

## Morning Worship

July 31, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane	Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel
Worship Leader — Tim Waters	Piano — Marcia Hart
<b>As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.</b>	
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)	
Hymn # 16	" <i>O Worship the King</i> "
	Tim/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Faith and Hope Medley:	Tim/People
# 413	" <i>Faith Is the Victory</i> "
# 412	" <i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i> "
# 411	" <i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> "
Offering Prayer	Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Marcia Hart
Anthem	"The Lord's Love Medley"
Scripture Reading	Worship Choir
Psalm 16:1-2	Allan Lane
Message	" <i>In God We Trust</i> "
Hymn # 297	" <i>Search Me O God</i> "
Prayer Concerns	Tim/People
Chorus of # 457	Allan/People
	" <i>Lord, Be Glorified</i> "
	Tim/People

## In God We Trust Sunday

Psalm 16:1-2

Yesterday was the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "In God We Trust" becoming the official National Motto of the United States. Not only is "In God We Trust" expressed in the Scriptures, the sentiment, "In God We Trust," has been a dynamic part of American culture since its settling and founding and establishment as a Constitutional Republic.

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### 1) America's Dependence on God.

#### a) The settling of America.

From the Virginia Charter for the first permanent English settlement in Jamestown in 1607, to the Mayflower Compact of the Plymouth Pilgrims in 1620, to the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut in 1639, America's first Constitution that was based on a sermon, to the Massachusetts Body of Liberties in 1641, to the New England Confederation of the Puritans in 1643, in every charter, covenant, and constitution, there was an acknowledgment by the colonists of their dependence upon Almighty God.

According to historian Dr. Thomas Kidd, the first time the actual words "In God We Trust" were used in an official capacity was on a regimental banner for Benjamin Franklin's volunteer Pennsylvania militia of 1747-1748. One of many banners containing Biblical or classical allusions or Latin sayings, this one displayed "a coronet and plume of feathers" with the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST."

**b) The war for Independence.**

The colonial acknowledgment of God continued during the War for Independence. The Declaration of Independence is truly a "declaration of dependence" upon Almighty God as it refers to God four times in the text.

That Second Continental Congress and their successors also made no less than 15 proclamations calling for prayer for thanksgiving or prayer for repentance and fasting during the eight-year war. Certainly, the war effort was the subject of much prayer.

In several recorded statements, General Washington placed his trust in God for victory in the War for Independence. For example, this is from his general orders to the Continental Army on July 2, 1776, the day Congress voted to declare independence.

**c) The Constitutional Convention.**

In 1787, Ben Franklin, the elder statesman among the Founders, addressed the bickering assembly of delegates on June 28 in what we call Independence Hall. Ben Franklin's passionate plea for prayer seemed to quell some of the dissension, bring unity, and eventually the majority affirmed the new Constitution. Ultimately, Franklin's plea led to the practice of daily prayer before every session of Congress. But Ben Franklin's speech powerfully affirms our motto "In God We Trust."

**d) The second war for Independence. (War of 1812)**

During the War of 1812, with the Capitol and the Whitehouse in Washington, DC having been burned by the British, the future of America looked grim. After God intervened to expel the British from our Capital with a storm of biblical proportions and Ft. McHenry and Baltimore providentially withstood an all-out onslaught by the British, Francis Scott Key, inspired by the defiant flag over the fort, penned a poem on September 14, 1814 titled "Defense of Fort McHenry." The poem, later titled: "The Star Spangled Banner" and set to music became our national anthem (March 3, 1931). Most Americans know the words of the first verse, but few know the last, which is almost a prayer:

*"O! thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved home and the war's desolation;  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;  
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust!"  
And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"*

Francis Scott Key's anthem inspired much patriotism, which was revived during the Civil War. In fact, the fourth verse motivated the 125th Pennsylvania Infantry to use "In God we trust" as its battle cry during the Battle of Antietam (Battle of Sharpsburg).

**2) America's Declaration of God.**

The actual motto "In God We Trust" has been a part of American life for over 150 years in an official capacity.

**a) On our currency .**

Nearly 100 years before it became our official national motto, Congress passed a law adding "In God We Trust" to American coinage. The main concern was over whether or not future generations would recognize our society as a Christian nation. The Rev. M. R. Watkinson, Minister of the Gospel from Ridleyville, Pennsylvania, wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury November 13, 1861 to see if this could be changed. Over the course of the Civil War, and a proposal was passed by Congress on April 22, 1864, placing "In God We Trust" on one-cent and two-cent coins. On March 3, 1865, Congress voted to approve the motto "In God we trust" for all U.S. coins. In an address memorializing fallen President Abraham Lincoln, House Speaker Schuyler Colfax stated: "The last act of Congress ever signed by President Lincoln was one requiring that the motto... 'In God we trust' should hereafter be inscribed upon all our national coin."

On July 11, 1954, a month after the phrase "under God" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance, Congress enacted Public Law 84-140, which put the motto, "In God We Trust," on all national coins and currency. But it was a minister's letter during the crisis of the Civil War that became the catalyst for "In God We Trust" to be used officially on our currency. People of faith made the difference and we still can today.

