




NICEVILLE

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A Place to Belong....A Place to Become....A Place to Call Home....

"IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?"

A lot has been said and written recently about whether or not our nation is a Christian nation. Some of our leaders claim we are not, others do not lead as if we are. The article below was found on "Sermoncentral.com" and edited slightly.

BUT BEFORE THAT...

Congress, declared 1983 to be the "Year of the Bible" - stating that the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the US as a distinctive and blessed nation. Biblical teaching inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the US (Public Law 97-280, Stat. 1211, approved 10/4/1982).

But before that - Former Chief Justice Earl Warren, 1954, said, the history of our country and the documents/charter exhibit the same objective: "A Christian land governed by Christian principle".

But before that - Abraham Lincoln, April 30, 1863, appointed a National Fast Day and declared, "It is the duty of nations as well as men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history: that nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

But before that - George Washington Oct 3, 1789, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly implore his protection and favor."

But before that - Mayflower Compact 1620 was a covenant "in the presence of God," "In the name of God, Amen...by the Grace of God...have undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith."

But before that - Calvin wrote to the King of France in 1536, "Now, that king who in ruling over his realm does not serve God's glory, exercises not kingly rule but brigandage [oppression]. Furthermore, he is deceived who looks for enduring prosperity in his kingdom when it is not ruled by God's scepter, that is, His Holy Word; for the heavenly oracle that proclaims that 'where prophecy fails the people are scattered' (Prov. 29:18) cannot lie."

But long before that Psalm 33:12 says, Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD

It matters not the platitudes we use declaring ourselves to be Christian. It matters the truths we live by, the obedience to God we display, and the way we honor God in our hearts. As Joshua declared, "*Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods.*"

Joe Palmer

YOUTH MINISTRY

July 4, 2010

TODAY at the building!!

Monthly Potluck Luncheon

...Looking Ahead...

- July 5: High School Devo
- July 12: High School Devo
- July 19: Combined Devo
- July 27-Aug 10: Ecuador Mission Trip
- Aug 5: First Day Back to School
- Aug 6-7: Conquerors! Scenic Hills Church of Christ Pensacola (Sign-up today!)

Do you have a "Shout Out About It" news about our youth?... let David Copeland know by e-mail:

[youth@ nicevillechurchofchrist.org](mailto:youth@nicevillechurchofchrist.org)

Lads-To-Leaders Corner:

Winners Circle Song Leading and Songs of Praise: Those who have placed 1st in Song Leading (guys) or Songs of Praise (girls), move on to competing against previous year's winners. There are 21 Songs to learn for the guys and 16 songs for the Girls to learn. They select one song to lead, and draw for the second song they will lead. Don't forget, students can apply participation in Lads-to-Leaders towards the Lads-to-Leaders scholarship program!

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## Removing Emotional Pain Training Seminar:

Niceville Church of Christ will be hosting the "Removing Emotional Pain" training seminar on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm, & 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 pm. The National Director of SFT Awareness, Gary Washer, and his associate Jimmy Hill, will be presenting the material and answering questions. Participants will receive the book "Removing Emotional Pain" by Ron Wilkins, a Seminar workbook, and lunch will be provided on Saturday from 12:00-1:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now! \$20 for single and \$30 for a couple. See David Copeland (an SFT Awareness Trainer) after Sunday morning and evening services. A sign-up sheet will also be available in the foyer.

July 16: Session 1 - 7-9 pm: *"What emotional pain can do"*

July 17: Session 2 - 9 am-12 pm: *"How emotional pain affects us"*

Session 3: 1-4 pm: *"What can be done about emotional pain"*

## WORSHIP CAFE



Please come and join us this Wednesday at the "Worship Café"! This week's menu will be Mandy's Homestyle Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.

Please remember that we keep the Worship Cafe operating by donations. Thanks!

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SCHEDULE TO PICK UP THE MOORES

July 4th: Tate & Beverly Jennings

July 11th: Doug & Tammy McCown

1745 County Rd, 118-C, Ponce de Leon, FL 32455
(850) 384-7700 Wanda Stewart, daughter

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## WEDDING SHOWER



There will be a wedding shower for Melissa McCown on Sunday, July 11th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Dreeta Copeland. Melissa is registered at Target, Wal-Mart, Williams Sonoma, and Pampered Chef.

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MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Today is the last day to donate non-perishable food items to send to our military members who are out of the country. If you have any questions, see Mandy for more info.

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## NURSING HOME SINGING



Next Sunday afternoon, July 11th, at 3:30 PM, we will meet at the Sterling House in BWB for singing and encouragement to the folks there. See Tim Stickel for more info.

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SONSHINE PARKWAY

Wow! Our Sunshine Parkway program is already showing great success. Because of higher than normal attendance on Wednesday bible classes we must expand from three shops to four. As a result we need a teacher and tour guide for the museum on Wednesdays. The positions need to be filled by July 14th. If you would like to be part of this exciting program, please contact Doyle Babe.



