

Juneteenth

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JUNETEENTH OVERVIEW

Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in the United States in 2021. While it has already been celebrated by many, its cultural and spiritual significance is widely unknown. VOICES from Our Daily Bread Ministries has launched a campaign to help churches, civic organizations, and individuals learn and celebrate the holiday! VOICES has produced a documentary, devotionals (print and digital options available), podcasts, and an album to equip you with all you need to appreciate Juneteenth, revealing how it's a celebration of freedom and faith in the midst of struggle.

Juneteenth Day reflects dynamic truths about faith and freedom, particularly relevant to the African American experience. The holiday was first celebrated in churches, revealing a deep connection between faith and freedom. The Scriptures teach of Jubilee (Leviticus 25), the time prescribed for justice and freedom to be restored throughout Israel. Jesus, in his inaugural sermon, announced that his kingdom would consummate God's kingdom of righteousness and justice, through the church and throughout the world. When people are freed from injustice, Earth becomes a little more like Heaven.

These resources offer an opportunity to tell the story of Juneteenth for those seeking to understand the holiday and find inspiration in its significance. Juneteenth is a story that highlights how hope has endured from 1865 to the present. In doing so, it offers an important story for the discouraged and the hopeful, Black and White, skeptics and saints.

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FEATURED RESOURCES


[Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom](#) is a feature-length film that teaches and inspires about the cultural and spiritual significance of the holiday.

[Where Ya From? Podcast:](#)

In these special Juneteenth-focused episodes of the *Where Ya From?* podcast, hear from the late Dr. Carey Latimore, award-winning director, Ya'ke Smith, and acclaimed artist, Aitina Fareed-Cooke (A.I. The Anomaly).

 [Where Ya From? Episode 28: "Juneteenth" with Dr. Carey Latimore](#)

 [Where Ya From? Episode 49: "Juneteenth Special" with Ya'Ke Smith](#)

 [Where Ya From? Episode 71: "Finding My Privilege" with Aitina Fareed-Cooke](#)

[Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom Deluxe \(The Original Motion Picture Soundtrack\):](#)

This groundbreaking album features gospel, poetry, and hip-hop from Grammy-award-winning artist Lecrae Moore, gospel producer, Lucius Hoskins, Sho Baraka, and more!

[Jubilee!](#) is the newest print booklet resource in our collection. Learn about Juneteenth's deep faith roots and be encouraged by God's message of liberation for all with this 10-day devotional.

Stay up to date on all the latest Juneteenth resources from VOICES from Our Daily Bread Ministries by visiting [the Juneteenth landing page.](#)

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HOW TO CELEBRATE?

Included below are some tips, suggestions, and ideas to help you as you consider ways to celebrate Juneteenth Day in your community:

1. Host a screening of the film. Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, other churches/organizations, etc. to a free screening of the Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom film.

☒ Tip: Included in the resource kit are social media graphics to help promote your screening event as well as graphic slides to display during promotion or on the day of your event.

2. As you host a screening event, consider serving the traditional food and drink associated with the Texan celebration:

- Barbecue
- Red velvet cake
- Red soda

☒ Tip: Plan in advance and order copies of the Jubilee! 10-day devotional as a complimentary gift to those who attend your Juneteenth Day celebration event.

3. Listen in and share the podcast!

4. Order and give away the devotional (available in print or digital). The devotional content is a great way to resource your church, community, organization, et al. and can be offered as a gift to individuals or could even be used by small or large groups to go through the devotionals together.

5. Buy and listen to the album!

6. Share your stories and events using #juneteenthfilm!