**b) By our presidents .**

Many Presidents, whether Democrat or Republican, have recognized this motto through the years. In a Proclamation for a National Day of Prayer given on March 19, 1981, Republican President Ronald Reagan declared:

"Our Nation's motto – "In God We Trust" – was not chosen lightly. It reflects a basic recognition that there is a divine authority in the universe to which this nation owes homage. Throughout our history, Americans have put their faith in God, and no one can doubt that we have been blessed for it. The earliest settlers of this land came in search of religious freedom. Landing on a desolate shoreline, they established a spiritual foundation that has served us ever since. It was the hard work of our people, the freedom they enjoyed and their faith in God that built this country and made it the envy of the world.... While never willing to bow to a tyrant, our forefathers were always willing to get to their knees before God. When catastrophe threatened, they turned to God for deliverance. When the harvest was bountiful, the first thought was thanksgiving to God... We as a nation should never forget this source of strength... With unshakable faith in God and the liberty which is [our] heritage, we as a free nation will surely survive and prosper."

President Reagan believed that the greatness of America is based on "In God We Trust."

**Application:**

**a) Defend the motto.**

There have been seven direct court challenges to the national motto since 1996. These cases are not isolated to one area of the country. In fact, one-third of our federal circuit courts across the United States have heard appeals challenging "In God We Trust." This is despite the constitutionality of "In God We Trust" being established by the courts on multiple occasions. We should do all we can to defend the national motto against all those who change it into something else or remove it entirely.

**b) Display the motto.**

One of the best ways to defend the motto is to display it. In the 2011 resolution reaffirming our national motto, Congress supported and encouraged the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools and other government institutions. So defend the motto by displaying it. The Family Research Council is

partnering with the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation to provide ways that we can display our national motto with pride. Visit [www.FRC.org/IGWT](http://www.FRC.org/IGWT). Order one of the removable window decals or clings. There are also other items at [www.InGodWeTrust.com](http://www.InGodWeTrust.com).

**c) Direct congress.**

Ask your officials to consider "In God We Trust," especially making law that impacts our freedom to believe and live according to those beliefs. There have been numerous instances of government discrimination against Christians due to Biblical beliefs since the Supreme Court redefined marriage in its 2015 ruling on same-sex marriage. In spite of all the Christians who are being threatened, fined, fired and even jailed because of their beliefs, there has been little appetite in Congress to act on legislation to protect Christians from government discrimination. It's time to tell our elected officials that special protections have already been granted to the LGBT community by the courts. It is time to protect those who affirm "In God We Trust" against discrimination and stand for the First Amendment.

**d) Decide how to vote.**

Based on the National Motto, ask which candidates best exemplify that Motto, acknowledge God, and uphold Biblical values. We need to evaluate candidates for every office and ask: Do they trust God? Will they lead based on Biblical values? Pay close attention to who they associate with and who supports them (e.g., ACLU, Freedom From Religion Foundation, Americans United for Separation of Church and State). Don't just listen to their rhetoric, look at their record. Then pray and vote accordingly with "In God We Trust" as a guide.

**e) Depend on God.**

We need to put the Motto into practice as individuals, families, communities, and as a nation. Let's trust God and live it out. Democrat President Truman declared: "Each one of us can do his part by a renewed devotion... If there is any danger to the religious life of our Nation, it lies in our taking our religious heritage too much for granted.... Unless men live by their faith, and practice that faith in their daily lives, religion cannot be a living force in the world today... Just as an active faith sustained and guided the pioneers in conquering the wilderness, so today an active faith will sustain and guide us as we work for a just peace, freedom for all, and a world where human life is truly held sacred."

So let's not just defend and display the motto, direct Congress to make law and decide how to vote based on the motto, but let's live it. Let's depend on the God of the motto. Our only hope is "In God We Trust!"

### **Conclusion**

These are desperate days in America. We've faced times like these before and worse. But Almighty God has been faithful to bring us through them all and bless us more than we deserve. If we will but just humble ourselves, seek His face and pray, and turn from our wicked ways. If we will reaffirm that our only hope is in Him, in his goodness and grace, He might once again hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our land. Say it with me: In God We Trust!

***It's Our Only Hope!***

## **Is Revival Still Possible?**

Well, the Republicans and the Democrats have both held their National Conventions, and nominated their candidates for the 2016 Presidential election in November. The candidates have made their campaign promises for the betterment of the nation. Some of the needs they

will attempt to address include a cure for AIDS, Educational Improvement, Health Care Reform, Social Unity, Improved Foreign Relations, Deficit Reduction, and Immigration.

