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An Appeal to Heaven – National Day of Prayer 2016

Adapted from Rick Barnhart, *The Vine and the Branches*

Just prior to the American Revolution, turmoil was boiling over in the colonies. The British army, the most powerful of its day, occupied Boston, and King George increasingly oppressed and taxed the fledgling states. The colonists had begun to organize their own government and lay the groundwork for separation from Britain. As the colonies formed their own identities, they created flags as symbols to help people unite and rally.

Everyone is familiar with the “*Stars and Stripes*” flag from the Revolution, but that was not the only flag or even the first flag to be used. There were several banners flown by the colonies as they sought their independence. One such flag was white with a green pine tree in the middle and bore the words “*An Appeal to Heaven*” across the top. In 1775, George Washington commissioned a small number of ships, now known as Washington’s secret navy. Washington chose this flag for all of these ships to sail under as they were deployed. The state of Massachusetts also adopted this flag for its navy.

We are well acquainted with some mottos from the Revolutionary War era, such as “*Give me liberty or give me death*,” “*All men are created equal*,” and “*Don’t tread on me*.” However, though not well-known today, the slogan “*An Appeal to Heaven*” was popular and widely used in its day. The phrase’s origin dates to John Locke (1632-1704) who published his “*Second Treatise of Government*”. In this document, Mr. Locke says, in essence, that when a nation finds itself in trying times, its people should always maintain and exercise their right to appeal to God Almighty in heaven. This idea of turning toward heaven and appealing to our God in good and bad times has always been a part of our nation’s fabric. Evidence of this can be seen in The Declaration of Independence and in forty-four state constitutions, all of which include a phrase that appeals to the Almighty for guidance and salvation.

The symbol of an evergreen tree often appeared on earlier flags in and around New England. The pine tree, as a symbol, was known as the “*Liberty Tree*” and also the “*Tree of Peace*.” Appearing on a number of other flags from the colonial era, the symbol actually originated from the Iroquois Indians. During a time of great conflict, six Indian tribes were brought together in a treaty where they agreed not fight against each other but rather to unite against a common enemy. A peace ceremony was performed, where weapons were buried under an evergreen tree which became known as the “*Tree of Peace*”. This is also where the term “*bury the hatchet*” originated.

America was birthed through a people’s cry, an appeal to heaven for divine intervention in impossible odds. As our nation was born, The Continental Congress made its first official act a call for prayer, setting aside May 17, 1776 as a national day of fasting, repentance, and prayer for the colonies.

This year, the National Day of Prayer has been set for Thursday, May 5th. Once again, God’s people will be lifting their voices individually and corporately, making appeals to heaven, and asking God for His provision and guidance toward our nation. Here in Tunnel Hill, we will celebrate this great tradition by having a prayer service at City Hall at noon. We hope that you’ll be able to take part as we turn to God together and make our appeals to Him.

Grace & Peace, Jay

PRAYER LIST



Al Nuckolls, Kathryne Middleton, Jane Griffin, Margaret Doyle, Ernest Edwards, Denton Nuckolls, Margie Hedrick, David Clark, Judy Lusk, Jan Reed, Dottie Griffin, Toppi Griffin, Cathy Griffin, Jeanine Clark, Mildred Dreschel, Beverly Bates, Amelia Edwards, David Hampton, Sis Damron

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's brother

Kathy Hedrick-Margie Hedrick's daughter-in-law

Sue & David Broome-Friends of Janice Helton

Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's dad

Andrea Walters - Kathy Watts' sister

Sandy Clark-Anne Monk's Sister

Sammy Jackson-Gene Henderson's brother

Betty Cagle-Kay Henderson's aunt

Lee Hogan-Friend of David Clark

Dana Bragg-Friend of Janice Helton

Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's mother

Rose Reinhardt -Dawn LaChapelle's mother

Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother

Butch Edwards-friend of Norma Griffin

Ricky Ervin-brother of Ann Finlay

Steve Payne-friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Ricky Houston-Ron Houston's brother

Jerry (Cooter) Hartness-Kimberly Amos' father

Gene & Edna Blevens-JoAnna Wells' aunt & uncle

Scott LaChapelle-Dawn LaChapelle's brother

Rick Fehrenhach - friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Linda Corn-friend of Susie Webb

Carrie Chambers-Friend of Justin Barton

Tommy Akers-Friend of Ken Gowin

Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton

Susan Wells-Chris Wells' aunt

Amber Cantrell-Friend of Butch Middleton

Marianne & Sandy Christison-Mary Wood's mother & father

Sarah Brindle-Friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells

Robert Green-friend of Jo Anna Davenport Wells

Gladys Henderson-Norma Griffin's Sister-in-law

Gabarb Vaughn Summers

Breanne Locklear - Jo Anna Wells' niece

Talan Williams - Friend of Debbie Griffin

Jim Middleton-Butch Middleton's uncle

Don Gribble

Margie Bruner

Tina Taylor - Val Cleaver's sister & Marilyn Martin's daughter

Crystal Watts Grishaw-Ben Watts' Sister

Gladys & Jasper Rogers-Friends of Gwen Maddox

Joe & Margaret Cargal-Friends of Gwen Maddox

Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother

Robin Faith-Friend of Dawn LaChapelle

Mitzy Denson-Friend of Kathy Watts

Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee

Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts

Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts

Jim Campbell

Brayden Rivers-Friend of Susie Webb

Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons

Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins

*Barbara Andrews-Friend of Valerie Cleaver

*Jerry Alberson-Friend of Butch Middleton

*The Family of Mr. Jonathan McDougale

(*Denotes new additions)

Please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or thumc@optilink.us to add/remove a friend or loved one from the Prayer List. - Thanks!



