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# CCY Connect



## FREE INDEED!

Ryan Porter, Shepherd

Americans have a unique understanding of freedom that began as freedom from tyranny and has morphed over decades to various forms of license and self-indulgence. As followers of Christ, however, freedom must be found in the framework of His word, independent of the teachings of the world.

The liberty Christ offers is not philosophical or political; rather, it is a spiritual liberty. It is rooted in the person and work of Jesus Christ himself, and He explains this during a brief exchange with some of His opponents in the Gospel of John. He starts with a conditional statement, *"If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples"* (8:31). This suggests a co-participatory relationship. Just as the Father remains in Jesus (14:10), so must a disciple remain in Jesus and He in them. Thus, remaining in the word is to remain in intimate relationship with the Word (the work and person of Christ). If this condition is met, then Jesus presents an assurance in the next verse. *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (8:32). Truth...here is another word that has morphed over time. In this post-modern world, truth is often defined as what you believe to be real based on your experiences and perception. This, however, would not have been the understanding of Jesus or those around Him when he taught. The Greek word used for truth here is *alétheia*, which in this context is defined as the truth of reality or divine truth revealed to man. The truth, to be known here, is the salvation and justification Christ offers through His ensuing death and resurrection. With this truth comes freedom, but what freedom is to be had? His opponents had the same question as they pointed out they

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## THIS MONTH AT CCY:

### July

- 4 Independence Day
- 19 Lifeline Event at CCY
- 21 Guatemala Mission Team send-off
- 23-30 Guatemala Mission Trip
- 27 Pool Party for 1st-5th grade

## LOOKING AHEAD

### August

- 4 Welcome back Sunday for our Guatemala Mission Team. Hear their testimonies.
- 7 Youth Pool Party
- 11 "Be the Church" at Shedeck
- 18 "Sunday Night Alive" - Talent Show
- 25 Ministry Fair at CCY
- 31 CCY Blood Drive



## FREE INDEED CONT.

are "...the seed of Abraham and...have never been enslaved to anyone" (8:33). Many today may feel similar, but Jesus authoritatively responds "...everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (8:34). Let that sink in for a minute...we know that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23); therefore, Jesus is saying that we are a slave to sin. Sin is a divide or separation from God. It is a fracturing of the relationship that God intended Man to have with him in the garden. Thus, human self-centered, broken hearts are a slave to sin with no means of restoring the relationship on their own.

But...God always had a plan! As Jesus points out in verse 35, the slave is not a permanent member of the household, but "...the son remains forever." Jesus, the Son, can offer adoption, release from enslavement, and permanence in the household. Through His death on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice and defeat of death through His resurrection, the Son offers freedom... freedom from the tyranny of sin, liberation from self-interest, and restoration of relationship with the Father! Therefore, if you have been set free by the Son by grace through faith, "...you are free indeed" (8:36).

# Ministry Fair

Kathy Rumbo

*"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully" Romans 12:4-8*

Within the Christ's Church of Yukon family, we desire that each member be equipped to use their gifts for the Lord, and then do that very thing. We encourage you join us on **Sun Aug 25th, 2019 at 9:30 am** at the CCY Ministry Fair to meet the leaders of each ministry and find out where you fit in.

## 17 WAYS TO SERVE AT CHURCH

**ANGEL TREE / APPLE TREE** – Coordinating collections of school supplies and Christmas gifts to meet children's needs

**AUDITORIUM** – pick up communion cups after a.m. worship

**CHILDREN** - from nursery up, helpers & teachers needed

**CLOTHES CLOSET** – sorting clothes and praying with those we assist

**COMMUNION** – preparing the trays for worship/cleaning trays after

**COOKIE BAKER** – prepare a dozen for gifts to first-time visitors

**COOKIE TAKER** – drop off cookies on doorstep of first-time visitors

**DECORATING** – assist in decor in our building for special events/seasons

**FUNERAL MEALS** – assist with serving team out of south building kitchen

**GREETING** – welcoming people at the front door before Sunday Worship

**MEALS** – preparing food for special events/needs

**PRAYER CHAIN** - having your name added to list

**REPAIRS** – volunteering your area of expertise

**SOUND** – Providing effective PA for auditorium events

**TECHNOLOGY** – Maintaining and improving our electronic technology

**USHERING** – communion/offering plate passing

**VAN** – Maintaining our 15 passenger van

**An inclusive list of ministry opportunities and respective leaders can be found at [www.ccyok.com/ministry](http://www.ccyok.com/ministry)**

## JUNE PARTICIPATION AT CCY

DATE	SS	WORSHIP	GROUPS	GEN. GIVING
6.02.19	56	210	23	\$10,626
6.09.19	56	127	19	\$ 4,483
6.16.19	63	184	49	\$ 6,402
6.23.19	63	161	45	\$ 6,602
6.30.19	64	206	53	\$10,735

**WEEKLY NEED: \$7087**