



# "God Bless America"



The Democratic and Republican National Conventions have come and gone. As a concerned citizen of this great nation, and more importantly, as a citizen of the kingdom of God, I believe it to be vitally important to know where the candidates stand on the issues, especially those relating to God and morality. I know that many people vote for the candidate that best assures them financial and national security. These issues are important, but are they what's MOST important? I think not!

As I listened to the speech of one of the presidential nominees, I became quite troubled with what I heard. He had much to say about what he would do if he were president, but then he concluded by endorsing a woman's right to choose (abortion) and same-sex marriages (homosexuality). He stated that we may not all agree on these issues, but we can look past them and together look forward to a brighter future. He then concluded by quoting a passage of scripture and saying, "God bless America." But I raise the question, "How can a president, who's been entrusted to lead a nation, ask God to bless America when they themselves oppose the very principles that have made this nation great?" They want God to bless America while abandoning His Word altogether! They want God to bless America while upholding legislation that approves the shedding of innocent blood. They want God to bless America while seeking to dismantle the very backbone of society — the home. Have we forgotten what happened to Judah when God and His Word were removed (2 Kings 21)? I can assure you that if we continue to ignore these issues there'll be no brighter future to look forward to!

Yes, I pray every day that God continues to bless this great nation. But I know, as I study His Word, that "righteousness exalts a nation, and that sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34); and yes, abortion and same-sex marriages are sin and an abomination to God!

It's not my place to tell an individual who they can or can't vote for. It is, however, my place as a Christian to find the facts and to vote for the candidate who best follows God and His Word!

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"...whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." Colossians 3:17

*We must give lengthy deliberation to what has to be decided once and for all.*

Publius Syrus - 100— B.C.

## News & Notes

**BAPTISM:** John Michael Phares. Also, Sara McKinnon (Sharon Roberts' daughter) was baptized recently in East Liverpool; she will retain her membership here.

**SYMPATHY:** To Russell Martin and family at the sudden and untimely passing of his nephew, Jeremy Blackwell. God bless this family.

**LECTURES:** WVSOP (Moundsville), Oct. 26-30, Different Speakers.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies to help make bears for small children.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:** Bob & Scharlotte Cyphers (Scharlotte has a medical consultation, Oct. 28th); Shirley Thomas (Harry Nice's sister & Karen Strum's aunt), Richard Clutter (Eva Steff's brother), Crystal Baker (Connie Cowdery's daughter).

**TIME CHANGE:** Turn your clocks **BACK 1 hour next Saturday night, Nov. 1st.**

**SURGERY POSTPONED:** Michelle Hanlon's foot surgery has been postponed until further notice.

**REMEMBER THESE SHUT-INS:** Harry & Imogene Nice, Fred Larrimore, Jr.

**OTHERS WITH PHYSICAL PROBLEMS:** At Home: Jack Board, Geraldine Barrett, Fred & Ilene Rayl, Bertha Seman, Pauline Clutter, Dan Williams, Blondenia Orr. **Don't forget to encourage others confined to their homes and in nursing homes. They are listed on the bulletin board.**

### *A Little Faith In A Great God*

A woman was known for her simple faith, her faithfulness in Christian stewardship, and her peace and composure in the face of great difficulties. A stranger sought her out and asked, "Are you the woman with the great faith?"

"No," she replied, "I am the person with a little faith in a great God."

We may have faith in ourselves and fail, or faith in another person and be disappointed. But when our faith is centered in God, we can rest assured that everything will be all right. God will not disappoint us or let us down if we are attempting to do His will in our lives.

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### SMILE



Smiling is infectious,  
You catch it like the flu.  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner,  
And someone saw my grin  
When he smiled, I realized,  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
Then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine,  
Could travel 'round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,  
Don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
And get the world infected!

- Author Unknown -