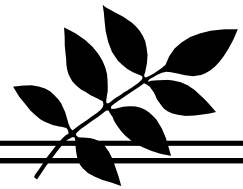


# The Hickory Leaf

June 2009



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## *A Pastoral Reflection*

*As I read today, I find that my thoughts are drifting. All kinds of stuff seem to be pulling me away from this time of meditation and prayer.*

- *a very busy day ahead;*
- *a forgotten chore from two days ago;*
- *a upset caller yesterday;*
- *a moody and temperamental teen-age granddaughter this morning;*
- *unexpected and difficult changes in our children's lives.*

*It seems like there is an ongoing interruption to my quietness, my soul.*

*I struggle harder to stay focused. My brow, I am sure, is furrowed with deep concentration. My soul, white-knuckled, tries to hang on to what I think I need to hang on to.*

*But it is not peace-filled. There is an edginess creating sharp corners that poke and hurt and distract even further.*

*I know about those who wait upon the Lord ...and, I know that I need to be still and know that God is present.*

***Slow me down, Lord, I pray.***

*Perhaps I have been pushing back against what God is trying to remind me of ... trying to get my attention ...wanting me to pay closer attention.*

*It is so easy to set MY agenda in advance, to suggest to God what needs to be done. This is also a good way to avoid the troubling spots in my soul. What would happen if I actually allowed God to do what I was hoping for?*

- *to guide me through a crowded day;*
- *to help me follow up on what I forgot to do, and to figure out why I forgot it, again;*

- *to listen more carefully to frustrated callers;*
- *to remember that one of the worst thing about being a teen-ager is being a teen-ager;*
- *to know, with the Psalmist, that "tears may come at nightfall, but joy comes in the morning."*

***Slow me down, Lord, I pray.***

*I do know that what demands attention will change – both in intensity and importance. New ones, I fear, will be added.*

*But for now, I have a workable "list" of what needs my soul's attention – a list, I think, that God has had a voice in creating.*

*Of course, not every intrusive thought is from God – but enough are that God and I can struggle together. It will be very important that ... So,*

***Slow me down, Lord, I pray.***

***Bro Gary***

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## SERMON SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

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| June 7  | <i>"The Gift of God's Strength"</i><br>Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18                              |
| June 14 | <i>"Act like you got some sense!"</i><br>Scripture: Colossians 2:20-3:8                          |
| June 21 | <i>"Who died and made you king?"</i><br>Scripture: Colossians 3:17-4:1                           |
| June 28 | <i>"Here's the church and here's the people"</i><br>Scripture: Colossians 4:2- 6; Ephesians 6:23 |

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## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items (articles, committee reports, meeting dates, misc. items, etc.) for the monthly newsletters should be sent to [keithdb@att.net](mailto:keithdb@att.net). The deadline for any article is on the newsletter calendar. If you do not see a report in the newsletter that you feel should be there, contact Debbie Keith or let Bro.

Gary know.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Church Council met on Sunday, May 17th and covered a lot of ground. The minutes should be ready for our July newsletter for folks to review, if you would like any specific info before then please contact any member of the council with your questions. Saturday, July 18th, will be the annual council retreat. All members of the congregation are invited to attend but you do need to let me know you are coming so we can be sure to have enough food for all. The council will meet thru the morning hours and top the day off with a fish fry and a boat ride.

This year the council is planning to do something a little different with the meeting portion and we are asking everyone to please give us a topic you feel the council needs to spend a little extra time on. Items such as worship service, the building entrance, congregational involvement, education, etc. Please get you ideas to me as soon as possible so we can list the items and see the top priorities for folks as we try to concentrate on some "out of the box" thinking to put these thoughts into action. Brian and Cathy Caldwell have graciously agreed to help me put these priorities into some exciting discussions to help HBUMC keep moving forward. It promises to be a great day and I hope to see everyone there.

God's Blessings to all,  
Mitzi Anderson  
Council Chair

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

BY: David Keith

The Trustees of Hickory Bend UMC will begin work on the remainder of the vinyl siding on May 30th. The old masonite siding will be removed and replaced with the new vinyl.

The locksmith has been contacted and the locks at the church will be re-keyed June 1, 2009. Copies of the New Key Policy and Key Request Forms will be available at that time.

