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Worship, Sun: 10:00 am
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Let Freedom Ring

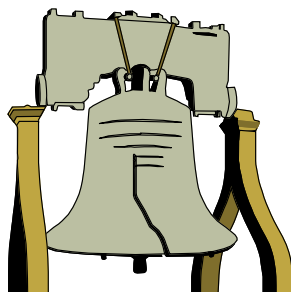
The earliest settlers of America were people who came here primarily looking for religious freedom. The hardy souls who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 fled from tyranny and oppression. And in the Mayflower Compact which they signed beneath the swinging lantern in the cabin of their ship, they proclaimed that they had come to the new world for “the glorie of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.”

In 1643, as more and more people arrived on these shores, they joined together to form “The New England Confederation.” They wrote a constitution, the first constitution written in the New World, and it began with these words: “Whereas we all came into these parts with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the liberties of the gospel in purity and peace...”

As the next 100 years passed, and the original settlers died off, many of their descendants were more concerned with increasing their wealth and comfortable living than being faithful to God and his Word. As wave after

wave of immigrants arrived, many of them came for other reasons and with entirely different motives than those earliest settlers.

The spiritual atmosphere of the country deteriorated rapidly. Churches were dying and many of them that had once sought religious freedom for themselves were now being intolerant of



others. The end result of the spiritual deterioration of the country was that by 1730, only about 10% of the people in the Colonies attended church at all.

Beginning in 1734, a handful of preachers – Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, Gilbert Tennant, John Wesley, and others – began to preach the Gospel of Jesus and letting Him be in control of your life in the churches, in the streets and in the fields. So many people came to Christ during this time that it came to be known as “The Great Awakening.”

Our Founding Fathers, the signers of the Declaration of Independence, those who wrote our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, those who put their lives on the line, who fought and died that we might be free – all these grew up and came into leadership while this “Great Awakening” was engulfing the land.

When the first Continental Congress was discussing and debating the wording of the Declaration of Independence, one of them suggested they all get on their knees and ask God what should be done. And these 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence all went to their knees and began to pray and seek the wisdom and guidance of God. The result was the following wording in the prologue to the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by

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their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

Wouldn't it be wonderful today if our Congress, our Supreme Court, and our President, would get down on their knees like our forefathers did and ask, “God what do you want for this nation?”

America was protected and directed by God in its founding. The British Empire at the time of the Revolutionary War possessed the most powerful fighting forces on the face of the earth. The rag-tag assembly of volunteers (farmers and tradesmen) who composed the ranks of the Continental Army were out-manned, out-gunned, and out-financed. The colonies had virtually no chance of winning a war against England, short of God's miraculous intervention. And that intervention seems to have happened. In fact, both American and British observers at that time recorded their conviction that God had actually sided with the colonies against the British Empire.

America's government is patterned after biblical principles. Where did the framers of our government get the idea of 3 branches of government – Executive, Legislative, and Judicial? They were influenced by Isaiah 33:22 which refers to God in those 3 aspects. “For the Lord is our Judge (that's judicial), our Lawgiver (that's legislative), and our King (that's executive). It is he who will save us.”

American law, as written by our founding fathers, guarantees us the freedom to practice our religion and to proclaim our faith regardless of what some people today may think. That is what the First Amendment of the United States Constitution says: “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

Much has been said by people about a so-called “wall of separation” between church and state. I challenge any true student of history to study the background of where that originated. The so-called “wall of separation” was never intended to insulate our government or our culture from Christian influence. It was originally and always intended to serve as protection for the church from governmental influence and interference.

In 1892, the Supreme Court declared “Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based on and must include the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible for it to be otherwise. To this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian.” Many people in today's government have totally repudiated that stand. But there is hope. Remember, government leaders come and go. And God can change their hearts.

There are also many people who are determined to find some way to exercise their right to practice and proclaim their faith, regardless of what any court may say. For example, in May 1991, the Supreme Court of the State of California ruled that no longer could high school graduations have a prayer or a blessing. The

Riverside County High School graduation service had always included a prayer of blessing upon the graduating class, but the Supreme Court said, “You can't do that this year.”

At the graduation, several students had been asked to give a little speech, but the final speech was the one that got a standing ovation. As the last student walked to the microphone, on a pre-arranged signal, he sneezed. And as one voice, the entire class stood up and said together, “GOD BLESS YOU!” There was their benediction and their blessing.

Another incident happened in Calvert County Maryland. One student lodged a complaint through the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) about an invocation being planned for his high school graduation service. The ACLU threatened the school board that if they permitted a prayer they would be sued. To avoid being sued, the board decided to observe a moment of silence. When the time came one student stood at the microphone and requested the crowd of 4,000 to stand for a moment of silence. Then, in the crowd, a single student began to recite the Lord's Prayer. Soon everyone in the crowd joined and when they finished, they sat down.

