

Happy to see all of our campers return this morning. Thank you all for praying for the youth while they were away at camp this past week. The devotional will be at the home of Clint and Jonna Satterwhite following services tonight. A big thank you to them for opening up their home. We are looking forward to great food and fellowship.

Blake

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"



"Whoa...hold on a minute. You're not supposed to tell them the truth. For goodness sake, man, you're a politician; show some self-respect."

WILL GOD BLESS AMERICA?

Some time ago a graduate of a high school in Colorado was censored for mentioning Jesus Christ in her valedictorian speech. The high school principal would not give her diploma to her at the graduation, and she was told she had to apologize. She didn't!

Something is wrong! Have we become so secular-minded that school children can't mention Jesus Christ in their conversation--let alone in a public speech?

We will celebrate the 4th of July tomorrow. Do you know what it is about? Do you really? When I ask graduating high school seniors for an answer, most of them don't know. Because our legislature is more interested in standardize testing than education, the students aren't learning history.

We once lived in the land of the free, but no longer. Something is wrong when someone has to go to prison to get a Bible. And now the same mind-set of ACLU is trying to stop that in certain states.

Remember, this! When people started wanting God out of their lives, God let them do their own thing. They built idols and some of the ruins are still standing in Greece and other countries today. What became of those once powerful nations? They were all destroyed! We sing the beautiful song, "God Bless America," that Kate Smith used to sing so many years ago. Will God bless America when she has turned her back on Him? 2 Chron. 7:14 READ

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM



May God bless us as we celebrate the birthday of America tomorrow. This nation was founded upon the belief in God and His Son and the Word of God that was given to each of us as a standard for our walk spiritually. May the Lord who reigns above and below bless us again and may we always remain a nation UNDER GOD.



The Nation Celebrates Her Birthday Tomorrow



From Dan's desk:

We are most privileged people on the face of God's earth. The Blessings of God have rested on our Nation for many years. The future of our country will be determined by whether we continue to uphold the Lord God in the life of these United States. I, for one am thankful to be an American and to have shared in the many wonderful freedoms provided us in this country. I hope you are grateful as well. The month of July is upon us and hot weather continues. We are truly grateful for the rain that God sent our way several days ago. Thanks to those of you who attended the meeting in Grapeland. It was great to be with the brethren there and to proclaim the message of Christ. My thanks to Bernie for teaching the class & to Kyndall Aldrich for preaching for me last Sunday. He just recently graduated from the School of preaching and will now enter the ministry full-time. We continue to support others while they make preparation for the Ministry of Christ. The need is great and we are so thankful for young men who aspire to work in the Kingdom of our Lord. Hershel Bearden our missionary to India left for India again last week. He will be working with the people there teaching them about our Saviour. We are thankful to have a part in reaching out not only in our own community, but around the world as well. Continue to remember all of these in your prayers as you call on God. We will look forward to seeing you tonight as we come to worship our Lord.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

BILL CHANDLER has been ill this last week and undergoing tests but is improving at home.

LISA WOOLSEY is improving following her recent hospitalization.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Dennis Ellison, Bobby Johnson, Vonolga Roberson, Bill Hogan, Gary Oliver, Gerald Wilcher.

SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS:

Jason Mottern, Jeremy Dixon, & Blaine Kline.

SINGING NIGHT WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday night is Singing Night and the following Wednesday night we will have the second guest speaker in our Summer Series. KRIS GRODA will be speaking to us on the subject, "NO TEARS IN HEAVEN". We hope and trust that each of you will want to be present for this special Wednesday evening service. Kris is the preacher in Mt. Pleasant, Texas and is a frequent panelist on the Give Me The Bible Program on Sunday morning.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

It is that time of year again when we celebrate the independence of this great nation. The fourth of July has provided my family and me with many great memories throughout the years. As we reflect on this great day, we need to thank God for the blessings and privileges we enjoy in this great country. Not everyone in this world can proclaim his or her freedom as can we. However, there is an independence that all people of the world can come to know and share—freedom from the bondage.

Jesus proclaimed, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn.8:32). All over the world, men and women are enslaved to sin, including thousands upon thousands, yea even millions in this land that prides herself in her physical freedom. Through a knowledge of the truth, and one's subsequent obedience to the truth, he is set free from sin (Rom.6:17). All over the globe, those who have had their sins washed away by the blood of Christ in the waters of baptism (Rom.6:3,4) unite their voices to proclaim their own independence day.

It is sad to know that tyrannical rulers and authoritarian governments oppress many nations and peoples in this world. Sadder still is the fact that the majority of the world's population is enslaved to the most ruthless and heartless ruler ever known—Satan. As great a blessing as physical independence is, no greater blessing could ever be known than the freedom from sin through our Lord .

"If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" John 8:36