

Four Declarations of F.R.E.E.dom from Self

F **FORTIFY** a like-minded attitude with other Christ-followers.

“... I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.” Philippians 1:27b (ESV)

“Now may the God of all patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Romans 15:5-6 (NKJV)

R **REVEAL** my Christian faith even when afraid to do so.

“... and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.” Philippians 1:28 (ESV)

Jesus: “If people are ashamed of me and of my teaching, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” Luke 9:26 (GNT)

Paul: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16 (NIV)

E **EXPECT** suffering to accompany my belief.

“For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake.” Philippians 1:29 (ESV)

Jesus: “Do you remember what I told you? ‘A slave is not greater than the master.’ Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you.” John 15:20a (NLT)

E **ENGAGE** in service with other Christ-followers.

“... engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”
Philippians 1:30 (ESV)

“Indeed the body does not consist of one member, but many. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”
1 Corinthians 12:14,26 (NRSV)

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Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

Welcome to Independence Day at Church Requel!

We're so glad that **you** are here! We plan to celebrate Christ's love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you'll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. Are you worried about the rules - when to stand, when to sit, what to say? Concerned that you might be embarrassed? Don't be! We've worked hard to make our time together informal and easy-going. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You are definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

Tonight: Our Personal Declaration of Independence!

On this 4th of July, how can we declare our own freedom from a self-centered life? We'll learn the four parts of our own F.R.E.E.dom from self this evening.

Next week: One Mind

It's really easy for us to forget that we're not the center of the universe. How do we take ourselves out of the center of everything? Follow the example of Christ. We'll "orbit around" the humility of the Son!

Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table

Music for Tonight

Here's the lineup for tonight's service in case you want to find the music for your own worship:

- "King" by Tree63
- "Cannon" by Phil Wickham
- "Lead Me to the Cross"
by Chris and Conrad
- "Never Let Go" by David Crowder

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Get Your Daily Church Requel Fix

Did you know that you can be a part of Church Requel Monday through Saturday? If you're only connecting on the weekends, you're missing out on some of the best parts of Church Requel. Let me tell you about some of the online CR opportunities.

First, many of our folks connect with one another through the CR Online Community. You'll need a username and password, but once you're in, you can connect with other people and groups online. The web address for our online community is <http://ChurchRequel.CCBchurch.com>. If you need a username, just email me - Mark.Pierce@ChurchRequel.org.

Second, I invite you to check in with me on my blog. I write just about every day and it's a good way for you to know the latest and most inside dish of everything happening around Church Requel. You can find my blog in your web browser at <http://www.ChurchRequel.com>.

Finally, you can re-listen or re-watch our weekly sermons via podcast. Our websites provide links, or just type in "Church Requel" at the iTunes store.

Hoping to connect with you this week, Pastor Mark



“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”

Philippians 1:27-30 ESV

Live as CITIZENS OF HEAVEN (NLT)

v.27 “Conduct yourself in a manner” (NIV), “Let your conversation be as” (KJV)

πολιτεύομαι (*politeuomai*): from polis - word for city, as is *Metropolis*. to be a citizen of, particularly relevant for Philippians as Philippi was a Roman outpost. People conducted themselves as Romans, speaking & writing Latin

Jesus: “You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14 (NLT)

Paul: “So you are no longer strangers and outsiders. You are citizens together with God’s people. You are members of God’s family.” Ephesians 2:19 (NirV)

Peter: “Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it. Don’t indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.” 1 Peter 2:11 (The Message)

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Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you may share this communion celebration with us. You do not need to be a member of our church. When we come to this time in our service, you may take a piece of bread and a cup back to your seat. Take the bread and the cup when you are ready to do so.

Children’s Ministry

Children up through Kindergarten have their own classroom for the entire service. Elementary age children will be dismissed to their class midway through the service. Watch for the dismissal during our announcements this evening.

Reminder for our Leaders

Board of Directors meet Thurs. @7!

Are You a Keyboardist?

We’re looking for some more musicians to play the keyboard occasionally with our Praise Band. If you or someone you know might be able to play the keyboard, please call Nate Williams at 419-989-9313.

CR Bookstore Opens!

We have opened the Church Requel bookstore in the lobby. We have invested in a nice inventory of resources to assist you in your Christian growth. You’ll find Bibles, study aids, and Christian Living titles to help you in most areas of your discipleship training. All new books include a 20% markup from our cost, so you’ll be supporting our church with your purchases. (Still less than most bookstore prices!) So go shopping tonight before and after the service. You’ll be helping both yourself and your church!

What keeps me from living as a FREE citizen of heaven?

MY SLAVERY TO SELF

Read Romans 6:15:23!