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America should stay good, or so it seems to me. Certainly there are those who might disagree with me that America is good, and I could agree with some of that, too. As a nation, we certainly find ourselves in a broad spectrum of morality. But it is the morality that is akin to good of which I write.

This might sound like a continuation from previous thoughts against the efforts to take "under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance, and, in a way, it is. While I don't want to give the impression that I am more of a patriot than I am a man who loves God, I do see a need to continue a thought process while our country might be fresh on our minds.

It seems to me that more ought to be said about our country and its greatness. What I have to say really relates to God and Christianity and not so much to one person's drive to eliminate God from the nation's symbols.

As has been stated before, numerous, for all our country's faults, it is still the greatest nation on earth. One reason for that, I think, is its long "under God" standing.

Alexis de Tocqueville, Frenchman and oft-quoted on American democracy, said in the early days of America's founding, "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

I perceive that Tocqueville's observations about America are correct. But it is the act of being godly – following God – that gets to the product of his observations, good and morally superior. I maintain that those traits come from words first written by Moses in the delivery of the Ten Commandments from God.

Within the Ten are relationships we are to have with our neighbor. And "neighbor" means everyone we come in contact with, which Jesus defined later in New Testament writings, not just the person next door.

Namely, in relationships, God said through the commandments not to murder, commit adultery, steal, give false testimony against neighbor, and not to covet the neighbor's possessions. All that is akin to being good and superior morality.

Following the Bible path, Jesus' teachings on love replicate the commands of the Ten: love God, love neighbor.

My point is that being good comes from good training, as does having a superior morality. And the training source material goes back to the standards given by God.

One does not come into this world with the characteristic of being overly concerned for the welfare of the other person. The trait is learned. Watch two babies as they each go for the one toy. It is not until mom and dad teach baby that it learns to share.

Though many people do good for other people while claiming no particular relationship to God or Christianity, the characteristic started with God's standards. Do away with God and eventually you do away with the standard.

I am convinced that Tocqueville had it right, that when America stops being good, it will cease to be great.

Chuck Owen

Northside Church of Christ
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For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For the people of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, etc. who have been devastated by the tornadoes

Kelly Gampp in her final round of chemotherapy.

Henry Coriell receiving radiation treatments.

Arthur Sullivan moved to Bestcare this week for rehab.

Bill Dingus (friend of Jeff Lindeman) suffering with a rare form of brain cancer.

Lowell Brown (Peggy Hollback's brother in Nashville) recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

Tim Wolfe being treated for a severe back injury.

Norm McGinnis was taken to SOMC on Monday with an apparent heart episode and had a heart catheterization this week at SOMC.

Debbie Kester (Donnie Miller's sister) had successful back surgery in Columbus on Wednesday.

Greg Ferrell cut his finger at the VBS Picnic last Friday—much improvement.

Gene Madden (friend of Clyde and Penny Ball) being tested for cancer this week.

Lora McManus (friend of Kristine Coriell) has a tumor on her spine, scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Tim Borland** (father of Todd Borland) who passed away on Tuesday in Florida. A memorial service and burial will be in Florida on July 5 and 6, but a second memorial service will be held in Chillicothe on July 12, 7 pm at the Unioto High School. Complete obituary information is posted on the bulletin board.

To the family of **Pauline Caseman** (sister-in-law to Jim Jacobs) who passed on Thursday. Visitation is Monday from 4-8 pm at Wolfe-Nelson Funeral Home in Sciotoville. Funeral service is 11 am on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Coming Events

7/10-16 Fort Hill Camp
7/17 Deacon's Meeting
7/21 Mother-Son Fun Day
8/13 Ladies Day--Circleville

Bible Curriculum

Sunday

7/3 John 7:1-10:21
7/10 Lk 10:1-37
7/17 Lk 10:38-14:14
7/24 Preaching
7/31 Lk 15

Wednesday

7/6 Nahum 1-3
7/13 Habakkuk 1-3
7/20 Haggai 1-2
7/27 Zechariah 1-8
8/3 Zechariah 9-12

Spirit Club

The Sunshine Spirit Club is on its summer break. We will be resuming our activities after school starts back up. We look forward to getting together again soon.