JULY

in our
PRAYERS

THIS WEEK AT NICEVILLE

Today:	Early Service	7:45 AM
July 4th:	Bible Class	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Monthly Potluck Luncheon	11:00 AM
	Evening Worship	5:00 PM
	TL#1 - Fellowship at the Conner's	6:30 PM
Wed:	Worship Café	5:30 PM
	Card Ministry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Bible Study	7:00 PM
July 10:	TL#5 Breakfast Mtg & Workday	9:00 AM
July 11:	Melissa McCown Bridal Shower	2:30 PM
July 11:	Nursing Home Singing	3:30 PM
July 11:	Grand Opening Planning Mtg.	4:00 PM
July 13:	Helping Hands Lunch	12:30 PM
July 16-17:	Removing Emotional Pain Workshop	
July 17:	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
July 17:	TL Capt's/Co-Capt's Mtg-Stickels	5:00 PM
July 20:	Ladies Lunch at Olive Garden	11:45 AM
July 24:	TL#4 Meeting at the Stickel's	5:00 PM
July 29-Aug 1:	Spiritual Growth Workshop Orlando	
Aug. 7:	Grand Opening Sonshine Parkway	
Aug. 8:	Friend Day & Potluck	
Sept. 18:	Historical Society Gala	5 PM
Sept. 29-Oct. 10th:	Evangelism Campaign	

Please continue to remember all of our military, especially, **Joshua Born** at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, **Mike Kaseman**, **Jared McNeal**, **Ryan Ehrhard** and **Shannon Pugh** in Afghanistan, **Jason Conner** in CA., and **Curtis Thomas** in Iraq.

Continued Prayer:

Fred Courington, **Patrick Ehrhard**, **J.T. Grace**, **Barbara Summers**, **Amanda Martin**, **Mary Barnes**, **Jim Roberts**.

Lewis Williams' dad has taken a turn for the worse and Lewis and Woxie have gone to be with him. His liver is not functioning properly, has had blood transfusions, and as of Friday afternoon is in the Hospice ward of the hospital in Chattanooga.

Bob Lauderdale will be leaving Monday for Atlanta for his cancer treatment.

Ron Higdon is at home and doing much better after being in the hospital for a couple of days.

David Dunn will be having pain management shots, and hopefully will not have to have surgery.

Clayton Miles will be moving to Kansas City, Kansas to start a new job. Good luck Clayton!



Thank you all so much for the cards, food, and most of all the prayers during my recent surgery. God is awesome and prayers were answered.

Love,
Dianne Nevius

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP



Today is our monthly fellowship luncheon. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship. All of our visitors and guests are asked to please stay and eat with us. And as our honored guests, we ask that you go first in line, followed by our members with birthdays and anniversaries, with the rest of us bringing up the rear.

- Team #5 - Carrender/Hall - Set Up**
- Team #6 - McCown/Copeland -Clean Up**

TEAM LIFE #1 - CONNER/HAVARD

Team Life #1 will have a 4th of July fellowship at the home of Mark and Angie Conner following this evening's worship. Food will be provided! If you have any questions, see Mark or Angie.

SYMPATHY



Our sympathy goes out to the McCown family in the passing of Doug's grandmother, Nellie McCown, on Wednesday.



Ron would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, and visits, while he was in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,
Ron & Margo Higdon

LADIES CARD MINISTRY



We will have our regular monthly meeting Wednesday the 7th at 7:00 p.m.



Pantry Needs

- Canned Meats
- Rice/Spaghetti
- Mac & Cheese
- Inst. Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Soaps/Detergent

- Salad Dressings
- Soups
- Personal Items

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**Ladies Bible Class**



The Ladies Bible Class will resume on Thursday, August 5th. Any questions, see Tammy McCown.

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**Sonshine Parkway
Grand Opening Planning Meeting**

All current teachers and tour guides, and anyone else that is interested, is invited to attend a Grand Opening Planning Meeting on Sunday, July 11th at 4:00 p.m. We are also looking for "donations" of old records (LP's/45's) to display in the Sonshine Parkway education wing. If you have any questions, please see Doyle Babe.

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**Team Life Captains/Co-Captains Mtg**

We will have a Team Life Captains and Co-Captains meeting on Saturday, July 17th at 5:00 p.m. at the Stickel's home. See Tim or Sandy for more info.

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**Team Life Group # 5
Carrender/Hall**



We will meet for Breakfast and a Team Meeting at 9:00 AM, July 10, 2010. Team members are asked to bring breakfast foods.

Any questions, please contact Linda at 217-2925. Following breakfast and our meeting, we will continue work on the Theatre in preparation for the Grand Opening August 7, 2010. If we are unable to complete the things that need to be done on July 10, we will have another work day July 17th.

New Grandbaby!!



Annie Duke is a proud great-grandparent for the 6th time! Asher Duke was born early Thursday morning in Indianapolis. Be sure and ask her all about him!

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**New Address:**

Robert and Carissa L'Orange  
118 North Avenue  
Freeport, FL 32439

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**Give 'em
a Hand!** Jeremy Stephens received the Bible Award at Camp Wiregrass recently.

This award is given for a week of conscientious study of God's word.

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**Ladies Monthly Lunch**



We will have our monthly Ladies Lunch on Tuesday, July 20th at Olive Garden. We will meet at the Church Building at 11:30 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the Olive Garden in Destin at 11:45 a.m. Please sign up in the foyer.

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Missing From The Kitchen

If you have borrowed items from the kitchen, please return them as soon as possible. We are missing bowls and containers, and dish towels. Thanks for helping us keep our kitchen supplied and working!

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**Team Life #4 - Stickel/Palmer**

We will have a Team Life meeting on Saturday, July 24th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stickel's home. Please see Sandy for more info.

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We need someone to volunteer to prepare the communion trays for the month of August and December. Thank you!