

Can America Be Restored?

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As we celebrated the 248th anniversary of our country's independence from Great Britain, it should be a time to reflect 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 this nation? 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? (cf. Isaiah 22:13; I Corinthians 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 fallen empires. Look at the warnings of the prophet Isaiah: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD... Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers" (Isaiah 1:4,7). And then "They declare their sin as Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves." (Isaiah 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."

Silence is Not Always Golden

Copied and Adapted

The old saying, "Silence is golden" comes from a longer proverb believed to have originated in ancient Egypt. In 1831, it was first printed in English by poet Thomas Carlyle. The truth is that silence is not always golden.

During our assembly today, listen and you'll hear gurgling, gooing, whining, fussing, crying and an occasional shriek. Those wonderful sounds are coming from our children. The church at Greensboro Road is blessed with children of all ages. Now you might think it strange to be thankful for these constant sounds and maybe even some occasional disruptions, but believe me, I've visited churches where there were no children, and the silence was deafening. God intended for the church to be filled with children, learning about Jesus, learning the Good News. On one occasion Jesus, "...perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great" (Luke 9:47,48). May we always celebrate our children, edify and encourage their parents, and continue to grow and thrive as God's family. "Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward" (Psalm 127:3).

REVELATION 12:1-9

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 Q H K I L X K R N J E T V R D M R T U G R T O J T
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| child | clothed | crown | deceiveth | delivered |
| Devil | devour | dragon | earth | feet |
| fought | God | great | heaven | Michael |
| moon | pained | paradise | place | prepared |
| prevailed | red dragon | Satan | serpent | seven crowns |
| seven heads | stars | sun | tail | ten horns |
| third | thousand | threescore | throne | travailing |
| twelve | two hundred | war | wilderness | woman |
| wonder | | | | |

(What word is NOT found in this passage and what words are found more than once?)

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

New Family Bible Study Questions are on the *Missions Table* in the foyer for you to pick up and read.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Fall Gospel Meeting

(Please mark your calendars and do not be away during these weeks.)

Gospel Meeting 2024, September 8th – 11th with Gilbert Gough, Savannah, Tennessee. Theme: **“There Is A God In Heaven”**

Gospel Meeting 2025, April 27th – 30th with Lee Moses, Union City, Tennessee.

VBS 2025 June 8th – 11th.

Gospel Meeting 2025 September 14th -17th with Dan Sikes, Benton, Kentucky.

Those Privileged To Serve

July 7, 2024

SUNDAY MORNING		SUNDAY EVENING	
Song Leader	Scottie Blanchard	Song Leader:	Larry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Hal Baugh	Opening Prayer:	Jason Garland
Closing Prayer	Scott Pratt	Closing Prayer:	Mitch Mosley
Bible Reading	Barry Roush	Preacher:	Terry Joe Kee
Preacher	Terry Joe Kee	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	
LORD’S TABLE		July 10, 2024	
Presiding:	Stacy Eddleman	Song Leader	Scottie Blanchard
Jeff Presley	David Dye	Opening Prayer	Jerry Dodson
Mitch Mosley	Kevin Roush	Closing Prayer	Gavon Allen
Jimmie Powell	Robert Stephens	DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		July 10, 2024	
Dan Nichols		Dan Nichols	

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

June 30, 2024

Sunday Bible Study	82
Sunday AM Worship	101
Sunday PM Worship	75
Wednesday Bible Study	60
Contribution	\$5901

“...Fear God, and give glory to him...”

Revelation 14:7

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Kee Notes

This summer we will be separating our young men and young ladies into separate classes. We will be studying great men and women of the Old Testament. This will give our teachers a small break and an opportunity for others, who do not already teach, to teach one Wednesday night during the Summer quarter. We will have nine Wednesday nights of study and teachers are needed for both the young ladies and the young men. This will begin July 10th and continue until the end of September. Please think seriously about helping teach one of these classes during the Summer.

J. L. is doing a very good job teaching the book of Revelation on Wednesday nights. I appreciate all his efforts and the hand-outs have been valuable tools we can all use for years to come. During this time we have only been having one adult class on Wednesday nights. We will begin offering a second adult class on Wednesday nights beginning July 10th if there is enough interest. I will begin teaching a series of nine lessons studying, “Why Did God Prepare A Worm?” These lessons will study why bad things happen to good people. Why does God allow His own children to suffer in life? What can we do to overcome the stresses and difficulties we face in life? If you are interested, we will be meeting in classroom number 6 (the teenage classroom) on the south end of the hallway. If you are interested, bring your Bible and come meet with us.

We are hoping to have our auditorium classes live-streamed each week beginning soon. This way the studies on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights will be available as well as the worship services on Sundays. This is not intended to give any excuses for anyone to miss Bible study, but an opportunity for those who cannot be present to keep up with our Bible study classes.

Terry Joe

SHEPHERDS

Mike Felts

Dan Nichols

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard

Jerry Dodson

Stacy Eddleman

Jason Garland

Scott Pratt

Kevin Roush

Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONS

Samrit Kammanee,

Southeast Asia

Philippines Missions

Warren, Pennsylvania

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God

Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God

John 8:24

Repent of your sins

Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus

as the Son of God

Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the

remission of your sins

Acts 2:38

Live faithfully

Revelation 2:10

“And let us consider one

another to provoke unto

love and to good works”

(Hebrews 10:24)

Let Us Do More

In 2024