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A few years ago, a researcher asked 100 American and Japanese college students to take a piece of paper. On one side, they wrote down the decisions in life they would like to make for themselves. On the other, they wrote the decisions they would like others to make for them.

The Americans filled up the side for decisions they want to decide for themselves. Where to live. What job to take. The other side was almost blank. The only "decision" they commonly wanted to hand off to others was, "When I die."

The Japanese filled up the back side of the sheet with things they wanted others to decide: what they wore; what time they woke up; what they did at their job. The Americans desired choice in four times more areas of life than the Japanese.

Based on this experiment, New York Times columnist David

Brooks claims America is experiencing "a choice explosion." Brooks writes, "Americans now have more choices over more things than any other culture in human history. We can choose between a broader array of foods, media sources, lifestyles, and identities."

While Americans are blessed with the freedoms to be able make so many choices for ourselves, with such a great privilege also comes the responsibility to make wise choices.

We have the freedom to choose our faith or to have no faith; but we need to make the wise choice.

We have the freedom to choose our life partner; but we need to make the wise choice.

We have tremendous freedom of self-determination; but we need to make wise choices.

We may think we know what is best for ourselves, but the truth

is we often default to choices that make us feel good for the moment without regard for how those choices may impact our life or the life of those we love sometime in the future.

Wise King Solomon wrote: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

The wise choices in life come from understanding what God desires as revealed to us through the scriptures and then choosing to live in obedience to Him.

Carole and I would like to wish everyone a joyous Independence Day.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Sherry Isumi	2nd
Daniel Waters	4th
Margie Elston	9th
David Womack	11th
Zach Theriot	16th
John Fox	16th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Jere Grice	22nd
Ruby Soth	23rd
Michelle Lemoine	27th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dennis & Linda Young	3rd
Danny & Lou Jones	6th
Brian & Carole Prucey	12th
David & Michelle Lemoine	29th



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

Thanks to all who helped make VBS 2016 a great success! Special thanks to Kay Sutton and Carole Prucey for all of the hard work you both put in to make it all happen!

If you have a song you would like for us to sing during Sunday Morning Worship just jot it down on the back of the perforated portion of the bulletin and we'll try and include it in our worship service!



**at 9:30 a.m.**  
**There's a class just for you!**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Children's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.



**FELLOWSHIP**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
**FROM 12 TO 2 P.M.**



You don't have to miss a Worship Service!



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or [Facebook.com/ElmGroveBaptistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ElmGroveBaptistChurch)

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Church Council**  
Wednesday, July 6th  
at 5:15 p.m.

**Monthly Business Meeting**  
Sunday, July 17th  
after Morning Worship



**DAVID WOMACK**  
**LAWSON WOMACK**

**Your Church Needs You!**

