

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday June 22, 2026 - Joshua 1:9

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Read Joshua 1 for meditation and inspiration.



THE FIGHT FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

NEVER ENDS FOR CHRISTIANS

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

The fight for freedom never ends because freedom itself is fragile and must be continually defended. Throughout history, people have struggled against tyranny, injustice, and oppression to secure basic human rights. Among all freedoms, religious freedom stands as one of the most vital, especially for Christians, whose faith shapes not only personal belief but moral action, community life, and hope for the future.

For Christians, religious freedom is more than the right to worship privately; it is the freedom to live out faith openly and faithfully. Christianity calls believers to pray, teach, serve others, and proclaim truth. When religious freedom is restricted, these essential

expressions of faith are threatened. History shows that whenever governments or societies attempt to control belief, persecution often follows. From the early church under Roman rule to modern-day restrictions in various parts of the world, Christians have faced pressure to silence their convictions.

Religious freedom also benefits society as a whole. When Christians are free to practice their faith, they contribute to moral clarity, compassion, and service. Hospitals, schools, charities, and humanitarian efforts around the world have been built on Christian values of love, sacrifice, and dignity for all people. Suppressing religious freedom weakens these contributions and undermines the moral foundation of a free society.

In the end, religious freedom honors the God-given dignity of every person. For Christians, defending this freedom is both a civic responsibility and a spiritual calling, ensuring that faith remains alive, active, and free for generations to come.

HAPPY 250TH FOURTH OF JULY: “OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION”



God bless the United States of America.

THANKSGIVING IN JUNE

Sunday, June 28, 2026



**Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving feast after worship as we gather in
gratitude and fellowship,**

because Christians are thankful every day of the year.

Come hungry, come joyful, and come ready to give thanks!