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## HELP US KEEP YOUR INFO UP-TO-DATE

Please let us know if you've had a change in address, phone numbers or email address. We'll be printing another address directory soon and we want to make sure all the information we have for you is correct. You can send changes to Debbie Keith at keithdb@att.net or give her a call at 889-1361.

## Worship Notes

BY: Cathy Caldwell

It's Summer! But we are still meeting every Sunday morning for worship! In fact, June 14th we hope to have our service under the shelter. It will be Flag day so the shelter will be decked out in red, white and blue bunting, and the congregation is encouraged to wear comfortable patriotic clothing for that day.

The Worship committee will meet June 10th but not in July, and reconvene Aug. 5th, so if you have concerns or ideas, please get them in now.

The last item to highlight is the worship area on the HBUMC web site. I will be posting current information there between newsletter publications, so check from time to time so you don't miss out on anything!!

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## Thought of the Month

from the Stewardship Committee. . . .

*The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity. Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity these are the choices that measure your life.*

*Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing.*

*Author unknown*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for Bible Study at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in June. We'll be using the book . . . **GOOD GIRLS, BAD GIRLS: THE ENDURING LESSONS OF 12 WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

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## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY



Mike Baker, Elizabeth Clingan, Barry Cloyd, Caleb England, Kenny England, Brian Ginnetti, Russell Lewis Jones, Mitch McDannald, Jeff McInturff, Amanda & Brad McMahan, Matthew Miesner, Joshua Mitchner, Jason Nevitt, David Parker, Joshua Snowbarger, Jess Summar, Zachery Taube, Ben Watkins.

**ADOPTED SOLDIERS:** Thomas Alvarez, Daniel Arnett, Gary Finely, Jeremy Hamm, Joshua Hanson, Jason Kigew, Andy Martinez, Catherine Novakowski, Christopher Porras, Ronald Ransbottom, Raymond Smith, Stephen Tipton, Xavier Williams

# CONGRATULATIONS!!



Cathy Caldwell graduated in December 2008 from University of Nebraska Kearney with a Masters Degree in Biology.

Amanda Neil graduated from Tennessee Tech University in December 2008 with a degree in Special Education.

Ashlee Judkins graduated from Hillwood Comprehensive High School. She plans on going to Nashville Tech.

Bethany Caldwell graduated from Mt. Juliet Christian Academy on Friday, May 29, 2009. While in high school Bethany was Homecoming Attendant her freshman year; on the volleyball team for 4 years (team captain senior year); received the Coaches Award (Volleyball team); was catcher on the Softball team; received the Coaches Award (Softball team); played Bass Clarinet in Concert Band; received Bible class Senior Class Award; and was in the marching band. Bethany is also very involved in activities at church and in the community. Bethany will be attending Trevecca Nazarene College in the fall.

Elizabeth Egan has completed her junior high education and will be attending Nashville School of the Arts in the fall.

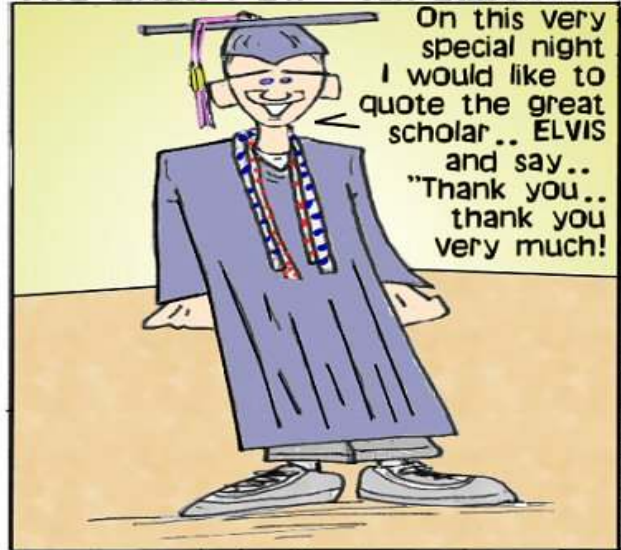
Jessica Judkins graduated from H.G. Hill Middle School. She will be attending Hillwood Comprehensive High School in the fall. Jessica also won an award at her Sports Banquet for track and field.

