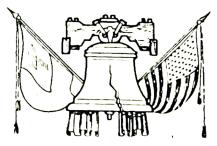


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THANK GOD FOR THE CONSTITUTION!

In this 200th Anniversary Summer of the writing of the Constitution of the United States, the people of this nation ought to be very thankful to God for this document.

Especially should we Christians be grateful, because the Constitution as amended, guarantees the right of freedom of religion to everyone. While this does indeed allow all kinds of false religions to flourish, it also does allow the truth, saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to be preached and taught, so that the Lord can gather some for salvation in this nation.

We are also grateful for the separation of Church and State, because history shows that when the one is supreme over the other, the teaching of the Gospel is either perverted or distorted.

But while separation of Church and State is desirable, it is also true that many of the framers of the Constitution were either Christians or were influenced by Judeo-Christian beliefs. These beliefs are reflected in the Constitution. Here are some of them:

1) The concept of the equality of man. Scripture says that "God is no respecter of persons," and that judges are not to show partiality to anyone. This is beautifully stated in the Declaration of Independence, and implied in the Constitution. It must be admitted however, that there is always a struggle to put this concept into practice.

2) Another concept is that there are certain natural rights for everyone, because, as Scripture says, man is made in the image of God. This concept flows from the truth that man was created by God. He did not evolve from some lower animal. Where do human rights come from, if not from God?

3) The Constitution begins, "We the People..." This states the principle that government is by the consent of the governed. This derives directly from the concept of government as a covenant practiced by the Puritan Christians.

4) In dealing with the problem of how to implement these concepts, the framers realized that the biblical view of man is true: man is a sinner. Therefore, the new government had to be strong enough to deal with wrong and evil realistically, but at the same time the power of rulers has to be limited because, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." They solved this by limiting government power - by giving certain powers to the states - by separating powers between executive, legislative, and judicial branches, and by checks and balances between the various branches and levels of government.

The framers knew that the Constitution would work only when the people exercise self-discipline and self-restraint. Many of them saw Christianity as the source of this self-discipline.

It is only as Christianity can influence society that there will be the climate in which the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution will be able to endure.

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WATERING HELP WANTED: our new plants around the church sign need regular watering to develop strong roots. If you're able to take responsibility to water one day a week, please see Kathy Jenkins for details. Your help and investment of time in our church is greatly appreciated.

SPARE WEEDING TOOLS? with new planting areas comes the need to be more diligent about pulling weeds. If you have a hoe, hand trowel or other garden tool that makes weeding easier, please donate them to the church.



BIRTHDAY IN A BOX DONATION DRIVE – The Board of Human Care is partnering with Harvesters to ensure that local kids and adults can enjoy a birthday cake on their special day! Each Birthday in a Box goes to households served by agency networks to ensure a birthday doesn't pass without the means to celebrate.

Each box contains all the necessary ingredients to make a cake as well as candles, balloons, banner, plates, cups, napkins and plastic utensils. We have applied for a Thrivent grant to get us started, and combined with your support we hope to achieve our goal of 50 boxes.

Donations will be accepted through the end of July. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase items needed to complete the boxes. If contributing using a check, please designate "Birthday Box Donation" so the funds can be allocated appropriately. See the table in the narthex or ask any member of the Human Care Board (Flannery Bartels, Johna Brill, Darlene Crain, Lourene Embree, Candy King, Mark and Mary Lippe, Dean and Bev Mettlen, Doug and Pam Rinas) for more information.



In him and through faith in him we may approach God with Freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12 NIV





Sunday Worship Schedule: Bible Study 8:15am, Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service 9:30am

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 No Walkers Office Closed | 5 Basketball 9- 11am |
| 6 New Dimensions of Praise Fellowship Hall 10am Bd of Elders following worship | 7 | 8 Church Council 6:30pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Basketball 9- 11am |
| 13 New Dimensions of Praise Fellowship Hall 10am | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Basketball 7- 9pm | 19 No Basketball Craft Day 9am- 6:30pm |
| 20 New Dimensions of Praise Fellowship Hall 10am | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Basketball 9- 11am Parking lot in use by neighbor 3- 10pm |
| 27 New Dimensions of Praise 10am Board of Human Care following worship | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1