



Weekly Newsletter July 4, 2021

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You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:15)



A CHRISTIAN IN A NATION

Sunday is the Lord's Day in all of creation and it's also Independence Day in this particular nation. As Christians who lives here, the fact that these two occasions coincide is a good reason for us to consider how the one must impact the other. What is a Christian's place in a country like this to be? According to the scriptures, we have three guiding principles.

Be loyal to the Lord. Wherever he lives, a Christian is a Christian because he belongs to Christ and not because of his nationality. Patriotism and Christianity may both be noble, but they're not the same. One involves loyalty to a country while the other involves loyalty to the Lord. Every Christian bears in mind at all times that his citizenship is in heaven, even while his residence is here, and that his defining loyalty is to his Lord, Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:20).

Be a good citizen of the community. A man who lives with the conviction that God rules in the kingdom of men will be a blessing in the kingdom of men. He'll aim to be subject to responsible authorities God has allowed, and he'll pray that they'll do their duty by making it easier to do good and harder to do evil (Rom. 13:1, 2). In every way consistent with God's commands, Christians obey the laws of the land, pay their taxes, and honor their country.

Be occupied with better things. Even as a Christian prays over his country, his concern is "that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Tim. 2:2). His interest is that conditions be such that people may "be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). Though he desires "a better country, that is, a heavenly one" (Heb. 11:16), and thus by definition recognizes the imperfections of this or any earthly one, he is deeply grateful for the freedom to pursue these goals.

We who have the privilege of living in Christ and of living in a land where the ideal, at least, is the right to the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, are so blessed. This Lord's day, we remember that the Creator who endowed us with the right to such a pursuit in the first place has now redeemed us through his Son. We're reminded that the fulfillment of what we've always been pursuing is in him.

—Bill McFarland



In Need of Our Prayers

- ◆ **Steven Cobb** (Aubrey & Anita's son) is waiting on test results.
- ◆ **Don Tracy** is now home from the hospital.
- ◆ **Sheryl Low** has more knee therapy ahead of her.
- ◆ **Tom Davis'** please keep Tom & Jammie in your prayers as Tom continues to heal.
- ◆ **Robert Raines** (Denzil & Ruth's son) is now home from the hospital, he is doing a little better than last week, please keep him in your prayers.
- ◆ **Ruth Lund's** brother, **John Alspaugh**, has Parkinson's and is not doing very well.
- ◆ **Julie Thornton** will be having surgery on July 12th, please keep her in your prayers.

Shut-Ins

Pat Blackburn, Barbara Barnes, Ron Bower, Mary Bratcher, Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Don Essex, Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney, Wanda Frost, Doris Iorg, Doris Tobler, Jim & Ruth Reaves

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze, Wayne Harmon, Nancy Snider, Virginia Morgan, Sandra Pingnot

Continued prayers for health concerns:

Fred Lorenz, Pat Blackburn, Sandra Pingnot, Wanda Lou Hurd (Nancy Snider's cousin), **Debbie Crawford, Julie Alexander, Bettie Bean** (Alison Thurkill's mom), **Alice Daniels, Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother), **Truman & Helen Coltrane, David High** (Lucile High's son), **Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother, Beverly Hammond** (Coyeate Ewing's mom), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile High's niece), **Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Hasseltine Pendergrass** (Helen Harbor's mom),

THIS WEEK...

- ◆ We will have a **Devotional** Sunday evening, July 4th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on July 8th at 10:30, Helen Harber will be teaching Chapter 12 of the book, "From Bethlehem to Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.

~~ATTENTION STUDENTS & TEACHERS~~

Don't forget to check in at the education desk each time before going to class.



Welcome back to Brian and Samantha York who placed membership on Sunday, June 20th. It is so nice to have them back with us. Their address and phone number to follow soon.

Youth Group News



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

We are starting to put together dates for this summer. Be sure to mark the events we have so far.

- July 8th Cookout & Swim - Happy Hollow
- July 11-17 Camp Water Mill
- July 18-24 Happy Hollow-Travis & Jason Session
- July 25th Bible Study - Maples House
- July 27th Cookout - Morrison House
- July 31st Float Trip
- August 1st Bible Study - Hatfield House
- August 3-6 Camp Wilderness
- August 8th Bible Study - Griffin House
- August 13th Lock-In - Water Mill

Note: Applications for Happy Hollow are located on the Information Desk.

Happy Anniversary

7-06 David & Karen Grimm - 36 years
7-08 Tommy & Betty Grabber - 54 years
7-09 Jonathan & Laurel Pendergraft - 5 yrs
7-10 Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney - 70 yrs
7-11 Chris & Patricia Andrews - 34 years
7-11 John & Michelle Hulett - 29 years
7-12 Jerry & Angela Brummet

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7-04 Robin Scott
7-05 Ruth Lund
7-06 Sawyer Murphy
7-10 Mike Thurkill
7-10 Alexis Davis
7-10 Harper Hatfield
7-11 Izumi Loomis
7-12 Pamela Morrison
7-13 Carrie Lines
7-13 Brandt Snitker
7-13 Ginger White
7-15 Judy Kirby
7-16 Orvella Blackburn

MAKE YOURSELF A NOTE

- The Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class will begin again July 14th.
- There will be a Men's Fellowship here at the building Saturday, August 21st, from 8:00-10:00 AM. Men of all ages are welcome to come! Coffee and donuts will be provided.