But the greatest need in America is not all those things. The greatest need for America is for revival in the church. You might be asking yourself, "Do I need revival?" Consider this checklist and see how you do:

- 1) Is your heart crowded? Does Christ get ALL your love, or merely one of many pieces?
- 2) Is your heart cold or calloused? Is your love for Him and others fervent? Constant?
- 3) Is your heart corrupt? Do you crave or treasure anything immoral in God's eyes?
- 4) Do you serve less today than you have in the past or are capable of today?
- 5) Is your excitement/commitment to tell others about Jesus any less today than it has been in the past? Are you silent where/when you used to speak boldly?
- 6) Are you living today in the present power of the Holy Spirit? Or is your spiritual 'tank' empty?
- 7) When others observe you, is your Christ-light bright or flickering?

If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions, even partially, then you need revival!

Charles G. Finney coined the following thoughts about revival from his lectures and book called "Revivals of Religion" (1835):

"A revival always includes the conviction of sin on the part of the church...In a true revival, Christians are always brought under such convictions, they see their sins in such light, that often they find it impossible to maintain a hope of their acceptance with God...Backslidden Christians will be brought to repentance. A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God. Just as in the case of a converted sinner, the first step is a deep repentance, a breaking down into the dust before God, with deep humility, and forsaking of sin...Christians will have their faith renewed..."

A revival breaks the power of the world and of sin over Christians. It brings them to such vantage ground that they get a fresh impulse towards heaven. They have a new foretaste of heaven, and new desire after union with God; and the charm of the world is broken, and the power of sin overcome...When the churches are thus awakened and reformed, the reformation and salvation of sinners will follow, going through the same stages of conviction, repentance, and reformation. Their hearts will be broken down and changed."

In 1904 the Atlanta newspapers reported an amazing revival of prayer sweeping the city. On November 2nd the Supreme Court of Georgia closed so people could attend prayer meetings. Stores, factories, offices and even saloons followed suit. "For two hours at midday all Denver was held in a spell . . . The marts of trade were deserted between noon and two o'clock this afternoon," the Denver Post reported on January 20th, 1905. One Kentucky pastor died of overwork after receiving 1,000 new members in two months. Out of a population of 50,000 only fifty unconverted adults remained in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Can it ever happen again here in the US? Is there anything too difficult / impossible for God?

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

## Opportunities For Service

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ?, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp, Ken Nice

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Monday, August 1**

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

**Wednesday, August 3**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study .....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, August 4**

G Team.....6:30 pm

**Saturday, August 6**

Women's Bible Study....9:00 am

**Sunday, August 7, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough, Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, August 10**

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer/Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, August 11**

R Team.....6:30 pm

**Saturday, August 13**

Women's Bible Study....9:00 am

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**August 1— Food Kitchen 5:30 pm**

**August 6 — Women's Bible Study 9:00 am**

**August 10 — Prayer Warriors 10:00 am**

**August 13 — Women's Bible Study 9:00 am**

**August 14 — Collection Day for Food Pantry**

**August 15 — St. Joseph Public and Christian Schools resume**

**August 18 — Food Pantry**

**August 20 — Women's Bible Study 9:00 am**

**August 28 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW! Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

We will have Sunday Evening Service here tonight. Hope to see you there

next week.

### **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

### ***Food Kitchen***

*We will serve Monday, August 1, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.*

**Prayer Warriors**  
**August 10**  
**10:00am**

**Diversicare**  
**Nursing Home**  
**August 28, 2016 at**  
**2:30 pm**

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

**Sunday School Worker's Meeting**  
**Monday, August 29**  
**6:30 pm**

***School Starts...August 15, 2016***

Please be in prayer for our teachers, students and faculty as school will be back in session for the 2016-2017 school year.

### ***For the Record-***

#### **Attendance: July 24, 2016**

Sunday School.....	43
Visitors.....	4
Total.....	47
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	53
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night .....	N/A
Wednesday Night .....	N/A

#### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget..... \$ 2,040.52  
Offering Received... \$ 790.15

**Offering Received by Mail:**

**August Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

**August Van Driver:**

Mike Green  
Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

**August Member Birthdays:**

02...Darlene Messner  
09...Dottie Wildberger  
18...Don Beavers  
18...Tonia Meers  
22...Beverly Lewis

**August Anniversaries**

**David and Annette Schottel**  
August 5, 1989

**Tim and Sharon Waters**  
August 10, 1985

***Prayer Requests ...***

Nellie Reynolds—heart condition  
Betty Campbell—healing  
Pat Puckett—eyes, healing  
Marcia Hart's Family  
Audrey Dugan—recovery  
Tim Izer and Family  
Sue Higgins—regain strength  
Jim Winans, surgery recovery  
Alicia McKinnon  
Dakota Duty, recovery  
Robbie Hutcherson, Loleta's son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
Children's Camp  
LoLeta Middleton—strength  
Maxine and George Ferbert—strength  
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew  
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—  
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris  
Richardson's sisters  
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister  
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew

Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health  
Audrey Dugan      Bob Barquist  
Kathryn Beavers      Ann Riddle  
Louanne Laurence      Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans      Leona Reynolds  
Kevin Duty      Kenny Duty  
Madeline Swink      Bobby Griswold  
Bill Haskins      Debbie Sands  
Brenda Burgess      Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts      Roscoe Lane  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service Women and Men  
Terrorism in our world

**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Five More New Families ...**

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