

More to Celebrate

All across America Tuesday, people were swimming, boating, soaking up the sun on a beach, preparing barbecue in the backyard or simply walking together. It was Independence Day, a time for rejoicing with family and friends over the freedoms granted by the birth of our nation.

Through it all, I thought about the value of celebrating important events with the folks we care about. Have you ever tried to celebrate something alone? It's not the same. A fireworks display isn't much fun if there is no one to "oooh and aaah" with. Picnics need people – not a solitary figure with food spread on a blanket. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations – they all go better with relatives and acquaintances around.

As the people of God, we have much to celebrate, and not alone or just a few times a year. We can regularly join with others who follow Christ to encourage one another and to rejoice in the goodness of the Lord.

The psalmist encourages us to recall "the works of God" and to lift our voices in praise to Him (Psalm 66:5-8). We also should be glad about the family of God, of which we are a part, and about the mission of serving His children to which we are called in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home. Those are blessings that make a grateful heart.

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