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THE REVOLT OF A NATION

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Unfortunately, our nation is derelict in evaluating the source of our nation's strength. Solomon gives insight to the matter, "*Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people* (Prov. 14:34). *Robert Cobb* states, "These truths still hold true for any nation today. History is littered with the echoes of failed nations."

A nation is to have righteousness to succeed. "Righteousness..." has its implications. It implies **sovereignty**. God is the authority of righteousness and should be heard by our nation (Ps. 71:19). It implies **standard**. God's precepts are according to His righteousness (Ps. 119:40, 142). Initially, the Bible was held in high esteem, which I credit for making our nation the greatest in the world. It implies a **straightness**. It is one thing to admit there is a standard, yet another thing to make that standard our own. There was no doubt that the Word of God was intended to be perpetuated throughout all generations (Deut. 4:5-9).



A righteous nation is to be rewarded, that righteousness "...exalts a nation..." Our nation has been exalted because of the sincere and spiritual people who have operated in obedience and humility, even in the political realms. We must insure that will always be the case. An exalted nation is one that is **set-apart, lifted up, to be made high**. The righteous will be exalted and made the envy of the world (Ps. 46:10; Ps. 37:34). It shall also be a **safe** nation. God becomes our hiding place and shield in times of threat (Ps. 32:7; 119:114). An exalted nation is a **strong** nation. America has never lost a war! God has protected us and provided strength (Ps. 144:1).

A nation becomes troubled when embracing sin. The nation revolts because of that sin. Sin is simply "undisciplined aim." The faithful and godly man could make a difference "...but sin..." intrudes (Ps. 2:1). Sin is sometimes merely unwise assurance. Our nation has taken advantage of the blessings received as if they shall always be provided (Ps. 59:12). Sin is ungrateful actions. Sin is the transgression of God's law (I Jn. 3:4) and a curse rewards that action (Dan. 9:11).

The unrighteous nation "...is a reproach..." It becomes disgraced, dishonored, and defeated. America has been great because of God. As the body of Christ we must protect our nation from compromise. If good is accomplished in our nation, it is God which must accomplish it.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY

Announcements: Harold Russell
Sound Room: Richard Adams
Usher: Chris Smithey

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Greg Harrison
 Sun. P.M.: Richard Jennings
 Wed.: R. Kennedy/Youth

Sunday Prayers:

July 7:
 A.M. Randy Wall
 Ronnie Griggs
 P.M. Greg Harrison
 Mark Jennings

July 14:
 A.M. Richard Jennings
 Burrell Walton
 P.M. Perry Jones
 Bobby Marques

July 21:
 A.M. Anderson Parks
 Lonnie Weaver
 P.M. Paul Ormon
 Brad Pounders

July 28:
 A.M. Bill Botts
 Andy Clemmer
 P.M. Troy Robertson
 Bobby White

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Bill Frohn	South Head: Jerry Gibson
North Helper I: Alvin Parks	South Helper I: Jason Jennings
North Helper II: Roger Clayton	South Helper II: Phillip Young

Scripture Reading:

July 7 —J. L. Eaton
 July 14 —Matt Jennings
 July 21— Phil Young
 July 28—Dan Cobb

Wednesday Prayers:

July 3—Ray Kennedy; Bill Lyon
 July 10—Steve Todd; Terry Stubblefield
 July 17—Gary Turner; Tyler Weaver
 July 24—Thomas Wall; Ruston Adams
 July 31— Dalton Beard; Olen Clark

Greeters:

July 7— Harold & Deloris Crowe
 July 14—Richard & Kathy Jennings
 July 21—Troy & Novene Robertson
 July 28— Brad & April Pounders

Usher & Lock:

July 7—Brad Pounders
 July 14—Harold Russell
 July 21—Randy Wall
 July 28—Lonnie Weaver