In these two instances the people practiced what “We the people” really means and discovered an authority and freedom they have.

I believe America has been blessed for years because of the character and faith of its founders and that it will continue to be blessed if the people today will let Jesus control their lives and make sure that our government follows God's principles.

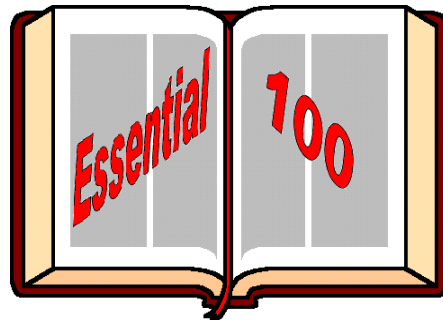
The Essential 100

Last month we finished looking at the Old Testament story of God's love. This month we begin looking at the New Testament story.

In our readings from the Psalms, we saw God's love proclaimed in lyric style. Psalm 23 is a favorite of many people because it says God will care for his people like a shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus even called himself "The Good Shepherd" because he takes care of all the needs of his people and laid down his life for them like a shepherd will lay down his life to protect his sheep. In the readings from Proverbs, we found that God has preserved the wisdom we need to help us live according to his will as he gave it in the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai.

In our readings from the major and minor prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jonah, and Malachi), we discovered that God so loves mankind that he calls disobedient people to return to him so they can escape the judgment he eventually sends. The prophets not only chastised the disobedient people but they also encouraged the faithful to remain firm in following God by pointing them to the assurance of spending eternity with him with all their needs supplied and without any sickness, sorrow, or temptation to disobey.

We also found by reading the prophets that God has revealed the progress of history and the fact that he would send a Messiah (a Savior) who would heal people, free them from their captivity to disobedience, and restore them to a right relationship with the sovereign God of the universe. This Messiah was to come first as a suffering servant who would offer his life as a perfect sacrifice to pay for humanity's sin of disobedience. Then, the Messiah would later return to take control of the universe and rule it with justice.



Through the prophets, God announced that the Messiah would be born to a virgin, be a descendant of the lineage of King David, and be born in the city of Bethlehem in Ephrata. The Messiah would grow in knowledge and wisdom and would be empowered by God's Holy Spirit. The Messiah would live a life in perfect obedience to God's will and would have authority over nature and demons. The Messiah would be rejected by many people and many would reject his suffering for them. This Messiah would

be so greatly disfigured by his suffering that people would despise looking at him and his grave would be a borrowed tomb. But the Messiah would one day return as a conquering hero to take control of his kingdom and remove from it every evil and temptation to disobey God.

Now in the New Testament, we continue to see this amazing love story depicting God's great love for mankind. Here are ten passages for you to read during the month of July. As you read, continue to look for ways that God shows his love.

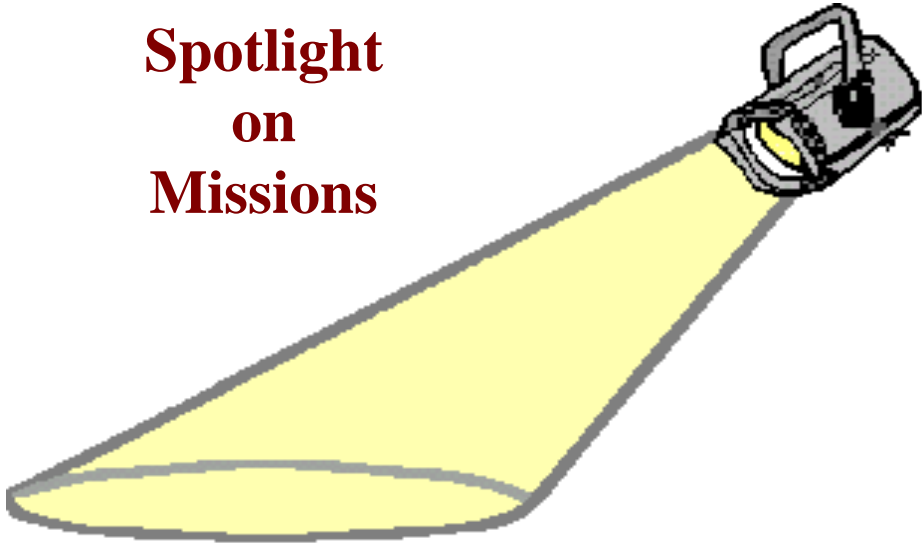
Section 11: The Living Word

1. The Word Became Flesh,
John 1:1-18
2. Gabriel's Messages,
Luke 1:1-80
3. The Birth of Jesus,
Luke 2:1-40
4. John the Baptist,
Luke 3:1-20
5. Baptism and Temptation,
Matthew 3:13 – 4:17

Section 12: Teachings of Jesus

1. Sermon on the Mount—Part 1,
Matthew 5:1 – 6:4
2. Sermon on the Mount—Part 2,
Matthew 6:5 – 7:29
3. The Kingdom of Heaven,
Matthew 13:1 – 58
4. The Good Samaritan,
Luke 10:25 – 37
5. Lost and Found,
Luke 15:1 – 32

Spotlight on Missions



Dear Friends,

I've been thinking how very important it is to know God and his Son, Jesus. In a world of false promises we can find true integrity in Him.

