

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!

Blessing Box Drive

NEXT WEEK!

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!

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.

2024 Donor Statements

Available Now!

iving 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 Church.

CALENDAR

JAN	TODAY 27th-3rd	Communion (10:00) Nigeria Campus Visit
FEB	9th	Connection Class (4:00)
	16th	Small Group Leaders and Core Team Mtg (4:30)
	16th	Night of Praise (6:00)

A SPIRITUAL HEART CHECK-UP

Red Letter Living – Part 3

Matthew 5:7-9

January 26, 2025

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called the children of God.”*

– Matt. 5:7-9

Merciful (from Hebrew *chesedh*) – the ability to get inside another person’s skin, to see with their eyes and to feel what they feel; to experience things together with another person.

Life Principle: There is always a reason why people act as they do. If we know the reason, it is easier to understand and forgive.

- Jesus’ incarnation is the ultimate expression of **being merciful**.
- “Blessed are those who get inside other people...feeling what they feel and seeing what they see; others will do the same for them!”

Pure (*katharos*) – clean; sifted; undiluted or **unmixed**

- This beatitude demands us to do careful **self-examination**.

Q – Do I do what I do because I want to know and please God?

- **“Blessed is the man whose motives and values are entirely unmixed.”**

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. – 2 Chron. 16:9 NIV

Peace (*shalom*) – everything which makes for a person’s highest good; not just the absence of trouble, but the enjoyment of good.

- The blessing is for peace-makers, not for **peace-lovers**.
- Peace that the Bible calls blessed does not come from **avoiding issues**.
- Peace-making is a God-like activity. It is what God would do.
- One who divides is doing the devil’s work; one who unites people is doing **God’s work**.



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