## *We're so proud of you!!*

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. ~ Sydney Harris

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies commencement exercises. Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. ~ Orrin Hatch

## THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



### A SCRIPTURE FOR THE GRADUATES

"For I know the plans I have for you," Declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. **Jeremiah 29:11**

## TOOLS NEEDED for Mountain T.O.P.!

BY: Emalie Egan

It is amazing to us that you loaned us your tools last year! If you're still crazy enough to trust us, we need to ask you to borrow them again. Please label your tools with your name, or let us do that for you. Please bring your tools to the youth room any time. Mountain T.O.P. has a very efficient method for tracking tools. Each group has a color, and ours is green. We will mark your tools with green tape or paint so our tools don't become mixed up with the other groups' tools. Below is a list of the tools we need to complete our mission:

Axe, bucket, grass clippers, hedge clippers, hand pruner, hatchet, hoe, grubbing hoe, step ladder (2), mattock, mops (2), pencil point bar, pick, post hole diggers (2), pruning shears (2), gravel rake, leaf rake, pruning saws (2), flat shovel, spade shovel, sledge hammer, swing blade, trowels (2), two-cycle oil mixture (two bottles), baby oil, carpenter levels (2-4), chalk lines (2), water coolers (2), ice chest coolers (2), drop cloths (4) electric adapters (4), 50'+ extension cords (2), hand sanitizer (2), measuring tapes (4), paint brushes (several of all sizes), Paint rollers (6), roller pads, (12), paint scrapers (5), paint trays (6), pliers (2), power drills (2), putty knives (6), rags (20), paint roller extensions (2), ropes and bungee cords for tying down ladders, safety goggles (4), circular saws (2), hacksaws (2), hand saws (2), screwdrivers (4 flat, 4 Philips), scrub brushes (2), socket wrench sets (2), squares or speed squares (4), tin snips, (2), utility knives (2), wasp and bee spray (2), weed eater, gas powered (2), extra spools of string for weed eater (2), wood chisel set (1), wrecking bars (2).



## GOOD GRUB CAFE

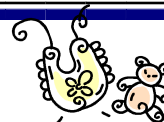
**CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER**

### MAY 2009 STEWARDSHIP

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
5/03	81	\$3,059 General Fund \$114 Wed Night Meals \$ 25 Hardship Fund \$ 5 Youth Missions \$270 Mother's Day Fund
5/10	107	\$1,007.09 General Fund \$ 186.00 Wed Night Meals \$ 45.00 Choir Fund \$1,126.71 Yard Sale
5/17	97	\$1,556.86 General Fund \$ 186.00 Wed Night Meal \$ 237.00 Youth Missions
5/24	87	\$1,451 General Fund \$ 135 Wed Night Meals \$ 212 Delvi Ann Fund
5/31	*	*

\*Will be reported in July Issue of the *Hickory Leaf*.

## NEW ARRIVALS



Bro. Gary and Darla have a new grandson! Declan Patrick was born on May 1, 2009, at 1 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs and 9 ozs. The parents are David & Erin Brock and big brother is Dylan. Declan and his family live in Toronto Canada.

Rick and Hollie Neil...Dean and Jerry Walker.... Oh, and Amanda and Brandon too, welcome a new baby to their family!! Gabriel Dean Neil Sanders was born on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 5:01. Gabriel weighted in at 7.78 pounds and is 19 3/4 inches long.

Welcome to our world, little ones!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER

They're having Twin Boys!!

Honoring: Felicia Bratcher & Joseph Seay

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Time: 6—9 p.m.

Place: Shoney's, 546 Donelson Pk

Hosted by: Lavern Hicks (573-9850)  
Donna Bratcher (872-9985)



Please come and celebrate our excitement and joy! Ladies and gentlemen are invited! Registered at Walmart, Target and Babies R' Us . Please R.S.V.P.

## June 2009 Volunteers

DATE	SCRIPTURE	READER	CHILDREN'S SERMON	NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	COMMUNION STEWARDS
6/07	Ephesians 6:10-18	Gene Parker	Cathy Caldwell	Kelly G. Elizabeth E.	Porter, Ethel B., Sissy L., Debbie W.
6/14	Colossians 2:20 - 3:8	Teressa Watson	Bro. Gary	Cindy B. Mary W.	
6/21	Colossians 3:17-4:1	Miranda Bilbrey	Emalie Egan	Courtney B. Margaret W.	
6/28	Colossians 4:2-6; Ephesians 6:23	Shari Adair	Mitzi Anderson	Stephanie B. Brianna C.	



