

NEW HOPE NEWSLETTER

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CAN GOD BLESS AMERICA?

ORIGINALLY, “GOD BLESS AMERICA” WAS A PRAYER FOR DIVINE BLESSING. IN ITS CURRENT FORM, IT SOMETIMES SEEMS NOTHING MORE THAN A PATRIOTIC BATTLE CRY — USUALLY INTONED WITHOUT MUCH SERIOUS REFLECTION. PERHAPS IT IS SOMETIMES RECITED WITH THE SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEF THAT MERELY INVOKING GOD’S NAME CAN GARNER HIS BLESSING. ONE THING IS CLEAR: WHILE AMERICANS UNIVERSALLY WANT GOD’S FAVOR, AS A WHOLE THEY DO NOT WANT GOD.

MEANWHILE, CHRISTIANS CONCERNED ABOUT THE MORAL EVILS OF SOCIETY OFTEN OPT FOR ALL THE WRONG REMEDIES — AS IF THE ONLY THING NEEDED TO CURE THE SPIRITUAL MALAISE OF OUR NATION WERE SOME KIND OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION AGAINST ABORTION, SEXUAL PROMISCUITY, PORNOGRAPHY, OR OTHER FORMS OF CORRUPTION. I AM BY NO MEANS OPPOSED TO LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO OUTLAW ABORTION, DRUG ABUSE, AND SIMILAR ABOMINATIONS. BUT POLITICAL REMEDIES TO OUR NATION’S MORAL ILLS ARE NO CURE FOR THE UNDERLYING SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS. OF ALL PEOPLE, CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO KNOW THAT, AND THE PREPONDERANCE OF OUR EFFORTS OUGHT TO BE FOCUSED ON PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH THAT CAN GENUINELY SET PEOPLE FREE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE MAJORITY OF OUR ENERGIES OUGHT TO BE INVESTED IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL AND LIVING THE KIND OF LIFE THAT GIVES TESTIMONY TO THE REDEEMING POWER OF CHRIST.

LIVES, NOT JUST LAWS, NEED TO BE TRANSFORMED BEFORE AMERICA WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ASK FOR AND EXPECT GOD’S BLESSING. THE BLESSINGS OF GOD CANNOT BE ACQUIRED BY ANY LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. LAW CANNOT MAKE PEOPLE RIGHTEOUS. SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR ON THIS. NO ONE IS JUSTIFIED BY WORKS OF LAW, BUT BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST (GAL. 2:16). AND SAVING FAITH IS AN INDIVIDUAL MATTER; IT CANNOT BE IMPOSED BY LEGISLATIVE FORCE. IN OTHER WORDS, SOCIETY AS A WHOLE CANNOT BE DELIVERED FROM MORAL BANKRUPTCY UNLESS INDIVIDUAL LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF CHRIST. IF THAT CONVICTION DOES NOT FRAME THE PRIORITIES OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND DRIVE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH ON EARTH, WE CAN FORGET ABOUT GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR NATION.
EXCERPTED FROM CAN GOD BLESS AMERICA? BY JOHN MACARTHUR

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

- Fundraiser luncheon on July 19th for retreat expenses.
- WMA Operation Christmas Child monetary and toy donations needed.

HOMECOMING
AUGUST 2

New Hope
Baptist Church

EVENTS IN JULY



- 1 Building Utilization Meeting 7 PM
- 5 Safety Meeting 5 PM
- 7 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10 AM
- 7 GriefShare 6 PM
- 9 TrailBlazers meet at Logan's Place in Mineola 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- 10 Senior Adults Game Day, 1 - 4 PM, in the fellowship hall
- 12 GMA's and Sunbeams 4 PM, VBS follow up meeting at 4 PM, Bldg. & Grounds 4:30 PM, Missions 5 PM
- 15 Building Utilization at 7 PM
- 19 Fundraiser luncheon for Women's Ministry at 12 PM
- 19 Deacon's Meeting 5 PM
- 21 Women's Missionary Auxiliary at 10 AM
- 24 Senior Adults Game Day, 1 - 4 PM, in the fellowship hall
- 26 GMA's & Sunbeams 4 PM

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

- SAFETY TEAM MEETING - JULY 5 AT 5 PM
- CHILDRENS TEAM/VBS FOLLOW UP - JULY 12 AT 4 PM
- BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING - JULY 12 AT 4:30 PM
- MISSIONS MEETING - JULY 12 AT 5 PM
- BUILDING UTILIZATION - JULY 1 & 15 AT 7PM
- DEACONS MEETING- JULY 19 AT 5PM

WEEKLY STUDIES

- MON 6 PM- ACTS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME
- WED 6 PM- ADULTS BIBLE STUDY
- WED 7 PM- CHILDREN & YOUTH
- THURS 5 PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

To help in caring for the needs of the congregation, we have teams available. Please feel free to reach out to our Deacons, Hospitality team, and Helping Hands:

Deacon: Steve Norton 903-569-7034
 Hospitality Team: Dianne Stephens: 616-617-3864
 Marci Curry: 903-283-5482
 Helping Hands: Andy Hedlund: 806-438-8581

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- Larry Markham July 1
- Ronnie Sneed July 1
- Lisa Waldon July 1
- Lynda White July 3
- Jessie Plymail July 4
- Layton Jensby July 8
- Rylann Davis July 10
- Dari Hortman July 11
- James Horn July 14
- Sherry Moore July 14
- Becky Attaway July 15
- Phillip Moore July 16
- Ashley Spencer July 16
- Joe Schoof July 18
- Alan Miller July 19
- Kadence Thompson July 19
- Misty Hooks July 21
- Nancy Ringo July 22
- Clareace Dodd July 23
- Hazel Schoof July 23
- Riley Schoof July 24
- Isaac Neidholt July 27
- Kyler Gilliam July 28
- Teri Bedford July 28
- Andy Hedlund July 29
- Avery Hall July 31

July Anniversaries

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| Willis & Mary Osborne | July 2 |
| Jay & Joyce Williams | July 6 |
| Sean & Tisha Radney | July 7 |
| Michael & Ashley Gilbreath | July 9 |
| Allen & Deborah Thompson | July 12 |
| Danny & Robin Dulude | July 15 |
| Charles & Karen Leverett | July 17 |
| Bill & Lisa Waldon | July 21 |

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS NOT LISTED FOR BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES, PLEASE EMAIL ADMIN@NHBCMINEOLA.COM TO UPDATE CHURCH RECORDS.

