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I AM THE VINE YOU ARE THE BRANCHES... JOHN 15:5



Pastor's Promptings

Happy Birthday America!

On July Fourth America will celebrate our 232nd birthday. A lot has happened to this great nation since its birth. Regrettably, much of our nation's history has been erased and rewritten so that many today do not know the true history from which this great nation came.

Children today in the government schools learn nothing of the facts of America's Christian heritage. Gone from the text books are any mention of God, His Providence, and the strong Christian beliefs of most of America's historical leaders such as Christopher Columbus, George Washington, and the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Instead, our children are told lies. These great men are defamed and called murderers, greedy, and out for their own personal

glory. Indians are made out to be the good guys who were abused by Columbus and the Pilgrims. There have even been efforts to remove Columbus Day as a national holiday which have been somewhat successful.

Our Christian history has been rewritten by liberal academia who wish to brainwash our children and society as a whole into thinking that America is not a Christian nation and God had no role in our history.

Their ultimate objective, of course, it to convince everyone that there is no God, that we are all here by accident and we alone can choose our own morality. Then they wonder why school violence is escalating and teen suicide is at record levels.

Without God there is no hope; there is no moral compass.

Children today are not taught the truth about our founding document, the Declaration of Independence. The truth is that part of it came from sermons delivered by devout Christian pastors, some of whom were signers of the Declaration. The Declaration of Independence and even our constitution were fashioned by Christians in an effort to build a God-fearing, truly Christian nation.

For the first 150 years this nation was a Christian nation and only a fool would try to argue otherwise. But argue they do. The founding fathers built this nation on the premise of Freedom of Religion. That freedom gave us the

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"I am the Vine;
You are the
branches.

If a man remains in
Me and I in him, he
will bear much
fruit;

Apart from Me you
can do nothing."

John 15:5

Cowboy Sunday by Davis M. Watson

My wife, Mary, brought me the news that the Norwood Roping Club is moving the rodeo this year to Friday and Saturday nights, thus no Sunday performance! No Sunday performance means no Sunday breakfast! I was really, really HAPPY!

For the past several years, I have headed up the Free Cowboy Breakfast and quite frankly it is a lot of work. You never know how much food to prepare; you never know what type of weather it's going to be; you never know how

much help you will have; on and on and on you worry.

But every year, God provides our needs. Last year we had our largest crowd and we had all the food we needed. (See the August 2007 newsletter on our website www.NorwoodChristian.com for last year's Cowboy Sunday Breakfast results.)

Well this year after some convincing, we are again having the Free Cowboy Sunday breakfast. We are still faced with the same worries. How much? How many? Under

what conditions?

Again, I don't know the answers to my worries, but I do know who does! God! He knows how many people will come. He knows how much food is needed. He knows who will help.

I'm just going to let God work through me and through you this year as His willing servants.


If God's small voice is speaking to you today, please call me at 327-4221 with your donations of food and/or service.

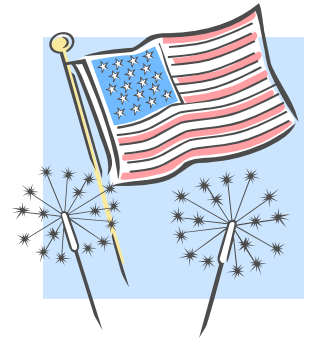
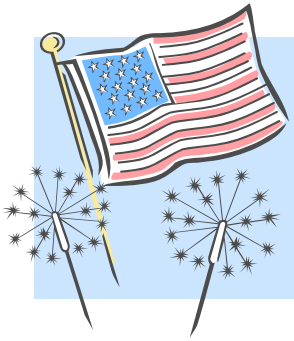
2008 COWBOY SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The 2008 Fair & Rodeo are just around the corner which means it is time for our annual Cowboy Sunday Pancake Breakfast. We will serve a FREE breakfast to the community beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday July 20th. All are welcome!



JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Praise Team 7:30pm	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5
6 Bible Study 10 am Worship 11 am	7	8	9 <i>Bill & Kathy Row—Annv.</i>	10 Praise Team 7:30pm	11	12
13 Bible Study 10 am Worship 11 am	14 Elders & Board Mtg. 7 pm	15	16	17 Praise Team 7:30pm	18 <i>Stacy Boehler</i>	19 <i>Terri Gabbaron</i>
20 Cowboy Breakfast 7 am Worship 11 am <i>Kathy Nelson</i>	21	22	23	24 Praise Team 7:30pm	25	26
27 Bible Study 10 am Worship 11 am	28 <i>Sharon Newport</i>	29	30 <i>Sharon Pike</i>	31 Praise Team 7:30pm	<i>Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.</i> <i>Proverbs 16:3</i>	



SUNDAY SERVANTS JULY 2008

7/06/08

Communion Prep: Davis Watson
Greeters: Ernie Calvillo
Communion Servers: Ernie Calvillo
Meditation: Davis Watson
Nursery: Mary Watson
Sound Booth/Slides: Rhonda Oliver

7/13/08

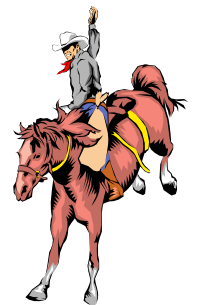
Communion Prep: Ted & Fay Earley
Greeters: Ted & Fay Earley
Communion Servers: Ted & Fay Earley
Meditation: Ken Lawrence
Nursery: Kathy Nelson
Sound Booth/Slides: Rhonda Oliver

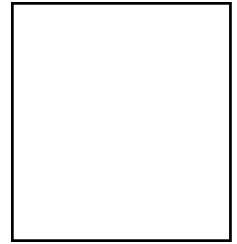
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Communion Prep: Davis Watson
Greeters: Ernie Calvillo
Communion Servers: Davis & Mary Watson
Meditation: Ernie Calvillo
Nursery: Cathy Carlson
Sound Booth/Slides: Rhonda Oliver

7/27/08

Communion Prep: Betty Greager
Greeters: Howard & Betty Greager
Communion Servers: Howard & Betty Greager
Meditation: Dean Boehler
Nursery: Sharon Newport
Sound Booth/Slides: Rhonda Oliver





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10 AM ~ Bible Study
11 AM ~ Worship Service

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right to freely express our belief in God and our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ however we wanted. The Government was not to dictate how we could worship nor restrict our right to do so.

However, at the turn of the 20th century, atheistic liberal academia began perverting these rights and systematically removing God from the classroom and from our history. They have rewritten “freedom of religion” to become “freedom from religion.” They cry out for tolerance yet are intolerant of any display of Christian faith in public. They take

city governments to court for having Christmas parades or displaying the Ten Commandments even though our entire judicial system is founded upon the Ten Commandments. And the church for the most part has sat silently by and let it happen.

Our form of government was established for a “free and religious people.” It will not survive as a means of governing a self-centered, godless society.

It’s time to reclaim our nation’s heritage, to uncover the lies and historical revision that has been perpetrated these last 100 years. Beginning in September we will be studying “The American Heritage Series” from Wallbuilders.

We invite you to join us as historian and author David Barton leads us through the true history of the founding of America.

Join us every Wednesday night beginning September 3rd at 6 p.m. for this intriguing and eye-opening series. We will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. and the study will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Mark it on your calendar – Wednesday nights beginning September 3rd – and plan on joining us for the American Heritage Series. The truth needs to be heard!

Serving Christ and His family,

Pastor Ken