Prepare Communion: Kathy Jennings

Host Youth Devo: Lonnie & Nicki Weaver

The World Is Mine

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman
 And wished I were as beautiful.
 When suddenly she rose to leave,
 I saw her hobble down the aisle.
 She had one leg and wore a crutch.
 But as she passed, she passed a smile.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
 The lad who sold it had such charm.
 I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
 If I were late, it'd do no harm.
 And as I left, he said to me,
 "I thank you, you've been so kind.
 It's nice to talk with folks like you.
 You see," he said, "I'm blind."
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
 I saw a child I knew.
 He stood and watched the others play,
 But he did not know what to do.
 I stopped a moment and then I said,
 "why don't you join them dear?"
 He looked ahead without a word.
 I forgot, he couldn't hear.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go...
 With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
 With ears to hear what I'd know.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

Christian Clippings

A Sunday School teacher asked her young class how Noah spent his time on the ark. As there was no response, she asked, "Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?" "What!" said a 6-year-old boy, "With only two worms?"



The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do, all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"



Coming out of church, Mrs. Peterson asked her husband, "Do you think that Johnson girl is tinting her hair?" "I didn't even see her," admitted Mr. Peterson. "And that dress Mrs. Hansen was wearing," continued Mrs. Peterson. "Really, don't tell me you think that's the proper costume for a mother of two." "I'm afraid I didn't notice that either," said Mr. Peterson. "Oh, for heaven's sake," snapped Mrs. Peterson. "A lot of good it does you to go to church."



PRAYER LIST

Eulene Hooper, sister of *Novene Robertson* is at home in Booneville recovering from a double mastectomy. All of her tests came back good.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris Crow* was released from the hospital this past week. She will return in a month for her second round of chemo treatments.

Jimmy Bray, brother of *Deloris Crowe* is dealing with health problems.



We extend our sympathy to *Bill* and *Nancy Frohn* in the death of their dear friend, **Al Pless**. *Mr. Pless* passed away Friday, June 28th after a lengthy illness

Continual Prayer :

Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Frank Mills, Melissa Reed, Suzette Renix, Ken Joines, Jann Hicks, J.V. Davis, Dennis Nichols, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Randy Dunnam, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

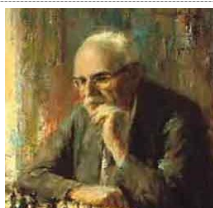
Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



Good Thoughts

Appreciation is a wonderful thing:
It makes what is excellent in others
belong to us as well.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- July 2. Karen Botts
- July 5. Terry Young
- July 6. Catelyn Smithey
- July 9. Cody Clemmer
- July 10. Brenda Crow

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- July 1. Steve & Andrea Hill
- July 2. Darrell & Patricia Crow
- July 7. Brian & Shelby Carpenter



THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to everyone for the love and kindness you showed to my family in the loss of my sister. The calls, cards, food and the ones who came to her services. It is good to be a part of a caring group of God's people. We are blessed to have you as our family in Christ.

In Christian Love,
Grace Lyon and family

Nancy Petrowski and her family would like to Thank You for your prayers, cards, and concern for her during her stay in the hospital. A special thanks to Mike King for his time spent with her discussing her spiritual welfare. Please keep us in your prayers. Nancy will return to the hospital in a month for more treatment. Thanks much. Nancy and Family

AREA EVENTS

- The **Fulton Church of Christ** invites you to attend their VBS July 14-17. Sunday night will be at 6:00pm and Mon.-Wed. at 7:00pm.
- The **Tiplersville Church of Christ** invites you to "Friends and Family Day" July 14th. Their Gospel Meeting with *Billy Smith* also begins July 14th and goes through the 17th.
- The **Potts Camp Church of Christ** invites you to a Gospel Meeting July 28th-31st. There will be a different speaker for each service. Monday the 29th will be New Albany night. Check the bulletin board for mote details.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

MINISTER

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Office..... 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell 534-4648
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....J. L. Eaton
A.M. Prayer.....Randy Wall
Closing Prayer....Ronnie Griggs
P.M. Prayer.....Greg Harrison
Closing.....Mark Jennings
Wed 7/3.....Ray Kennedy
Wed.7/3.....Bill Lyon
Usher & Lock....Brad Pounders
Greeter.....H & D Crowe

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 134
Sunday A.M.....145
Sunday P.M114
Wednesday127
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Budget.....\$3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Pudding mix

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FOURTH OF JULY

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests--and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning--and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution--and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

~ Alexis de Tocqueville.