In The News Bulletin Board

Penny Ball will be updating our "In The News" bulletin board in the foyer. If you see someone from Sunshine in the news please clip the article, bring it to church and give it to Penny Ball so she can update the board. Thanks.

Foyer Bulletin Board Opportunity

We would like to use the bulletin board in the foyer as you enter the auditorium as a board to get familiar with new members of our family and maybe brushing up on some of our members that have been with us awhile. If you would be interested in helping out with this please see Aaron McCray. Thanks.

Sweet Monday News

There will be no Sweet Monday in July due to the holiday!

Ladies Inspiration Day

Saturday, August 13, the ladies of the Circleville church of Christ are inviting all Christian women to attend their one-day event, Fresh Brewed Life, featuring guest speaker, Kelly Beerbower. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Strawberry Point Team Back

Early Saturday morning our Strawberry Point team made it back home.

Siliguri News

Wednesday evening Tom Kelley brought us up to date on recent news in Siliguri. The church in Siliguri has been renting a facility as a meeting place for the last 10 years. Naresh Chetri, the minister, and his family also live in a portion of the same facility. The actual ownership of the facility has been in question ever since the original owner died some 10 years ago. The uncertainty and confusion about ownership has recently made it necessary for the church and Naresh to move from their present location. Naresh and the church are looking for a meeting place and for a place for him to live. Naresh is asking us to pray about this issue so that the work of the church can go forward. Also, due to some misunderstanding, Naresh was recently arrested and spent one night in jail. Let us pray for Naresh and the church in Siliguri, that the cause of Christ may be free of any hindrance.

VBS Evaluation Meeting Today

After this morning services, all workers who participated in VBS are invited to the annex for an evaluation meeting of our just completed VBS. Whether you have specific comments to make or not please come. You may be able to provide context for comments that are made. Also, if you have any money left over from the VBS funds, please put what's left (along with your receipts if you have them) in an envelope and put them in Steve's mailbox in the office.

His Plans...Your Plans

The past two weeks has been one of changing and rearranging plans. Our desire to take a short family getaway has been challenged time and time again. In short, we have changed lodging and length of stay three different times now. Makes you wonder if it is worth the effort. Nevertheless, my wife has stayed undaunted through it all and has adapted to every roadblock. Furthermore, the challenges will only make us appreciate it more.

In your spiritual life things are going to come at you, change direction and then come at you from a different angle. Often, we blame things on Satan, and I believe, "overwhelming to discourage" is one of his tactics. However, we read scriptures like the following and see that our plans and God's Plans are often very different...

"Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own." (Habakkuk 1:5-6)

God uses whatever force necessary to get us to seek Him. We see it here and in the book of Judges where God's people fall away and then God uses another nation to bring them back. We don't typically picture God in this light, but it is one aspect of His nature. Does this mean we should be waiting for God to press His, "SMITE" button. No, because we also have verses like this one...

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

God uttered these words to tell Israel what would happen after Israel's Babylonian captivity. It sounds like someone who loves His people to me. So, what is the conclusion? Press on and look for the message God is sending you, no matter the circumstance you are in, positive or negative. For, what God wants, is for you to be with Him.

Wade McKnight
Southern Oaks Church of Christ

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

July 3

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Dale Kuhn
Jamie Veach
Steve Miller

July 10

Wayne Gamp
Nick Davis
Tim Gamp
Tyler Jones
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Aaron McCray
Rick Coriell
Jason Coriell
Dave Coriell
Gary Glispie
John 7:1-10:21

Zach Coriell
Gary Glispie
Jamie Riley
Dewey Cordle
Caleb Miller

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
Spike Ferrell
Nahum 1-3

Gabe Coriell
Mike Gamp

Children's Bible Time

July Theme: *Second Coming*

3-5: Aaron Kallner

6-8: Jo Ann Miller, Kristin Riley

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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blue
fireworks
night
music
holiday
dazzle
fourth

barbecue
parades
fun
patriotism
family
party
summer
freedom