Are you reading the Bible? I hope you are for it is the Lord speaking to us. Hear Jesus talking in John 14. Ponder the words you hear Jesus speaking during these hot days of July.

At Roanoke Baptist Church we are planning to reach out again to children through Operation Christmas Child. While starting early in that activity, we continue to keep our commitment to participating and supporting ministries here in Kansas City and over the world as they share the good news about with people who will listen. It is a joy to support those who go where we cannot.

For all of you we ask God to give you a new awareness of Jesus and his love for you. May it be, that in Him you will live and have renewed spiritual closeness with your Creator.

May the love of Jesus
reach you and give you light

Alice Claire Butler

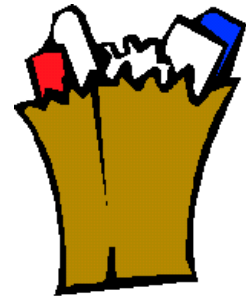
Pantry "Pleas"

And

Thank You

Thank you for your response to our pleas for June. We hope you will help us with some of the following items for July.

1. Canned / Dry Soup
2. Bottled Juice
3. Deodorant Sticks



JOIN US

Meeting: Jul 14

Carry-in lunch: Noon

Mission Study: 1 p.m.

Library News



July Cupcakes

July Birthdays

Jul 7	Maxine Floyd
Jul 17	Jim Drummond
Jul 26	Terry Bock



Maxine



For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
2 Corinthians 5:21

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Here are a few for you to consider.

Soon, Silenced, & Shadowed

By Jerry Jenkins

Found

By Karen Kingsbury

Rabboni

By Phillip Keller

The End Series (4 volumes)

By Tim LaHaye & Craig Parshall

On Holy Ground

By Roger Elwood

No Woman So Fair

By Gilbert Morris

The Shepherd's Voice

By Robin Lee Hatcher

Babylon Rising (a 4 volume series)

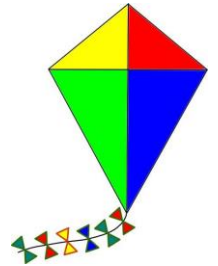
By Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips

A Plain Scandal

By Amanda Flower

Chasing Sunsets

By Karen Kingsbury



Alan Cobb

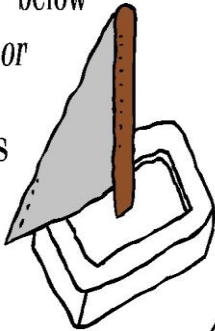
Build



Boat

You will need:

- ▲ 1 bar of Ivory soap (it floats)
- ▲ 1 popsicle stick or pencil
- ▲ some tape or glue
- ▲ the "sail" below
- ▲ crayons or markers
- ▲ scissors



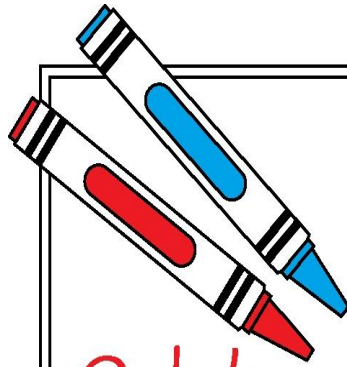
Attach the sail to the stick.

Put the stick into the bar of soap.

Float in water!

Cut out and decorate with crayon or marker.

Write a Bible verse on it!



