

Mt Zion Christian Church Newsletter-JULY 2018

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Independence Day: Our Christian Heritage

The Birth of a Nation

For 235 years, America has been blessed as the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. These blessings are not accidental they are blessings of God. This is evident as we look at the turmoil in other nations and contrast that to the stability we see in America. (this was written in 2011 before events have shown we have taken God out of things in our country) Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding of the foundations on which this great country was built, and then it depends on preserving the principles on which it was founded.

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from England. Two days later, the early draft of the Declaration of Independence was signed. Four days later, members of Congress took the document and read it out loud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, and afterwards they rang the Liberty Bell. The inscription on the top of the bell is Leviticus 25:10, which reads, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity." Probably the clearest identification of the spirit of the American Revolution was given by John in a letter to Abigail the day after Congress approved the Declaration. He wrote her two letters that day: One was short and jubilant that the Declaration had been approved; the other letter was much longer and gave serious consideration to what had been done that day. Adams could already foresee that their actions would be celebrated by future generations.

A Different Holiday

Adams also noted: "This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival." He felt the celebration should be in a manner that would commemorate the day as a "day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." John Adams believed that the Fourth of July should be a religious holiday. The two top holidays celebrated in this country are Christmas and the Fourth of July. According to John Quincy Adams, the two dates are connected. On the Fourth of July, the Founding Fathers simply took the precepts of Christ and His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

The Declaration of Independence was the birth certificate for this nation, but the men who signed it knew it could be their death warrant. The closing paragraph states, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." The 56 Founding Fathers, 27 of whom were trained as ministers, took their pledge seriously. On the morning of the signing, there was silence and gloom as each man was called up to the table of the President of Congress to sign the document, knowing that it could mean their death by hanging.

Most wars have a motto. The motto of World War II was "Remember Pearl Harbor." The motto during the Texas war for independence was "Remember the Alamo." The spiritual emphasis, directed towards King George III who violated Gods laws, gave rise to a motto during the American Revolution: "No King but King Jesus." The Founding Fathers passed the torch to us. It is our responsibility to not let it go out. by David Barton-CEO of Wallbuilders

Mount Zion support group met on June 6th at Western Steak House with six of us enjoying a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship. We learned a lot about snakes and birthing babies as each of us shared our experiences.

Since the first Wednesday in July is on the 4th of July we will meet on July 11 @11:30 at Cracker Barrel in Mebane.

Come and join us and maybe even learn something new!
Libby Atkins

On Saturday, June 30th, the Men's Prayer Breakfast was held with 15 present. A delicious breakfast and great fellowship was enjoyed by all. Many concerns of our families, Church and community were discussed and prayed about. We have a large prayer list but we know that God is good---all the time and hears every request.

Those in attendance were: Pete Enroughty, Gary Moran, Johnnie Parker, Max Thompson, Jerry Lane, Robert Bridges Haywood Shue, Doug Atkins, Lewis Baker Cecil Shue, Rick Webster, Jim Parker, Melba Jones, Mark and Penny Harris.

Our next breakfast will be on July 28th. Please come and join us.

Jerry Lane



Happy Birthday

- 7/1 Jonathan Alvis, Frankie Moore
- 7/2 Madi Stanfield, Elizabeth Tatum
- 7/3 Tamara Isley, Dillon Byrd, Larry Cole
- 7/4 Clinton Bradley
- 7/5 Amanda Shue, Tristan Alvis
- 7/7 Jackson Barts, Cole Bowland, Mark Gough
- 7/10 Melba Jones, Ruth Moore, Michael Ray, Ronald Hughes
- 7/11 Kayleigh Martin
- 7/12 Ginger Schepis, Allison Moran, Louise Wellons
- 7/13 Peggy Riley, Christopher Powell
- 7/14 Jerry Lane, Betty Oakley
- 7/16 Alton Miles
- 7/20 Kathy Powell Morrisette
- 7/21 Max Greer, Jeff Tate, Jan Tate
- 7/22 Betty Terry, Christopher Rudder, Louise Tate
- 7/23 Chris Tate, Shelbie Carter
- 7/24 Dennis Yeatts, Randal Cole
- 7/25 Ben Rimer, Mark Harris, Wayne Greenstock
- 7/27 Avery Greer, Clayton Bowman
- 7/28 Erlene Williams, Jerry Mullis
- 7/29 Brandon Singleton, Nicholas Davis
- 7/31 Grey Danford

Happy Anniversary

- 7/3 Wesley & Sandra G Freshwater
- 7/11 Johnnie & Joyce Parker
- 7/14 James & Louise Wellons
- 7/15 Alton & Linda Hamlett Miles
- 7/17 Max & Cynthia Barnett Greer
- 7/19 John & Allison Moran
- 7/21 Michael & Rhonda VanDusen
- 7/24 Bobby & Carol Poole Williams



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 Goodwill, Great, Honor, Hope,
 Justified, Mercy, Moratorium, Not By
 Works, Peace, Sanctified, Saved,
 Sincerity, Sufficient, Suspension,
 Truth, Undeserved, Upgrade

After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.
 Last month's answer: REVERENCE

Activities for JULY 2018
 Each Wednesday Night
 Adult Bible Study @ 6:30PM

- 7/1 Flower Fund-Sunday School
- 7/4 Happy Birthday America (No Bible Study)
- 7/9 No BOCE--Deacons/Deaconesses will meet
- 7/11 Mt Zion Support-11:30am-Cracker Barrel
- 7/15-7/18 Vacation Bible School--Game On 6-8PM
- 7/28 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7/29 Deacon's Fund Collection

From the Pastor's Desk---JUNE 2018

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful June we have enjoyed at Mt Zion. We have ushered in Summertime with a BANG....for those who enjoy HOT weather, you have been truly Blessed.

It has been a wonderful month for me. Last month I was totally taken by surprise as Cathy was chosen as Mother of the Year. Then on Father's Day, I was really surprised and overwhelmed. I was told that Marvis Glasgow was our Father of the Year and Sandra Glasgow would be reading a note from his son. Instead the note was from my son Danny and I had been chosen Father of the Year! I do not deserve this honor, but I am so thankful to have been chosen. We will be holding classes on Repentance for Little White Lies soon....and the number of students are growing every day!

I have been blessed to be your pastor and have you as family for 15 years. It has always been so special to anoint and pray with those in need of healing at the close of our services. But this June, I too came forward and to have all of my brothers and sisters to pray together for Cathy and me was one of the most special times I can remember. I truly could feel the love of each and every one and the moving of the Holy Spirit was truly amazing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and please know how much Cathy and I love you and this wonderful church!

I.H.S.,

pastor rick