

To Ms. Johnson and Fellow Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for your time in considering this request. I have done these "Night of Praises" before, during my last church at Effingham Baptist Church during Christmas and they turned out to be very successful. I would like to adventure out again by using the new Effingham Court House back porch as a stage for a 4th of July "Night of Praise" presentation on Sunday, July 3.

This event would include approximately 10 songs with an M/C speaking between songs, all which would be patriotic to our God and country. I would not involve the building and grounds till that day for preparation. Preparation would include but not limited to sound engineering setup (soundboard, speakers 4, microphones, probably with 2 10 x 10 canopies), and some type of plants and flower arrangement on stage for a decorative backdrop.

The show would start at 7:00 or 7:30 and last 1.5 hours. People are to bring their own seating. There will be no selling, buying of anything, no alcohol, or political agendas of any sort, strictly an hour and a half of free entertainment and worship. I would like to have a power source for sound, trashcans available to eliminate scattered debris, and possibly some deputies on hand for security if possible.

If the weather turns fowl in the last minutes, the event will be cancelled. I have much planning for this event, to be a Positive moment in our community. Thank you all for this consideration.

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