

SERMON NOTES

Title: *Happy Birthday America*

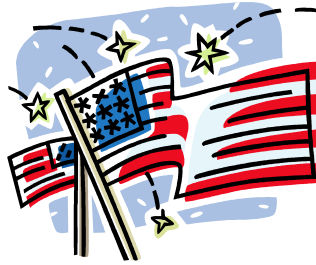
Text: Psalm 33:12 & I Timothy 2:1-2

Topic: Preserving Our Godly Heritage

Teacher: Pastor Barry

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Faith, Scripture and Prayer were the foundation on which this nation was built.

"Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Alexis de Tocqueville

Through out our nation's history, Christians, when they have lived up to the highest ideals of their faith, have been the **moral compass** of our nation.

Our **political leaders** need to hear from the church today. The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, *"Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?"*

We cannot **remain silent** on the issues of our day in which God has so clearly spoken.

"Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for

the candidates who promise the most benefits, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship." "The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

*From bondage to spiritual faith;
From spiritual faith to great courage;
From courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to complacency;
From complacency to apathy;
From apathy to dependence;
From dependence back into bondage.*

- Alexander Tyler, History Professor, University of Edinburgh, 1887

People of God, we must mix **prayer and the truth of God's word** with our politics.

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14

An Independence Day Prayer

by Margaret Cagle

Lord, today we honor our founding fathers and celebrate freedom in our nation.

You gave us the truth to set us free. You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

We thank you for the precious freedom that we have in our nation today.

We know this country's not perfect, but we celebrate our nation, the USA.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers, who for freedom took a brave stand.

Many placed their very lives in peril to start our country in a new land.

Thank you for brave soldiers who gave their lives to keep us free.

They gave the ultimate sacrifice for Americans like me.

As we shoot off fireworks and celebrate with patriotic concerts and parades,

We thank you for all your blessings and your great love that never fades.

As we gather with our loved ones for picnics, barbecues and fun,

We want to thank you for everything, especially for sending your Son!