

## A Nation That Forgets God

**Introduction:** Today, more than ever, our nation is guilty of immoral practices. Edmund Burke once said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Has our nation forgotten God? Mahatma Gandhi made six glaring indictments regarding what he saw in our nation.

### I. Wealth Without Work.

- A. Wealth without work is fraud.
- B. The New Testament recognizes that an industrious person is the backbone of society.

### II. Pleasure Without Conscience.

- A. Hedonism is the gratification of fleshly desire to the exclusion of any objective standard of good.
- B. By definition, Hedonism deifies self.

### III. Knowledge Without Character.

- A. For many, knowledge has become "God."
- B. No one is truly educated, without having a knowledge of God.

### IV. Commerce Without Morality.

- A. Prosperity without a moral guide is a guaranteed formula for failure.
- B. Solomon saw the folly of physical prosperity and moral bankruptcy.

### V. Worship Without Sacrifice.

- A. Gandhi saw little genuine commitment in the worship he observed.
- B. Our religion should "cost us."

### VI. Politics Without Principle.

- A. Our political system was ordained of God.
- B. Christians ought to be the best, most involved citizens there are.

**Conclusion:** What can we do?

- \*\* Make a personal stand for righteousness.
- \*\* Support righteous government.
- \*\* Vote your conscience.
- \*\* Pray for our leaders.

# WELCOME . . .

## To the services of the Church Street Church of Christ.

Theme for 2010  
"The Greatest of These Is Love"



If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests. Please sign a blue card and leave on the pew so that we can have a record of your visit.

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## Order of Worship July 4, 2010

	8:30 Service	10:45 Service
Welcome/Ann:	Ray Wakefield	Don Ledford
Song: 949	I Will Enter His Gate	
Song: 268	I Gave My Life For Thee	
Communion & Giving		
Song: 270	I Have A Savior	
Reading: Ps. 9:15-17	Richard Finley	Charlie Middleton
Prayer:	Jim Bingham	Wayne Cozart
Song 300	I Will Sing Of My Redeemer	
Sermon: "A Nation That Forgets God"		
Song 261	I Am Thine O Lord	
Song: 272	I Have Decided To Follow Jesus	
Closing Prayer:	Clifford Whitaker	Herb Miller

Song leader: Bill Tankersley  
Preacher: John Tracy

### 6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service: Wayne Cozart  
Read: Ralph Wilson - Joshua 7:1-11  
Pray: Curtis Vandiver  
Cl. Prayer: Jimmy Wolaver

Preacher: John Tracy  
Sermon: "The Sin That Lost The Battle"  
Song Leader: Bill Tankersley

## Justin Time

### 6-12 Grade Lock-Out

There will be a lock-out on Friday night, July 16. We will leave the building for a few activities before returning for the remainder of the night. If you want to attend you must sign-up on the youth board by Wednesday, July 7th. We have to know a number in order to plan the activities.

### Cincinnati Trip

We are looking into planning a Cincinnati weekend trip for July 30-31. We would leave that Friday morning in order to attend a baseball game that night against the Atlanta Braves. We will get up Saturday morning and go to Kings Island and then drive back to Lewisburg on Saturday night. The cost is estimated at around \$100 per person. Please sign-up on the youth board if you are interested.

### Bible Day Camp

Bible Day Camp for our K-6 grade students is July 19-22. Applications are available in the rack outside my office. The cost is \$25. Applications are due back no later than Sunday, July 18.

### Youth Group Car Wash

There will be a free car wash for any of our members hosted by the young people on Tuesday, July 13. We will begin washing at 10:00 a.m. The young people will need to be at the building by 9:45 a.m. that morning. If you have any questions concerning this project, please see Justin.

**Freedom and Sacrifice**

**Justin Morton**

This weekend many of you probably celebrated the Fourth of July with family and friends by grilling and retelling favorite stories from your past. Some of you probably enjoyed a beautiful display of fireworks being set off over the course of the weekend as well. The Fourth of July weekend is always a favorite for many people.

Have you ever considered the similarities between the Fourth of July and Christianity? Both deal with the idea of freedom. The Fourth of July is about our country's freedom from the British while Christianity is about our freedom from sin. Paul said, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Just as each year we celebrate our country's freedom, each day we need to be celebrating the freedom that we enjoy from the bondage of sin. Paul would say earlier in Romans 6, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin because anyone who has died has been freed from sin" (vs. 6-7).

