

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response:

Faith - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21;
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - July 3

READ SCRIPTURE

Mark Hatcher

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Michael Richardson

Mark Hatcher Sydney Bunnell

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

6 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

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morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle. It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government."

A secular nation devoid of religious influence where God is not welcome in its hallowed halls or public places? When we examine a few facts we can easily see such a conviction is not consistent with the facts of history. Let us pray that our great nation will once again find its roots and again draw from them the strength that made it the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

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Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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A Secular Nation or One Nation Under God?

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For some folks, nothing could be contemplated that would be more boring than reading or studying history. That is not the case for me. I enjoy reading history. It is fascinating to read and understand how people in the past lived their lives and dealt with the problems they faced. To know history is to know ourselves, because we are where we are and what we are due to the events and people that make up our own history.

There is no more exciting story of history than the story of the founding of the United States of America. July 4th of every year gives us the opportunity to celebrate the beginning of our country as 56 men declared "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

That Declaration of Independence concludes with this powerful pledge "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." And so the path was chosen for the British colonies to become a free and independent nation. But it was not to be an easy path. The story of their struggles and the fortunes they sacrificed is one that all citizens should be familiar with.

But all too often, revisionist historians have neglected to tell the story of what those 56 men and many others sacrificed to give us the land of the free and the home of the brave. Of particular concern is the revisionist purpose to convince modern Americans that these men set out to establish a purely secular society, devoid of any religious

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

1. Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Leon Seaton; R.T. Turner; Renee Perkins; James Horton; Mary Locke; Kathy Clarke; Lori Brewer; Wendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Linda Forbes; Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mom); John Taylor (Sarah Brooks' father); Marilyn Hogan experiencing problems with her eyes due to glaucoma; it was good seeing Bill Brooks last Sunday after not being able to be out for several Sundays; Temisha Denison will be going to Charleston, SC to see a Dr. to treat lymphedema; Jim Mears will be having another surgery to remove skin cancer on his forehead. The first procedure went very well.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Phillip Perkins was transferred Sunday evening to the Medical Center in BG. He underwent surgery Mon. afternoon to remove the abscess from his right lung. He continues to improve and hopes to get home around the 4th of July.

Betty Walton was in Vanderbilt due to a massive blood clot to her lungs; happy she is now at NHC in Glasgow for rehab.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Stella Downs; Sherian Gray; Randy Scott; Doug Isenberg; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Charlene Skaggs (Dianna Proffitt's mom); Larry D. Glass; Gail Hatcher Coats

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SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We are now in the Summer Quarter on the theme: *Minor New Testament Figures* This morning we will study "Dorcas" Acts 9:36-43 Wayne serves as the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Remember our study on Wed. nights -- "*The End of Time*" Mike Thompson serves as the teacher. If you are not attending our bible classes, you are missing some great studies!!

NEW INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY

Reminder: If you have not filled out a sheet for our new Informational Directory, please do so. It will be very useful for communication purposes and getting to know each other better.

COMMODITIES FOR POTTER

Thanks for the wonderful way you helped by donating commodities for Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries in Bowling Green. As of Friday, no one had contacted me about picking up our donations. I contacted them and learned they had sent out the wrong dates. So they will be here the first part of this week. So if you missed last week, you have another opportunity.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was the name of the blind man Jesus healed in Jericho?

The answer to last week's bible question: six Mark 15:25, 34-37

Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!

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influence or presence. We learn such is not the case when the facts are examined. When they are, it becomes clear these were men who believed in God and regarded themselves as Christians who sought the will of God in their lives and the life of the country they were hoping to establish.

The case can almost be made by a casual examination of the above two quotes from the founding document signed by such founding fathers as Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, John Adams, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin and others. These men signed their names and pledged all they had and their sacred honor in support of a document that declared the rights for which they were willing to fight and die came from their Creator. This was self-evident. No argument needed to establish these self-evident truths. Would these men so pledge if they did not believe in a Creator?

They concluded their declaration by signing their names to a plea for protection by divine Providence. Many have claimed these men were Deists. A Deist believes in a Supreme being, but the god of the Deist is a god who is uninvolved in the world he created. The classic description of the god of the Deist is of a god who created the world and then left it to its own devices. He is likened to a clockmaker who would wind up a clock and then leave it to run down without further concern. But if these men believed that, why look to this Creator who grants the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to guard those rights or protect those who sought them through His providence? The god of the Deist would

have no interest in so doing. But the God of the Bible is a God who is seen in the scriptures as a God who is providentially involved in the lives of His people.

Even more telling are the words of some of the founders themselves. John Quincy Adams, son of John Adams, and sixth president of the United States said the following in speeches celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence: "*From the day of the Declaration, the people of the North American Union and of its constituent states were associated bodies of civilized men and Christians... They were bound by the laws of God, which they all, and by the laws of the gospel, which they nearly all, acknowledge as the rules of their conduct...*" (1821)

"*The Declaration of Independence cast off the shackles of this (British) dependency. The United States of America were no longer colonies. They were an independent nation of Christians.*" (1837)

In 1892, in a decision in the case "Church of the Holy Trinity verses the United States," the Supreme Court of the United States made the following statement: "*These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation...*"

Finally, consider the words of our first and arguably our greatest President, George Washington, in his famous farewell address: "*Of all the dispositions and habits which led to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that* concluded on back page