Just for KIDS

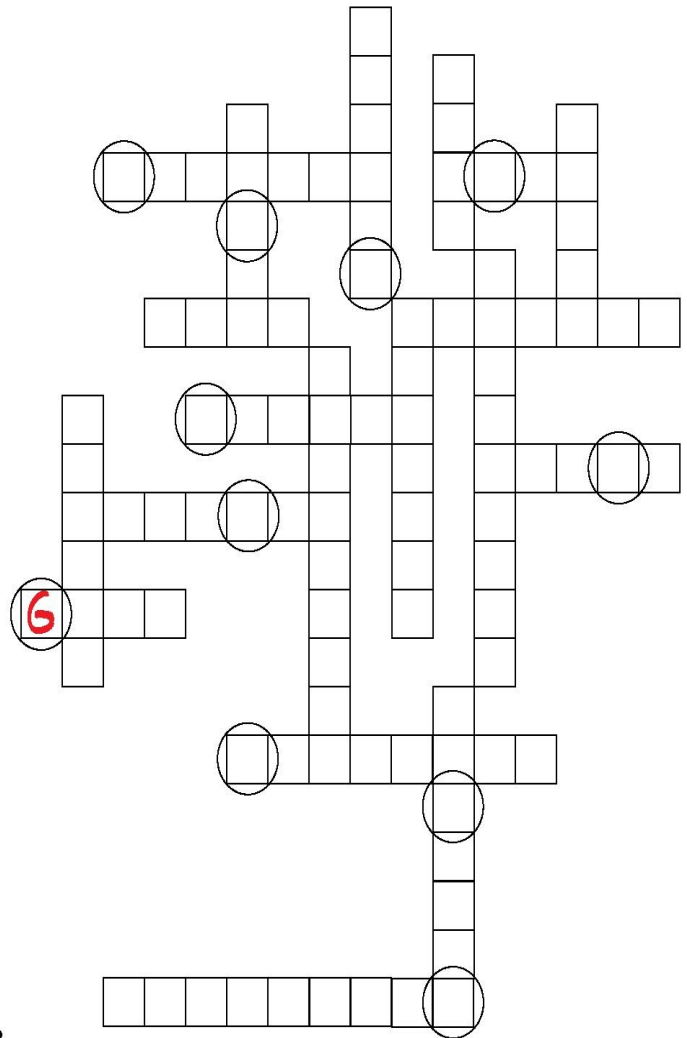
Celebrate Your Citizenship!

When we look at a globe or map, we see many different cities and countries. We are citizens of the place where we live. But we also hold another citizenship! Where?

Fit the names of these Bible-time places in the puzzle.
Write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found.

Read the words!

- Tyre
- Cana
- Rome
- Gaza
- Sidon
- Berea
- Lycia
- Athens
- Kedesh
- Sychar
- Galilee
- Ephraim
- Ephesus
- Corinth
- Iconium
- Damascus
- Bethlehem
- Phillippi
- Jerusalem



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Pray For Our Missionaries

Please join us in praying for these individuals who have accepted Jesus' Lordship and are serving him in mission work.

Jun 1 – 8

Kim Cruse
 Birthday: Jul 6

Kim has served with the International Mission Board (IMB) for 22 years. She arrived on the field single at age 21 and three years later married Jeff and they have continued serving together since. They serve in a province "south of Manila sharing the gospel to college students, discipling them, and sending them out as missionaries," she says. They also serve on the student strategies team for Southeast Asia, which takes them to different countries to train young people to reach nonbelievers around them. Missionary life is often one of extreme highs and lows. They are preparing for an extended stateside assignment this year.

Pray for them to find ways to stay involved in what God is doing in Asia while being based in Tennessee. Pray also for the student center and church in the Philippines to keep reaching and discipling students.

Jun 9 – 15

Roy Callahan
 Birthday: Jul 13

Roy and his wife, Mary, lead a faith-based mentoring program called Hands UP

Outreach which helps participants receive employment training, computer classes, GED tutoring, and Bible study. The theme of the mentoring program is "Reaching UP with the Word of God and Reaching OUT into Communities." Volunteers also help with ESL classes, citizenship classes, and tutoring for children at The Grace Center. Many classes are done in the county jail and two state prisons. They average 60 to 70 professions of faith each year that continue on through discipleship.

Pray for more space at The Grace Center for more GED and ESL classes and for more men and women that will minister inside the jail and prisons.

Jun 16 - 22

Ben Armacost
 Birthday: Jul 20

Ben and his wife, Judy, have served together in vocational ministry for more than 28 years. First as church planters with the Home Mission Board (now called the North American

Mission Board), then with the IMB serving in Tasmania for 18 years and now as church planters in London, England. Ben also serves as a primary strategy trainer for European Peoples which requires him to travel extensively coaching and training others. Ben says they "struggle with the 'busyness' of Londoners and find it very hard to carry out a consistent pattern of meeting."

Ask God to open doors and schedules to allow consistent times for Ben and Judy to meet with locals. Pray for them as Ben travels and Judy holds down the fort at home. Also pray for them as they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren, and being apart is difficult.

Jun 23 – 31

Annette Teague
 Birthday: Jul 27

Annette is a collegiate missionary working with the Hamilton Fellowships, a church plant started in 2018, which has tripled in size with people who were previously unchurched. As well as attending Mohawk College where she meets with students, shares the gospel and shares life with those who are hurting, she serves as communications team leader for the Hamilton Fellowships, handling the church's social media and emails.

Pray for people to invest as financial partners in the church and for the church and Annette they reach out to the unchurched of Ontario, Canada.



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Happy 4th of July