

Stratford Heights

Church of God

July 1, 2010

Hello ladies,

Don't forget our Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, July 10th in the fellowship hall at 10:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

This month we celebrate Independence Day. I was looking through some quotes of our past presidents and ran across this one from Ulysses S. Grant:

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your heart and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for the progress made, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

A special "Happy Birthday" to all our ladies with July birthdays:

<i>Bettie Haney</i>	<i>July 6</i>
<i>Nancy Layman</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>Darlene Lewis</i>	<i>July 18</i>
<i>Frieda Thacker</i>	<i>July 18</i>
<i>Pauline Hale</i>	<i>July 20</i>
<i>Mary Josephine Rose</i>	<i>July 25</i>
<i>Rosa Cecil</i>	<i>July 27</i>

I ran across this "prayer" poem and wanted to share with you:

**Fill me with your spirit.
Take away desires that drive me far from you.
Whisper from your word.
Help my heart to hear it.
Fill me with desire to follow you.
No matter where you lead me,
No matter how I'm tested,
I believe you can help me grow and help me to obey.**

Ladies, please call me if there you anything you need or I that can help you with.

Your Sister in Christ,



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Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

THOUGHT: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

—The Pledge of Allegiance

As Independence day arrives, so we turn our thoughts to the American flag:

- Our flag has 13 stripes and 50 stars.
- The flag is sometimes called Old Glory, the Stars & Stripes, and the Star-Spangled Banner.
- The flag was born on June 14, 1777. In order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: “Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.”
- The colors of the flag are often said to represent ideas like patriotism, courage, and liberty. One source says that the resolution defined the significance of the colors: “White signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue, Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.”
- Our national anthem is one of few national anthems devoted to a flag.
- Francis Scott Key wrote “The Star-Spangled Banner,” inspired by the fact that, after a night of British attacks on Fort McHenry, the flag was still there. Francis Scott Key instructed that his poem be sung to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” a popular British melody. Key’s song was immensely popular, but was not adopted as our national anthem until 1931.
- The flag has a holiday, today, June 14, the anniversary of its birthday.
- The study of flags is called *vexillology*.

The flag is a symbol of the liberty of movement, worship, speech and public assembly that we have in the United States. These are liberties by which we are blessed and for which it is only proper that we give thanks to God.

Prayer: O God, thank you for the blessings that are mine, including the liberty I enjoy. Be with those in the world who cannot experience these freedoms. Be conscious of their condition. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Acts 13-14

Monday: 2 Kings 22-25

Tuesday: Obadiah

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1-2

Thursday: Jeremiah 3-5

Friday: Jeremiah 6-8

Saturday: Psalms 82-84

Verse to Remember

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my
flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

—Psalm 84:1-2

NAMES AND PLACES

Draw lines to connect the biblical person with the location that is often associated with him or her.

Abraham

Amos

Ananias

Cornelius

Daniel

Dorcas

Esther

Jesus

Jonah

Joshua

Lydia

Martha

Moses

Naaman

Ruth

Saul

Zacchaeus



Moab

Canaan

Babylon

Caesarea

Nineveh

Jericho

Ur

Tarsus

Joppa

Aram

Tekoa

Bethany

Egypt

Philippi

Nazareth

Persia

Damascus

Answers: Abraham-Ur; Amos-Tekoa; Ananias-Damascus; Cornelius-Caesarea; Daniel-Babylon; Dorcas-Joppa; Esther-Persia; Jesus-Nazareth; Jonah-Nineveh; Joshua-Canaan; Lydia-Philippi; Martha-Bethany; Moses-Egypt; Naaman-Aram; Ruth-Moab; Saul-Tarsus; Zacchaeus-Jericho.