Not only do the 4th of July and Christianity share the idea of freedom, but they also share the idea of sacrifice. Our freedom came at a price either way you look at it. When it comes to our country, many brave men and women have put their lives on the line and even made the ultimate sacrifice in order for this country to continue enjoying its freedom. Jesus said, "Greater loves has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13).

It is the same with our Christianity. Our freedom from sin cost a great price. "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" (Rom. 5:6-9). We are able to enjoy freedom from sin because of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross of Calvary.

Today, as you reflect on the freedom this country enjoys, never forget the sacrifice that was made on her behalf. Likewise, take time today, as you should everyday, to reflect on the freedom you enjoy from sin because of the sacrifice Christ Jesus made on our behalf. We may be living in the land of the free, but our freedom came at a great price!

**Friends!**

**"The comfort of friends!"**

When the storms of life threaten as it has with us for the past few weeks, our friends have been there for us every time. During Amy's long illness we have been grateful for the cards, calls, and prayers offered in her behalf. She has a long road of recovery but is improving gradually. Thank you for continuing to pray for her recovery. Then the horrible wreck last night when someone came into the lane where Donna and David were and hit them head on. What could have been a fatal tragedy, ended with many bruises and much soreness for Donna. David was not hurt but really shook up. Once again, we thank God for sparing their lives also and we thank Kim Murdock for staying with us at the hospital and taking care of her way beyond her time to leave to go home. And for Ralphine who went with me to the hospital. "Friends! The comfort of Friends!"

Twenty one of us have prepared for weeks to go to Ghana, Africa and then to Malawi. We are to leave on July 10th and return on August 6th. But we are now praying about the trip and for sure want to do God's will, but the next few days will tell how everyone is doing and we will know then if we should leave or not.

The first half of the year with WBS has been tremendous with most all students who were sent lessons returned them for grading and made excellent grades. The men working with the USA WBS have seen several baptisms in the countries around them and their labor is sure not in vain. Our follow-up men continue to work tirelessly and we have seen the results with God giving the increase of 644 baptisms since January this year. This past week 15 were baptized in the Volta region where many idol worshippers are. The "Queen Mother" of the Volta region was also baptized and this will surely have a great influence on that area for Christ. We have had three to graduate from our Biblical school in Jos, Africa and we have five more former denominational preachers ready to enter this fall.

My thanks to so many who have given generously for the trip and for those who gave money for Bibles and song books, you have helped many to have a Bible that never had one before. Ruth Orr

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sick: Billy Davis & Wanda Brown** are now at home.

**Bettie Ann Coxen** is in Wm. Med.

**Agnes Cheek** is in Marshall Med.

**Donna & David Hargrove** were involved in an accident on Tuesday afternoon. They are now at home.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 5: Office will be closed for holiday.**

**July 4-9: Horizons at Freed Hardeman.**

**July 11: Elders and deacons meeting.**

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We have received thank you notes from: **Aaron Wiles & Connie Haislip.** Please stop and read.

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**MERIHIL**

**Hugh Chaffin, Sara Jane Pickett, Ann Thompson, Era Mai Perryman, Geraldine Richardson, Angelena Boyd, Mattie Wiles, Sara Lowe, Bessie Davis, Joetta Bigham, Dorothy Corey, Betty Wilkes, Russell Finley, Marie Crumley, Mary Neil Vaughn.**



**OAKWOOD**

**Mary Hatfield, Ailene Brown, Elizabeth Sowell.**

**IN HOME SHUT INS**

**Martha Bagley, Nina McKay, Mary Davis, Dot Thompson, Tina Montgomery, Ruby Gunnels, Sadie Graves, Carolyn Hamilton, Lorene Knowis, Johnny Thompson, Dorothy Morrison.**

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Our love and sympathy is extended to **Cheryl Walker** on the death of her uncle, **Hershel Hobbs**



- 7/5 **James Jordan - 60**  
Jeanne Wiles
- 7/6 **Matt Davis - 20**  
Frances Lamb  
Betsye Ledford
- 7/7 **Betty Lasater**  
Tina Montgomery
- 7/9 **Lauren Miller-Hickman - 8**
- 7/10 **Kim Greer**
- 7/11 **Bonnie Freeman**  
Melba Hopkins  
Roslyn Sutherland



- 7/5 **David & Kim Wasserman**
- 7/7 **Jacob & Leannya Long - 3 yrs**
- 7/11 **Carl & Carol Hammons - 40 yrs**



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**



**Office Closed, Monday, July 5th.**

**FOR THE RECORD**

June 27, 2010

AM	432
PM	202
Bible Class	337
Summit	11
Wed. Nite	265

Contribution \$9875.50