

Meadowbrook Baptist Church

July 5, 2026

Worship 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 AM

WHO AM I? I AM AMERICA!

I was a thought in the mind of God, before I was ever conceived by the pilgrims on the Mayflower.

I was hidden in the heart of God, before I was ever birthed by a group of patriots on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The people groups of the world run through my veins; and my bloodlines are a mix of every face, race and place across this planet. I am 350 + million people who call me home and inhabit my three million square miles of domain. I am also another uncountable number who rest beneath my green sod awaiting resurrection day.

WHO AM I? I AM AMERICA!

I am fifty states, who are one in their pursuit of liberty and justice for all. I am fields and streams, mountains and valleys, forests and deserts and vast bodies of water that spread far and wide in every direction. I am Concord, Massachusetts; Fort Sumter, South Carolina; The Alamo in Texas; The Little Big Horn in Montana; and Selma, Alabama where I grew from a nation divided to a nation united. I am a place where a man can dream for racial equality and see it become a reality; I am a place where a poor little boy can read comics and dream of being a "hero" and become one. I am a place where an astronaut can put his foot on the moon, where a general can keep his word to his Pilipino ally and a president can bring down a wall in Berlin. I am a place

where dreams can become true, hard work can pay off, and success has no limits.

WHO AM I? I AM AMERICA!

I am factory workers up North, farmers down South, white-collar professionals in the East and open-collar technocrats out West! I am fans in a stadium rooting for their team. I am worshipers in a church praising the Lord. I am shoppers in a mall buying an abundance of goods. I am students in a classroom being educated. I am police officers and fire fighters preserving law and life. I am voters casting ballots for candidates of their choice. I am a giving people who share their money and share their blood to help others . . . more so than all the other people of the world combined.

WHO AM I? I AM AMERICA!

I have left my heroic dead in trenches at Flanders; on the shores of Normandy; on the beaches of Iwo Jima; on the frozen tundra of Korea; in the steaming forests of Vietnam; in the mountains of Bosnia; and the sands of the Middle East.

I have shed my blood and gave my treasure that there might be peace instead of war, right instead of wrong, and liberty instead of slavery.

I am Nathan Hale at the gallows saying, "My only regret is I have but one life to give to my country".

I am Patrick Henry calling out, "Give me liberty or give me death".

I am General Anthony McAuliffe at the Battle of The Bulge saying to the Germans, "Nuts".

I am Oliver Hazard Perry shouting "We have met the enemy, and they are ours".