## RECIPE CORNER

### Corn Casserole (Good Grub Recipe)

- 1 can cream style corn
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1 each 8 oz. carton sour cream
- 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix

Melt butter and mix with eggs. Fold in sour cream. Add both types of corn and cornmeal mix and stir well. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

## FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTES

*A request was sent out for folks to send in remembrances, humorous stories, or just whatever they wanted to say about their dads for this June newsletter. So here we share with you their stories.*

My father was a farmer with a strong work ethic. Late afternoons when he would come in from working all day in the field, he would lie down on the living room floor to get some rest and probably to ease body stiffness from being in the same position on the tractor all day long. I'm sure he needed some peace, but my little brother and I took his being on the floor as a signal that he wanted to play; and we would come running and pile onto him for some floor wrestling. He never told us to go away or that he would play with us later. He would groan good naturedly when he saw me coming and say, "Oh no! Here comes Trouble." Then when my little brother piled on, he would say, "Here comes Double Trouble." Then he would tickle us and play wrestle with us until all three of us were laughing in a heap. Thanks, Dad, for placing our needs above your own.  
~ Shari Adair

My Daddy, Paul Wilson Rhea, knew I was the world's most gullible person, and he never passed up the opportunity to remind me! We often tried to out-do each other with our tricks and unbelievable stories. I was a grown woman with children when Daddy pulled this one. It seems there was an old, one-eyed, three-legged dog named "Bear" whose owner passed away, and all the neighbors adopted him by feeding him and giving him a place to sleep. Daddy said that one day, old Bear just wasn't eating enough to keep a bird alive, and they'd fed him everything they could think of to help him. So he decided to feed the old dog some gasoline. All of a sudden, Bear jumped up and started running around and around in circles with a big smile on his face. Daddy was pleased with himself, and he thought the gasoline had done the trick! Then all of a sudden, Bear just dropped to the ground, panting for breath. I, feeling such compassion for the old mongrel said, "Oh, Daddy that's terrible! Did the poor thing die?" Daddy just hunched his shoulders and said "No, he didn't die, he just ran out of gas!" That was one of Daddy's favorite tales to tell on his truly-blonde daughter, and I wouldn't trade the memory of it for anything! He was truly one of a kind, and I still miss the tricks he played on me.  
~ Jeannie Rhea Gleaves

My granddaddy, Tellie Nanney, was a kind, gentle man. He had a sweet smile, a twinkle in his eye and lots of hugs and kisses for his grandchildren. A fond memory from my childhood is going to Granddaddy's and Granny's house on Sundays after church for lunch and then sitting outside under a shade tree or on the front porch to enjoy the rest of the afternoon. After a while, Granddaddy would put his hand in his overalls pants pocket and pull out a handful of change. He'd take his finger and push aside coins in the palm of his hand until he found what he was looking for. Then he'd look at us grandkids and motion for us to 'come there'. He'd give each of us a quarter or, sometimes, a half dollar. And he'd always give us lots of hugs. I don't remember what I did with those quarters or half dollars, but I'll never forget those hugs and kisses.  
~ Debbie Keith

## FATHER'S DAY FUNNIES



"Fathers are the geniuses of the house because only a person as intelligent as we could fake such stupidity.

Think about your father: He doesn't know where anything is. You ask him to do something, he messes it up and your mother sends you: "Go down and see what your father's doing before he blows up the house." He's a genius at work because he doesn't want to do it, and he knows someone will be coming soon to stop him." -- Bill Cosby

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The little girl was sitting in her father's lap as he read her a goodnight story. From time to time, she would take her eye's off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. By and by she was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke, "daddy, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart" he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh she said," then "daddy, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed honey" he assured her. "God made you just a little while ago." "Oh" she said. Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it now isn't he?"

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My father is so old that when he was in school, history was called current affairs.

