

Christian Nation

Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

America remains a place of spiritual opportunity and freedom. But there is a growing sense among us that things are changing and that, at least from the Christian perspective, this is not the America we once knew. For many years, freedom's mantra has rested securely on our belief in America as a Christian nation. The overwhelming majority of our founding fathers expressed their belief in God as our Creator and the Bible as His inspired word. We have often connected our nation's acknowledgement of faith with its long-term success as "one nation under God." And, justifiably so, for Scripture says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Ps. 33:12).

A book by Ken Ham recently came across my desk which argues that America is changing and, in many ways, has already changed from being "one nation under God" to being "one nation under many gods." He cites a speech in which a recent president said, "Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation. At least not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, and a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation and a nation of non-believers" (Ham 80). In 2009, Newsweek's cover read: "The Decline and Fall of Christian America." Its featured article by Jon Meacham was entitled, "The End of Christian America" (Ham 83). Of course, these are alarming thoughts to anyone who loves our country and prays for its well-being.

Experience teaches us that the moral and spiritual pendulum of any people can swing back and forth – that, with the right motivation, we might move back in the direction of God. However, a broad view of the last 50 or 60 years suggests that, generation by generation, we are plodding steadily in the direction of becoming a secular society. The cause of Christ can thrive in any society because its driving force is centered in heaven. However, because worldviews are changing, there are times when we must change how we approach people with the gospel. This is illustrated by the apostle Paul's approach to those in Athens during his second missionary journey. Because he saw that the city was full of idols and would, therefore, have little or no knowledge of the God of the Bible, Paul centered his remarks around an inscription he found which read: "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD" (Acts 17:22-31). Beginning at this point, he told them about the Creator and His will for man. Some were converted who might have been confused had Paul stuck to his usual approach as when preaching in the Jewish synagogue (Acts 17:34). While we can adapt our approach to an audience, but we must never change the message of the gospel for it is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Rm. 1:16).

Looking down the road at upcoming events.

CAMP AGAPE 2020

Jr. Week Jul. 26 - Aug. 01
Sr. Week Aug. 02 - Aug. 08



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NEWSLETTER

Feb. 02, 2020

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Schedule of Services

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| Sunday AM Bible Study | 9:45 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 11:00 AM |
| No Sunday PM Service | |
| Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday PM Bible Study | 7:00 PM |

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If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are not expected to give money but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.



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Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Pat Hazlett continues to battle an upper respiratory infection.

Denise Garlitz continues with physical therapy.

Bill Kinney Let's keep him in our prayers.

Sharron Gantt Her eyes are still healing. She says hello, sends her love, and sends hugs to everyone.

Tony & Eglá Grana Let's keep them in our prayers.

Kim Graves, age 42 and friend of Mark & Audrey Dailey, is facing breast cancer surgery soon.

Carolyn Carter, Wayne Carter's sister-in-law in VA, is doing well after having triple bypass surgery Jan. 23rd. She came home from the hospital Jan. 28th and is scheduled to begin cardiac rehab two weeks after that.

Tammy Knowles, Wayne Carter's niece in NC, had a hysterectomy Jan. 28th and things went well.

Chad Szymanski, Louella Hopkins' 12 year old nephew, is facing brain surgery soon.

Billy Stine, son of Sonny & Linda Stine, is facing heart surgery soon.

Michael R., a relative of Anna & Bruce Brink, will be deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

Dorothy, mother of Jim who cleans the building for us, is in the hospital dealing with breast cancer.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Let's pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Feb. 02 Today. Potluck Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

Feb. 14 Valentines Day

Feb. 16 Men's Business Meeting

Feb. 17 Presidents' Day

Mar. 01 Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus 6 PM here at LaSalle

Mar. 07 Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.



HELP NEEDED! Join us on Wednesday, February 5th, at 10 AM as we prepare another issue of *House to House/Heart to Heart* for mailing to our neighbors. Please continue to pray that our neighbors who receive the mailing will have open and receptive hearts to God's message.



Sonny & Linda Stine's grandson Robert and his wife are expecting a baby in June.

Weekly Budget \$1,843
 Contribution Last Sunday \$1,233
 Attendance Last Sunday 57

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Class Matthew

Sermon Topic Today: He Taught Many Things By Parable

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:1-9

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Class 2nd Kings



Serving Today

Announcements Wayne Carter

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Mark Dailey

Serve Wayne Carter

Serve Ron Cameron

Serve Zach Hansen

Clean Trays Maria Swindlehurst

Setup and cleanup for the *POTLUCK*

Groups 1, 2, and 3. (Based on the *Phone Tree*)

Grp. 01. Ron & Jean Cameron (group leaders)

Grp. 02. Rodney & Carol Jones (group leaders)

Grp. 03. Louella Hopkins (group leader)

If you are in one of those groups it's your turn.

This includes making sure the building and the lift are secure.

January Birthdays

06 Fran Feees 17 Pat Hazlett
 11 Phyllis Blakelock 20 Cora Parson
 12 Richard Wheeler 23 Jean Cameron
 14 Wayne Carter 24 Rodney Jones
 14 Angela Kyle 27 Bruce Brink

January Anniversaries

24 Rodney & Carol Jones

February Birthdays

17 Kris Kinney
 18 Diane Mellott
 26 Kelly Henry
 28 Michael Rice

February Anniversaries

23 Bill & Kris Kinney

March Birthdays

04 Kent Blakelock 13 Kassandra Kern
 04 Marjorie Reed 22 Sonny Stine
 07 Edie Sumner 22 Sharon Wheeler
 11 Logan Bennett 27 David Alcorn

March Anniversaries

09 Kent & Phyllis Blakelock
 17 Sonny & Linda Stine