Wednesday, April 20

5:45 PM Family Night Out Meal

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study-"Facing the Giants" & "Jonah, Navigating a Lie Interrupted," B&B Club, God Followers & Oasis

Thursday, April 21

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

Sunday, April 24

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Youth Bake Sale

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 26

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (CB)

Wednesday, April 27

5:45 PM Family Night Out Meal

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study-"Facing the Giants" & "Jonah, Navigating a Lie Interrupted," B&B Club, God Followers & Oasis

7:35 PM Children's Committee meeting

Thursday, April 28

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

Sunday, May 1

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 3

5:30 PM Daisies (CB Rooms)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (CB Rooms)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (CB)

Wednesday, May 4

5:45 PM Family Night Out Meal

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study-"Facing the Giants" & "Jonah, Navigating a Lie Interrupted," B&B Club, God Followers & Oasis

7:35 PM Administrative Board Meeting (F.H.)

Thursday, May 5 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

12:00 PM Prayer Service - City Hall

5:30 PM Daisies (Ch. Room)

Friday, May 6

7:00 PM Jeff Stice Concert (S)

FH-Fellowship Hall

FC-Friendship Classroom

CB-Church Bldg.

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Children's Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 27th, 7PM

Members include: Brittany Sewell, chairperson, Dwana Malone, Liz Dennis, Julie Frisbee, Joni Tenney, Jennifer Bollwerk, Tessa Tapia, Delilah Sharp, and Sydney LaVelle.

Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th, 7:35 PM – Fellowship Hall

OASIS BAKE SALE

THUMC'S youth group will be having a Bake Sale this Sunday, April 24th immediately following morning worship. Please plan to join us for some delicious goodies!! Proceeds will go toward the summer youth retreat to Epworth By the Sea - United Methodist Retreat Center.

BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

The family of Kathyne Middleton would like to invite everyone to attend Kathyne's 90th birthday celebration this Sunday, April 24th immediately following morning worship until 2:00 pm. Please plan to join us as we honor our mother! We request no gifts please.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION DONATIONS

Last Sunday in worship, John Yarbrough shared about his involvement with the CMA and the upcoming "Run for the Son" event. If you would like to contribute please make your checks payable to "CMA" and mark them on the memo line – with John's member number 171090 and Chapter #494. The donation deadline is May 7th. For more info please contact John Yarbrough at beetlejuice671985@yahoo.com.

FROM THE LAMONT NUCKOLLS FAMILY:

We want to send our sincere thanks for all the prayers, food, calls, love and support given to our family during the passing of Lamont Nuckolls, our loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend! One of the things he loved the most was his church, Tunnel Hill United Methodist, and he was always so proud to attend and sit in his favorite spot on the back pew for well over 80 years. He took pride in knowing he was one of the longest serving members of our church! What a blessing to us to be part of such a loving church family! Thanks again, love Veda and entire family.

SAVE THE DATE



- FRIDAY, MAY 6TH, 7:00 PM – JEFF STICE CONCERT (S)
- MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 12:00 PM – SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON (F.H.)

COOKOUT!

- SUNDAY, MAY 15TH, 4:00 PM – SUMMER KICKOFF - COOKOUT AT THE PARK
- JUNE 13TH – 15TH - 5:00 PM – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



SERVING ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

USHERS: Chuck Davidson, Aaron Sewell,
Ken Gowin & Kyle McCutcheon

NURSERY: A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED

APR. OFFERING TEAM: Vicki Kauffman
&

Kim Amos

JOURNEY LAND:

Nancy Hampton - (Pre K-2nd Grade)

Becky Gowin - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Janice & David Helton

SUNDAY, MAY 1

USHERS: Mike Hampton, David Hampton,
Bill Chesser & Bob Ault

NURSERY: Jeanine Clark

APR. OFFERING TEAM: Becky Gowin &
Lee Grimmett

JOURNEY LAND:

Joni Tenney - (Pre K-2nd Grade)

Dawn LaChapelle - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Judy & Butch Middleton

SUNDAY, MAY 8 – MOTHER'S DAY

USHERS: See Sunday, May 1

NURSERY: Jada Barton

APR. OFFERING TEAM: See Sun., May 1

JOURNEY LAND:

Valerie Cleaver - (Pre K-2nd Grade)

Liz Dennis - (3rd - 5th Grades)

GREETERS: Vi & Lee Grimmett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,094.00

Operating Budget Report thru 4/17/2016

Amount Needed Yr. to Date: \$81,504.00

Amount Rec'd Yr. to Date: \$69,839.12

-\$11,661.88

GIVING FOR APRIL 3

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$7344.00

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$2529.00

GIVING FOR APRIL 10

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$3721.00

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$625.00

GIVING FOR APRIL 17

GENERAL BUDGET:

\$2608.19

DESIGNATED GIVING:

\$3878.19

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 3

Sunday School – 57

Worship Service – 133

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 10

Sunday School – 57

Worship Service – 108

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 17

Sunday School – 63

Worship Service – 128