



HOPE CONNECTION

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Celebrate Independence Day!

The Declaration of Independence was signed into Congress on July 4th, 1776. This charter is one of the most famous documents of our American Heritage. It represents our freedom, it reminds us that all men are created equal, that we all have rights, and confirms we have a Creator.

Sadly, there are many who don't realize the same Creator mentioned in this Declaration gave us an even greater promise of freedom, a freedom from sin and death. God sent His only son, Jesus to bear the sins of the world on a cross...His pain and suffering was His sacrifice.

Our belief and faith in a loving God gives us the spiritual ability to break free from the bondage of sin and bad choices in life. We can be free! We have the ability to pursue true happiness and fulfillment through the love of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, there are those who still do not understand this offer of freedom through salvation...and those who have understood, and have chosen to not accept this amazing gift.

God does not want people to feel enslaved or trapped in the world of deceit and destruction. It is time to break free of these chains and pursue a real relationship with Christ, it is then that we can have true freedom.

So, in celebration of Independence Day please keep the following scripture in mind ~ "For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2

Choose Christ and let freedom "ring!"

*We appreciate the
Board members &
Volunteers that
braved hot weather
to work at our first
annual yard sale!*

*We are so grateful
for two generous
supporters who
donated a
refrigerator and a
cook stove for our
future location!*

Center Needs

- New car seats
- Boys or girls layette gift sets
- Diapers of all sizes
- Hypoallergenic baby wipes
- Nursing pads



**Pregnancy center of the Illinois
Valley Board of Directors**

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**Our Faithful Church
Support!**

Applegate Fellowship
Bridgview Community Church
Community Bible Church
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IV Baptist
IV Praise Center
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Seventh Day Adventist
St. Patrick's of the Forest Catholic
Church
Takilma Bible Church
Valley Evangelical Free
Wonder Bible Chapel

**“Thank You” to the
FourWay Community
Foundation!!!**

*We are excited to let
our supporters know we
have been granted
\$5000.00 to help
finalize the renovation
project for our future
location! ☺*

*The funds will be used
toward carpet, vinyl,
and much needed
shelving for
organizing the office
and “Mommy Market”.*

*Thank you SO much to
the Board Members of
The FourWay
Community
Foundation for
believing in us and the
positive impact we are
making in the Illinois
Valley!*



Enjoy your Celebration of Independence Day!

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And I will walk at liberty, For I seek your precepts. Psalm 119:45