

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

Pastor John Donovan, cell phone 508-380-0471

Pastor Terry Gerlarneau, cell phone 603-455-4399

Web site todbc.org email us at opendoorbiblechurch@todbc.org

Please join me in reciting the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus taught his disciples. We find it recorded in Matthew 6:9-13 Version (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

Today message is based on a message I preached last year at the Early Settlers Meeting House in Ossipee.

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

The year is 1620, the place the belly of a ship named the Mayflower.

The passengers and crew wrote a document called the Mayflower Compact,

They wrote, "Having undertaken for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith, we do solemnly and mutually

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

in the presence of God and one another covenant and combine ourselves together.”

By 1643 those same early Americans had become colonists. Feeling the time was right to establish a new government they composed our very first Constitution, known as the Constitution of the New England Confederation. They started with these words, “Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In 1681 the great patriot William Penn stated, “if people are not governed by God, they will be ruled by tyrants.”

In 1772 our forefathers wrote on the Liberty Bell the words found in Leviticus 25:10

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.

The fifty six signers of the Declaration of Independence said, “We hereby pledged our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.” Many of them gave all three. Four times in the Declaration of Independence they made specific reference to our dependence upon God for protection and provision, if this republic were to survive.

While working on the Constitution of the United States there came a point where the writers could not agree. Benjamin Franklin stood to speak and said, “ I have lived, Sirs a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this fact, that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? At that point they stopped and prayed and the problem was resolved.

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

George Washington, our first President, wrote the following statement, “ Being heartily sorry for my past sins and earnestly desiring forgiveness of the same from Almighty God through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour and my Redeemer, I trust to have full forgiveness of all my sins and be assuredly saved and at the resurrection my soul and body shall rise with joy.”

Patrick Henry, a patriot of the Revolutionary period, said, “*It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.* How do those who deny that our nation had a Godly beginning ignore statements like this?”

John Jay (December 12, 1745 – May 17, 1829) was an American statesman, [Patriot](#), diplomat, a [Founding Father of the United States](#), signer of the Treaty of Paris, and the first [Chief Justice of the United States](#) (1789–95).

John Jay said “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers”. Not only did Mr. Jay refer to America as a ‘Christian nation’, but he also said that we should seek to have Christians as our leaders. This is why secularists do not like reading, or having others read, [quotes](#) like this from our founding fathers.

On July 20, 1956 a joint resolution of Congress adopted our national motto, “In God we trust.”

All of the facts I just read to you used to be contained in the history books used in our public schools. Today you would not be

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

able to find any of the facts in a public school textbook. You will however, find them in history books used in Christian Schools and home schools.

George Orwell the well known British author, whose real name was Eric Blair, said "He who controls the past controls the future.'

This is the basis for what is known as Historical revisionism. There are those who want history rewritten to remove any reference to God. If they can successfully remove any mention of God from our history books, they can make us like any other Godless nation or society. **If they can erase God, they can erase Christian ethics and morality.** All you would then be left with would be a society based on doing whatever you want, because there is no God. **As Christians we need to be against Historical revisionism.**

Many historians have wanted to secularize our founders. Take this quote from W.E. Woodward. He wrote that "The name of Jesus Christ is not mentioned even once in the vast collection of Washington's published letters."

Anyone who has read some of Washington's writing knows he mentions God and divine providence. But it isn't too difficult to also find times in which he mentions Jesus Christ. For example, when George Washington wrote to the Delaware Indian Chiefs (June 12, 1779) he said: "You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are. **Congress will do everything they can to assist you in this wise intention."**

Other examples are also available. For example, a well-worn, handwritten prayer book found among Washington's personal

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

writings after his death had the name "Jesus Christ" used sixteen times.

The Bible teaches us to pray for our country and our leaders.

1Timothy 2:1: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2: For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3: For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

God has promised to bless when his people call upon him.

2Chron:7:14: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

This promise is for God's own people not the lost. The problem with America, is not the lost, but God's own people. We need to repent and start living for God AGAIN!

We are fortunate enough to live in a country with religious freedom. This may not always be the case. We need to use this freedom to be able to tell people of their need for Jesus. As we heard earlier **America was founded for the spread of the Gospel.** We need to make sure we are not wasting our religious freedom, by not telling others about Jesus.

We often sing the Star Spangled Banner, but normally we sing only the first verse. Let me read to you from the last verse. These words were written by Frances Scott Key, on the morning of September 14, 1814, while he was held aboard a British war ship in Baltimore harbor.

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause. it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

**MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA, AS AMERICA BLESSES
GOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**The people who founded this great nation, understood the
meaning of the following verses.**

John 3:1-18 (NKJV)

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"

¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

If you have never invited Jesus into your heart, please repeat the following prayer after me.

Jesus, I know I am a sinner and do not deserve to go to heaven.

I am sorry for my sins.

Please forgive my sins and come into my heart,
and take me to heaven when I die.

If you prayed this prayer please let me know before you leave.

AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN NATION 2023

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." '