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After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room. Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping. His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"




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*As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

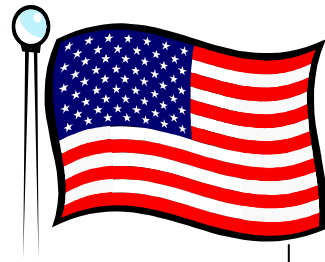
Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

## **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>VBS</b> 	<b>1</b> <b>VBS 5:30P</b>	<b>2</b> BELL CHOIR 6P (B) Tom Withrow Hannah Bobinger George Whitaker (A) Rick & Hollie Neil <b>VBS 5:30P</b>	<b>3</b> BIBLE STUDY 6P CHOIR 6:45p  <b>VBS 5:30P</b>	<b>4</b> <b>VBS COOKOUT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> (B) Chris Keith
<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> (B) Susan Reid	<b>9</b> (B) Matthew Ladd	<b>10</b> WORSHIP COMM 4:45P BIBLE STUDY 6P CHOIR 6:45p (B) Nola Petty	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> (B) Ken Whaley
<b>UMYF AT MT. T.O.P. THIS WEEK</b>						
<b>14</b> FLAG DAY OUTSIDE WORSHIP SVC HBUMC ORCHESTRA PRACTICE	<b>15</b> (A) Mark & Karen Perkins	<b>16</b> LRPC 5P STEWARDSHIP 6P BELL CHOIR 6 (B) Cara Bobinger Stephanie Buttrey Gene Parker	<b>17</b> BIBLE STUDY 6P CHOIR 6:45p	<b>18</b> (A) David & Debbie Keith	<b>19</b> (B) Richard Anderson (A) Ken & Sara Whaley	<b>20</b> (A) Gary & Darla Brock
<b>21</b>  FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEGINS	<b>22</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>23</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>24</b> BIBLE STUDY 6P CHOIR 6:45p (B) Helen Forsythe ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> (B) Margaret Williamson	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> HBUMC ORCHESTRA PRACTICE UMC NIGHT @ THE SOUNDS GAME	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BELL CHOIR 6P (A) Chuck & Gale Porter				

# Flag Day



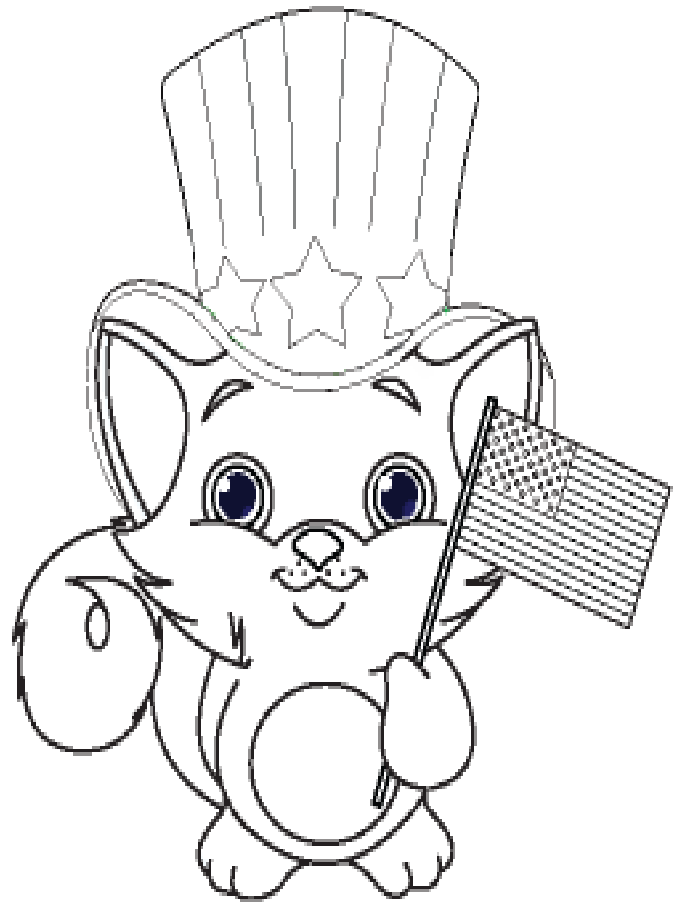
## Flag Day Coloring Page

Flag Day, June 14, marks the anniversary of the adoption by Congress in 1777 of the Stars and Stripes as emblem of the nation. Celebrations of the flag began in local communities throughout the country during the nineteenth century, largely for the purpose of educating children in history. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson, and later, in 1927, President Calvin Coolidge, suggested that June 14 be observed as Flag Day. It was not until August 3, 1949 that the National Flag Day Bill became law, giving official recognition to June 14 to celebrate the flag.

Flag Day is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation.....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon. As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance*

Psalm 33:12



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