

Vancleave Church of Christ

Sermon Title: The Right to Become...

Scripture: John 1:11-13

Prayer Requests and Announcements

July 2, 2023

Rick Bedwell: Still suffers from Leukemia. Received good report and may be able to return home soon.

Larry Ishee: Former classmate of Ellen Wages, had multiple biopsies, none of which returned good.

Rita Newburn: Recent surgery was a success, and she is needing prayers while hoping for a full recovery.

Judy Stutts: Sister of Deb Searcy, might have Parkinson's disease. Gene Searcy is better now also.

Wade and Joanna: Soon to return to Guam to resume labors there. Pray for their safety and success.

Ongoing Prayers

Please be sure to update at: vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org

David Robinson	Charlie Tanner	Kristina Meyers	Malory Glenn
Michael Schlett	Barbara Patton	Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney
Roger Hammond	Lisa Jenkins	Tara Forte	Ron Wages
Jackie Roach	Sue Flurry	Gregory Cooley	Frank Sentelle
Keondra Huddleston	Teresa Blackmon	Carla Clayton	Scott Mcollough
Zenie George	Cheryl Solla	Tommy Webb	Anita Dees
Pete Hankins	Andi Barrett	Traci Herrin	

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

"If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl, but by all means, keep moving."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."
(1 Corinthians 15:58; KJV)

Announcements / Other:

- Men's breakfast / men's meeting is scheduled for this Saturday (8 July).
- Other:

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The Declaration of Independence

By Dave Miller, Ph. D.

The *Declaration of Independence* is the premiere document that launched America as a new nation. Here is a quintessentially **political** document—a public expression of national concerns intended to articulate justification for declaring a separation from England in order to form a new nation. If the Founders intended to keep God out of national life, here was the perfect opportunity to manifest that intention. However, in this relatively brief document, they used the following phrases:

- “Nature’s God” = an 18th-century way to refer to the God Who created nature
- “all men are **created** equal” and “endowed by their **Creator**” = the same Creator as the One noted in Genesis 1-2 as opposed to some alleged evolutionary ancestor
- “appealing to the **Supreme Judge** of the world” = the God who rules and judges nations (Daniel 4:17)
- “with a firm reliance on the protection of **divine Providence**” = 18th-century language for the God of the Bible

Astounding! The 56 signers of the *Declaration of Independence*, in risking their very lives, put their signatures to a **political** (not religious) document that **acknowledged and appealed to the God of the Bible four times!** Here is the true nature and focus of the formation of the great Republic whose independence and very existence depend upon the God Who enabled her origin and blessed her beyond all other nations in human history.

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A Note from your Preacher:

I hope that if you choose to observe this year’s Independence Day celebration and the festivities that often accompany it, you will stay safe, and remember that only in Christ are we truly made free! - DP