

Can America Be Restored?

As we get ready to celebrate the 250th* anniversary of our country's independence from Great Britain, it should be a time of reflection on the state of the nation from a spiritual perspective. Do we still live in "one nation, under God?" Have we forgotten the godly principles on which the founding fathers built upon? Are we a country obsessed with eating, drinking, and being merry rather than working diligently with our hands and upholding all things decent and moral? (Isaiah 22:13; 1 Cor. 15:32)

We are, without a doubt the most informed people in the history of the world. Yet, we turn a blind eye to the lessons of history and repeat the same mistakes of many a fallen empire. Look at the warnings of the prophet Isaiah:

"Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD..."

"Your country lies desolate; your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence foreigners devour your land; it is desolate..."

"They proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves." (Isaiah 1:4,7; 3:9)

Oh that America would read and learn from the prophets! Let us pray that America can be restored just as King Josiah tore down the alters of Baal and restored worship to the Lord. (2 Chronicles 34-35)

May "God bless America, land that we love."

- Jay Launius, Maud church of Christ, Maud, Texas -

* Original article was written in 2023, 247th anniversary of our country.

In God We Trust

In God we trust - a rustic phrase was coined in our colonial days.

But now it has become passe'; just empty words to nobly say.

The founding fathers had a plan; freedom, respect for every man;

And under God, a right to stand as builders of a growing land.

Too soon we grew to be too great, our trust in God did soon abate.

Too quick to greed, to lust and hate; too slow to love, appreciate.

Babylon made the same mistake, she chose the road of sin to take.

And if the same mistake we make, we too will ultimately break.

The Romans and Egyptians too did lust and greed and war pursue.

Their epitaphs are nothing new; an object lesson we might view.

Our God is great and good and just. 'Twas He who raised us from the dust.

Return to Him! Return we must! And really say, "In God we trust."

- James E. Donelson -

"...our liberty springs from and depends upon an abiding faith in God."

- Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States -

News Notes

NO MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, July 4th.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, July 5th about Noon at the Fellowship Building. Our **early afternoon worship service** will be at **2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: Next week, July 6-11 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Packets available. Sign-up sheets in the foyer for kitchen help and cookies.

PANTRY: Applesauce.

MAILING ADDRESS: Brett Thompson #A830908, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Mail Processing Center (OMPC), 884 Coitsville-Hubbard Road, Youngstown OH 44505.

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Linda Parks - City Hospital.

Nancy Cox - Weirton Medical Center.

Anita Hopwood - St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown.

Debbie Waite - Northside Hospital, Cherokee Campus, Room 8219. 450 Northside Cherokee Blvd., Canton, GA 30115.

OTHERS: Randy Beagle, Donna Stevens, Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Barbara DeLong.

Marlene Evans, Mary Johnson - FOX, Chester.

Jean Haught (Skip's mother) - SERRA MANOR, Weirton.

Laura Talbott (Marilyn Hadley's daughter), 3092 Harding Ave. East Liverpool, OH 43920.

Rob Wilson (Connie Stillwell Wilson's husband), 2944 Regina Drive, Macon, GA 31216. Rob sustained serious multiple injuries from a motorcycle accident.

Brenda Harris (Gerald & Paula Clutter's sister), 102 Cardinal Drive, Rockwell, NC 28138 (Phone: 304-479-3950).

Nancy Hadley, 2995 Clay Pond Drive, Oakland, TN 38060.

Carolyn Carbone (Janet & Becky's sister), 98 Orange Blossom Dr., Ranson, WV 25438.

Sue Baumgardner (the McKittrick's daughter), 245 Mark Drive, Paducah, KY 42001.

Christy Claypool, 204 Rio Pinar Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

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on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.