

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!

Christmas Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, December 15th

Bring your family and friends for a morning of fellowship, delicious pancakes, and an uplifting worship service! Come and enjoy great food while connecting with others and preparing your heart for a meaningful time of praise and worship. We hope to see everyone at 9 am for our church-wide Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 15th.

Birthday Party in Kid's World

Sunday, December 22nd

HEY KIDS!! Join us for a festive celebration at the Kids' World

Birthday Party for Jesus! This special event will be held during our regular 10 a.m. worship service and will be filled with holiday cheer, fun activities, and the true spirit of the season! Bring a friend to enjoy crafts, games, and a heartwarming Christmas story that reminds us of the joy of Jesus' birth. We can't wait to see you there!



Week of Prayer for Nigeria

THIS WEEK

Each time that Freedom Church meets in Nigeria, they take time to pray for the Fairhope campus of Freedom Church International. 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 them up in Sapele, Idah, Lagos, and across all Nigeria.

Also, please continue to pray for two of our pastoral leaders, Emmanuel and Gabriel, as they are surveying locations in Edo state (Agenabode & Benin City). As they consider the next two potential sites for planting campuses of Freedom Church International, please pray for these men and for the people in these cities. Pray for clarity, timing, and provision from God if we are to plant churches in these locations.

Calendar

Dec. 1st-7th

Week of Prayer for Nigeria

Dec. 3rd

Leadership Dinner (6 pm)

Dec. 15th

Christmas Fellowship

Breakfast (9 am)

Worship Service (10 am)

Dec. 22 - Jan 8th

Small Group Christmas Break

Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service (4 pm)

Dec. 25th

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Offering

Giving to the One We Celebrate

This year we are reviving a Christmas tradition from the past by receiving a special Christmas Offering at Freedom. We all love to give people gifts on their birthdays; so it makes sense that, as we celebrate Jesus' birthday, we should seek to be generous and bring a gift to honor the One we love and celebrate this season. Envelopes for this special offering can be found in your seat back pocket of the worship room chairs.

FEAR OF MISSING OUT

Face to Face – Part 1

(From Fear to Freedom)

Luke 1:5-25, 57-58

December 1, 2024

*When Zechariah saw him,
he was startled and was gripped with fear.*

– Luke 1:12 NIV

1. Everyone experiences gaps in their lives where they feel they are **missing out**.

Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. – Luke 1:6-7 NIV

- It is better to know **God** than to know why.

2. God acts when His **people pray**.

But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John." – Luke 1:13 NIV

- Zechariah continued to **pray** and **serve God** despite huge disappointments.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks

finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” – Matt. 7:7-8 NIV

3. Even a little faith brings about big results.

Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I know that what you say is true? I am an old man, and my wife is also old.” – Luke 1:18 ERV

➤ Zechariah no longer really expected God to answer his prayers.

“I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.” – Matt. 17:20 NLT

4. God’s answers are better than our hopes.

“You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord.... He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth. And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God.”
– Luke 1:14-16 NLT

“I tell you, no one ever born is greater than John.”
– Luke 7:28 ERV



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