



“...if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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PASTOR MARK'S MINUTE

The Fourth of July provides an excellent opportunity to think about the principles that are the foundation of the United States. Even though a recent Pew Research Center study shows that 83% Americans believe in God, strangely enough there are those who are convinced that the creation of the United States is based solely on secular principles rather than religious ones.

There is a reason why the Ten Commandments, Scripture quotations, and artwork depicting Biblical scenes are in the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court, and other federal buildings.

Early U.S. Presidents were strong believers in God. For instance, the second president, John Quincy Adams, later became one of the Presidents of the American Bible Society. He wrote, "The Bible carries with it the history of the creation, the fall, and redemption of man, and discloses to him, in the infant born at Bethlehem, the legislator and savior of the world."

The Bible had a powerful influence on the thoughts contained in our Declaration of Independence. While the words in the Declaration did not come directly from the Bible, the understanding of life, liberty and justice for all came from one book — the Bible.

President George Washington noted, "...religion and morality are indispensable supports... let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion..."

Early on, the Bible came with settlers to Jamestown and Plymouth. The colonists brought their Bibles as they immigrated to a new land. A shortage of Bibles was created during the War for Independence because there was no trade with England, from which most Bibles came. The Continental Congress had a committee that reported "the use of the Bible is so universal and its importance so great that... the committee recommends that Congress will order we import 20,000 Bibles." The Bibles were to come from Holland, Scotland and elsewhere. And the Congress gave such an order on September 11, 1777.

The President of the Continental Congress was Elias Boudinot, who also was the chief founder of the American Bible Society and its first President.

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It was James Madison who said, "We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government... according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Abraham Lincoln was clear about his beliefs, saying, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven... But we have forgotten God. We have vainly imagined that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

We should remember a tradition started by George Washington. Our first President was sworn into office with his hand on an open Bible. At the conclusion of his oath, he closed his eyes and said, in a prayerful voice, "So help me God." As he uttered those words he kissed the Bible.

The Bible has, indeed, played an essential role in the creation of the United States and it continues to provide the moral compass for our nation.

As President Andrew Jackson was dying, he looked at the family Bible and said to his doctor, "That book, sir, is the rock on which our Republic rests."

(Adapted from the American Bible Society)

May God bless America, may God bless Belleville Wesleyan Church and may God bless you and your family! I love you and can't wait to see you on Sunday!

“Queridos (‘Dear’ in Spanish)

Belleville Wesleyan and Pastor Mark,

Thank you x 54 youth who got to go to camp this year because you guys blessed us with scholarship money. It was a BIG blessing for so many. Gracias!”

Grateful, Missionaries George, Sheree Wuertz
and Boys

Youth – Concessions

God bless our adults for helping the kids by working with them at the concessions stands this summer!

You are the best, Lizz Skocny, John Shelley, Chandra Bates, Tonya Schultz, Erin Williams, Daniel and Leslie Robison, Andy and Laurie Horner, and Pam!

Best Choice Labels

Please save and then bring your Best Choice labels to the church. We then mail them in and receive a check back from the company which helps to keep our kitchen up to date.

Our Mission: “To honor God by leading others to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.”

Danke

(‘Thank You’ in German)

“Dear Belleville Wesleyan,
Thank you so much for your long-standing and continued partnership in the Gospel! We could not continue serving in the harvest fields without your faithful prayers and sacrificial giving. It is an honor to serve as an extension of what God is doing in and through you in your community. You are a blessing to us!”
In Christ, Casey and Kendra Culver”

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our brand-new church directories have arrived. Be sure to pick yours up today!

Communion

We will partake of communion on Sunday, July 21st.

As Wesleyans, we believe that the Lord's Supper is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death and of our hope in His victorious return, as well as a sign of the love that Christians have for each other. To such as receive it humbly, with a proper spirit and by faith, the Lord's Supper is made a means through which God communicates grace to the heart.

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:48-58; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; 10:3-4, 16-17; 11:23-29.

Baby Dedication

In August we will be conducting a Baby Dedication. This is a time for the parents to thank God for their child and to commit to raise them in a Godly home. If you have a young child and would like to participate, contact Pastor Mark @ (785) 527-3510.

“Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you. Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul the other died for your freedom.”

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-28

Meals-on-Wheels

Once again we are blessed with the opportunity to deliver meals to our local shut-ins. If you have an hour or so beginning at 10:45am any day during the week of July 15th 19th, we'd love to have you sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer at church. Thank you!

Dog Days of Summer Cookout

Our cookout will be on Sunday, July 21st @ 12:30pm at the City Park Shelter. Bring your favorite people, your favorite cookout side-dish or dessert and join us. Plasticware, plates, drinks, hot dogs, bratz and hamburgers will be provided.

Kansas District Conference 2024

Our Kansas District Conference will be on July 26th in Lawrence, KS at Connection Church. Please remember to lift up our Delegates: Leon and Beth Ball as well as our pastors, Mark & Pam McGregor and our District leaders.

May the Lord's will be done!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you are new to BWC, we would love to be able to celebrate your anniversaries and birthdays with you. Please place that information on a connection card on Sunday or email it to Pastor Mark at markwesley@nckcn.com. Thank you!

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”

--Patrick Henry of Virginia

“I never understood why going to church made you a hypocrite, because nobody goes to church because they are perfect.

If you’ve got it all together, you don’t need to go. You can go jogging with all the other perfect people on Sunday morning.

Every time you go to church, you’re confessing again to yourself, to your family, to the people you pass on the way there, to the people who will greet you there, that you don’t have it all together. And that you need their support. You need their direction. You need some accountability, you need some help.” –Christian Musician, Rich Mullins

CALLING ALL MEN

We are having a Men’s Bible Study on Sundays from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

We are beginning a new study based on the book, An Unfair Advantage by Chad M. Robichaux.

“Take a journey with Force Recon Marine and Pro MMA Champion Chad Robichaux as he shares glimpses into the life of special operations, professional fighting, and deep insight into this world’s spiritual battles. Each chapter shares parallel stories of Biblical warriors who faced similar struggles and reveals the unfair advantage that led them to victory in the midst of those battles. Discover that same advantage for the battles you face, and unlock the warrior spirit sewn in your heart by God himself.”

Men, you are highly encouraged to join us!

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

There are numerous items on our to-do list for the church. If you could spare some time, we’d love to have your help. Some of the items are: touch-up painting around the church, new name plates installed on the Memorial Plaque, the men’s restroom downstairs needs new tile, a basement door sticks and needs to be sanded down, the playground needs to be weeded, weeds around the church need to be sprayed and the downspouts at the parsonage need to be cleaned. And the list goes on. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Pastor Mark or Trustee Chairman, Brian Piersee.

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“Because we care...about you!”