

2. That we will be protected through His name

***“...these followers of mine are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe by the power of your name—the name you gave me. Then they will be one, just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name—the name you gave me.... I am not asking***

**you to take them out of the world. But I am asking you to keep them safe from the Evil One.”**

– John 17:11-12, 15 ERV

- “Name” = true identity; who someone really is

***Those who know your name trust in you.***

– Psalm 9:10 NIV

- Jesus never prayed for His followers to find escape, but that we would find victory!
- It is by facing the hostility of the world that we enter into Christian **joy**.

***“But I say these things while I am still in the world, so that my followers will have the same complete joy that I do.”*** – John 17:13 CEV

3. That we will live together **in unity** in the Church

***“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ...I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”*** – John 17:20-21, 23 NIV

- The world cannot be won by **competing** churches.
- Our unity is not forced conformity, but an expression of the creative diversity of the Godhead.
- Real unity between Christians is a supernatural occurrence that requires a supernatural explanation!



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