



**“Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.”
- Leviticus 25:10**

(Engraved on the Liberty Bell in 1753)

A Prayer for Our Country...

“Almighty God, you have given us this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember your generosity and faithfully do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make America their home. Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. May we balance our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people. O, Lord, we pray for your guidance as we work together for the best interest of our communities, our nation, our world, and the ultimate goal of peace. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful and in troubled times may our deepest trust be in you. Amen.”

(Chaplains’ Service Book of Prayers)

“Gratitude.” G.K. Chesterton wrote, “is the mother of all virtues.” As Americans, we have reason to be filled with gratitude at all times; gratitude to God who gave us the opportunity to come to this land and to live in freedom, gratitude to our Founding Fathers who set forth those principles that constitute our creed, and gratitude to following generations who have defended us.

This should inspire and encourage in Americans a sense of civic duty and responsibility far greater than loyalty to state or ancestry. The history of the past 225 years shows what a difference loyalty to principled beliefs can make. America has never sought wars of expansion. It has sought to liberate and restore those it has defeated. It has shared its liberty and wealth with the poor. It has rescued the suffering. It has done this not because the fatherland orders it, but because our devotion to human dignity and human liberty demands it.

America is different - it is a vision, a noble idea and for that extra ordinary difference, Americans should give thanks to God each day and pledge anew to do their duty out of gratitude to Him and to our Founding Fathers.”

(Charles W. Colson, Prison Fellowship Ministries)

Let’s pray for America! Let’s reach America for Christ!



Bill of Rights

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

(First amendment approved December 15, 1791)

Upcoming Events...

This Sunday, July 4th is Independence Day. We look forward to a patriotic service, posting the colors and thanking God for our freedoms. We want to honor all of our Military Personnel. Active duty, it would be great if you would wear your uniform. We will also observe Communion this Sunday!

Church Picnic

Our Annual Church Picnic is this Monday, July 5th Noon - 5:00 p.m. The church will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. You bring dishes to compliment the meats (salads, beans, desserts, etc.) If you enjoy some outside games, bring them with you. This will be a great time of fun, food and fellowship! Looking forward. Note: We will eat at 1:30 p.m.!

The ladies will have a luncheon on Saturday, July 10th, 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend and to bring someone with you! You never know what surprises will be awaiting you!



A Daisy/Prim Sleepover will be held on Friday, July 23rd. Parents, check with the leaders, Wendy Burkhouse and Wally Clark for details.



Men's Early Prayer meets every other Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. Men, please notice the dates on the calendar. Will you join us? Our highest attendance so far has been (7). Will you make it 8 or 9?



Royal Ranger news...

Our church will host the Sectional Royal Ranger Field Day on Saturday, July 17th. This event is for our younger Rangers.

Have you purchased your (\$5.00) ticket for the Royal Ranger car wash on Saturday, July 31st? It will begin at 8:00 a.m. This is a fundraiser to help with the District Pow Wow expenses in August.

The youth are participating in the **30 Hour Famine** this month. They are raising money for the indigent. They are traveling to the Rock Gym in Virginia Beach for this event on Friday, **July 23rd**. This is an overnighter. Let's support our youth! They **fast for the 30 hours** also.



Kids Kamp happens this month! Transportation for our (14) children will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. sharp on **Monday, July 19th**. Parents, please review all of the information for how to pack, etc. **Javier & Shelly Montanez & Tiffany Rose** are the counselors who are taking our children. Please keep these fearless leaders and kids in prayer.