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Dear Church,

July is the month where Americans celebrate the founding of our nation. It is among our 4th of July activities that we celebrate our citizenship and what it means to be participants in this nation's rich history and bright future in the world. This can also be an occasion for the church to pause and reflect on what the Bible teaches concerning the hallmarks of good citizenship. By being good citizens among our nation, we can honor God's design for human government.

The Apostle Paul teaches us several things in Romans 13 about our duty and obligation to government as both citizens of heaven and citizens of our great nation. We can understand from Paul's instructions about citizenship three things that will keep us in good standing before God.

First, Christians are to submit themselves to their government leaders. Human government is an extension of God's kingdom in heaven on earth. God appoints human rulers among all the nations and grants them His authority on earth to rule. We submit ourselves to them not because of who they are as a person, or because we like them, but because of who they represent: God.

Second, Christians are to do what is good in support of government. God's design for human government is to punish evil and reward good. By doing good we are to receive praise from our leaders and they serve as our ministers of God for goodness in the land. We participate with government in obedience and righteousness to promote the common good for all citizens.

Third, Christians are to keep a clear conscience before their government leaders. A good

conscience means we do what we know is right in the eyes of God. Paul lists specific examples like paying taxes and tolls, respecting the consequences for breaking the law, and valuing what our government does for its citizens.

This July, the best way we can celebrate the rich history and bright future of our nation is by first being found as a good citizen in the land. It is the one who submits to government, does good for the common benefit, and maintains a clear conscience before God and country that honor God's design for human rule in His creation.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt



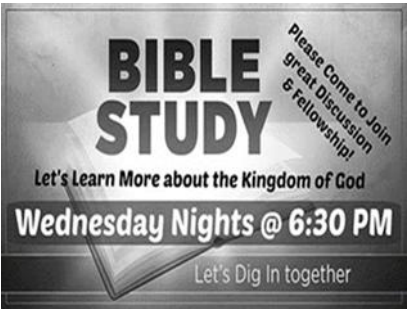
JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Womack	11th
M. B. Farris	16th
John Fox	16th
Mary Shelton	16th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Michelle Lemoine	27th



It may be hot outside but it's nice and cool in the choir room. Come check us out on Wednesday night at choir practice! We'd love to have you join us!

If you have a song you would like for us to sing during Sunday Morning Worship just jot it down on the back of the perforated portion of the bulletin and we'll try and include it in our worship service!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP
Saturday,
July 11
12 to 2 p.m.

Your Church Needs You!



A GREAT PLACE TO BE THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study 11 a.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council

Wednesday, July 1st
at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting

Sunday, July 19th
after Morning Worship

