

# Grace Tidings



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## PRAYER & POLITICS

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In 1787 a convention was called in the United States to revise the Articles of Confederation. For weeks delegates reviewed ancient history and analyzed modern governments, searching for insights. But nothing suited the infant nation.

Finally, a distinguished gentleman named Benjamin Franklin rose and said, "In this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth and scarce able to distinguish it when it is presented to us, how has it happened that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings?" Mr. Franklin believed there was a sovereign God who could provide guidance to those who sought it.

If ever there was a time to follow that prayerful example, it is now. Paul said that governments are ordained of God "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." – Romans 13:1 and that we are to pray for those in authority over us: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

This prayer principle also applies to the election of our leaders. We must become informed and vote prayerfully for those who shape our laws.

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**All Are Welcome!**

**Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**  
**Children's Sunday School 10:45 AM**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM**

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**"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: . . ."**

**- Ephesians 3:9**

# July 4th - Our Nation's Birthday



"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people who he hath chosen for his own inheritance." - Psalm 33:12

"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." - 2 Chronicles 7:14

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By acknowledging the existence of God, we are all therefore subject to a higher power and purpose than ourselves. Perhaps a few verses that may have helped point the early founders in the right direction and indeed where most Christians began their path to salvation was the fear (reverence) of God:

Psalms 111:10: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.

Proverbs 1:7: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a great Fourth of July holiday celebrating our nation's founding and better yet the grace and glorious freedom we have in our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Phil



Age is an issue of mind over matter.  
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.  
- Mark Twain

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age!  
- Robert Frost

When was the first math homework problem mentioned in the Bible? ...When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply!

## Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (The Battle Hymn of the Republic)

By Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the LORD;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him;  
be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

(Refrain)

In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in His bosom  
that transfigures you and me;  
as He died to make men holy,  
let us die to make men free,  
while God is marching on.

(Refrain)

He is coming like the glory  
of the morning on the wave,  
He is wisdom to the mighty,  
He is honor to the brave;  
so the world shall be His footstool,  
and the soul of wrong His slave.

Our God is marching on.

(Refrain)

# Welcome Twins !!



It has been a joy to witness and share in the anticipation of the arrival of Samuel and Sabrina McClellan, born June 8, 2021! Congratulations to Yvonne, Jordan, and big sister Olivia, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins! Samuel weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and Sabrina 7 lbs. 2 oz. We praise God for these two new precious lives; Yvonne and the twins are healthy, happy, and strong. God is good!



Samuel



Sabrina



Dad

Olivia

Mom



Uncle  
Josh



# Welcome Twins !! *Continued . . .*



Grandma

Olivia

Papa



Sabrina

Samuel



# Summertime Reflections

## *Summer Of Our Lives*

By John Read

Stop and smell the Roses  
Summers sweet perfume.  
A place to view the Daffodils  
Gods nature all in bloom

Sit beneath a willow tree  
Sheltered from the Sun  
A wish on every bough  
Where all our dreams begun.

Listen for all the sounds  
As summer plays its tune.  
An orchestra of Angels  
Flowers all in bloom.

Birds singing in the tree tops  
In perfect harmony  
All creatures great and small  
Gods greatest symphony.

Be amazed by all Gods beauty  
Make each precious moment last  
A moment to capture and treasure  
A golden memory for your past.

Stop and smell the Roses  
Life's summers sweet perfume  
Take time to view the Daffodils  
For its over all too soon.



Steam-pot  
Really Hot  
Gray  
Middle of the day  
Clouds race

Triple pace.

Some battering down  
Hurries up in town.

Then hammers of rain  
Strike the windowpane  
Thunder claps overlap  
Bay water's black and white capped.

Palm trees

Whip at ninety degrees

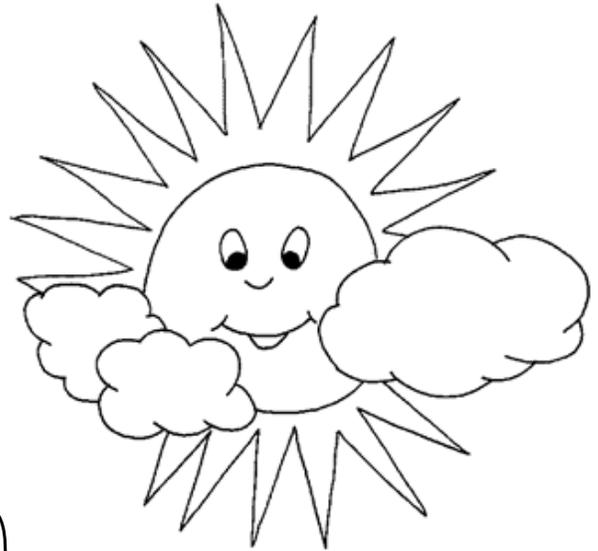
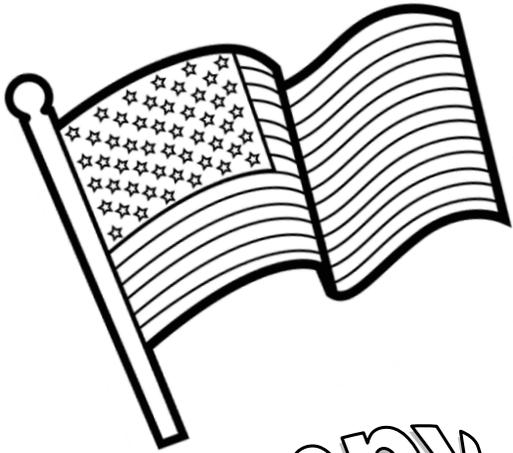
Shore-breakers dredge  
Away settlements edge.

Multiplied

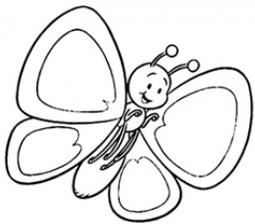
By a flood tide  
And the house groans  
Overtones  
To the raging refrain  
Hurricane!



# Coloring for Jesus



Happy 4th  
of July



"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." - John 8:36



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**JULY**

- 9th Judy Asher
- 10th Charles D'Amore
- 14th Richard Smith
- 19th Jaclyn Sims
- 27th Janice Smith
- 28th Jocelyn Barrett

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO YOU!**



**AUGUST**

- 3rd Avery Stevens
- 7th Maggie Forbes
- 24th Yvonne McClellan
- 28th Judy Anderson Sims
- 29th Bruce Sims

# July 2021



| Sun  | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>Happy Fourth of July</i> ★                              |     |     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>9:45 Breakfast<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Child. SS    | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Child. SS<br>Grandparents Day | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Child. SS                     | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 25<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Child. SS                     | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |

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