

Honoring God and Country

In 1776, Thomas Jefferson was given the task of writing the Declaration of Independence. It states that... "All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." This year, on July 4th, 2024, we celebrate the 248th birthday of this important document. Independence Day is a time to celebrate our country's history with parades, fireworks, family picnics, and church services where we sing patriotic hymns.

Honoring our country is important as God told people in Mark 12:17 to "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." We are to honor our government and pay what is owed in taxes.

But it's more important to honor God and follow His laws and rules as Christians. The Bible is the inspired word of God. The Lord ordained this manuscript as a guide for the Christian life. Those who accept Christ as their Savior inherit eternal life.

God wants for His people the same—life, liberty, and happiness. And how can we obtain these attributes? They are found by following God's laws and living the Christian life. Psalm 95:6 offers this advice: "Come, let's worship and bow down, let's kneel before the Lord our Maker."

How can you, as a Christian, honor both our country and God? Are there young people in your church you can mentor? How can your life be an example of following the laws of the land and those of God?

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Now the Lord
is the Spirit,
and where
the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is
FREEDOM.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 (CSB)



SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

June 30, 2024

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 187 "In the Garden"

Hymn No. 410 "It is Well"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Louise Brucato

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn No. 448 "Just a Closer Walk"

Doxology

Scripture 2 Samuel 1:17-27

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"How the Mighty Have Fallen"

Hymn No. 447 "Trust and Obey"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

The children will be collecting hats & sunglasses for the month of June for The Shoe Box Ministry.

The packing of backpacks for West Virginia is on August 12th at 8am at the PBA. For more information contact Elinor Antis at 804-931-8939

PBA Mission Council meeting will be held on July 9th at 6:30pm at the Association Complex. Anyone interested in the mission work of the PBA is invited.

PBA Executive Council Meeting will be held July 15th at 7pm at Newville Baptist Church. Executive Council members need to attend. Others are invited to attend as guests.

**Look for our daily devotional on our website
www.sapponybaptist1773.com.**

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PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Samuel 5:1-10