

### Those To Serve

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Jim Bangs

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Jim Case

Singing: Johnny Knabe

**Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Bill Cline

### The Record:

#### Attendance:

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

AM 46 PM 31

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [52] PM [33]

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

31 *[Average for the Year]* [32]

#### Contribution:

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Actual \$ 1,958.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 63,118.00

*[Average]* \$ 2,524.72

*[+/- Budget]* \$ (542.00)

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ 618.00

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### Thoughts from Bill:

*"One Nation Under God?"*

*2 Chronicles 7:12-22*

Yesterday, this country celebrated its 250th birthday, and we are truly blessed with many things because of the Declaration of Independence. We have freedom of worship, freedom of assembly, and freedom of speech. Our country is also one of the wealthiest countries in the world, and the average wealth per adult in this country places the US in the top five. However, I believe the thing this country lacks the most is loyalty to God and His word. Are we really *"One Nation Under God?"*

To give an answer to our question under consideration we must look at some key facts concerning our country. First, we look at whether or not this country is following Paul's teaching to obey the laws of the land in

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### Plan of Salvation

#### *Hear*

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

#### *Believe*

Hebrews 11:6

#### *Repent*

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

#### *Confession*

Matthew 10:32, 33

#### *Baptism*

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

### Sermons for July 5, 2026

**A.M.—"One Nation Under God?"**

**P.M.—Blessed Are the Pure in Heart—Lesson from Randy Harris**

**Scripture—2 Chronicles 7:12-22**

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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Romans 13:3, where Paul writes: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." Consider if you will the following statistics of crimes committed in America based on the website OpenCrime.US. A violent crime occurs every 26 seconds in America, with a murder happening every 31 minutes. Rape occurs every 4 minutes, and robbery occurs every 3 minutes. Property crime occurs every 5 seconds and burglary every 40 seconds. Secondly, we look at the morality of this country. Morality has declined in this country because things once done in secret are now committed in the open with little or no shame. Thirdly, let us consider the religious aspect in America. According to recent statistics, there are 370 distinct religious bodies in the US. There are about 29% of adults who are religiously unaffiliated, and this includes atheists, agnostics, and those identifying as "nothing in particular." Even though Americans are getting away from God, I am still grateful for good, moral, and right-doing people in this country.

Next, we explore the question: "Can we be 'one nation under God?'" Unfortunately, the answer would be no, not entirely. Why? Matthew 7:13-14 speaks of two paths that people follow in life, and the majority follow the path of eternal destruction. Others like the Jews of old have hardened their hearts, and some may have reached the point of no return because of a seared conscience. This is a reason that we must strive to lead souls to Jesus before it is too late for them and us.

Our text gives us the path to being "one nation under God." First, as Christians we must be a people who pray for our country and its leaders like Solomon did (2 Chro. 7:12) and like Paul commanded (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Second, we must understand that God and His word hold the answers to ills of any society.

God reminded Solomon that He was the one who had the power to both punish and forgive (v. 13). Lastly, for this country to become "one nation under God," the people must call on God's name as He specified, and humble themselves, pray to Him, and seek His face (v. 14).

I leave you with this. We live in a great country, but it is up to Christians as God's people to make not only this country a better place but also this world by being the kind of people God calls us to be.

### *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Jaxson Barber** is doing better. He is being treated for a parasite that lives in water. **Glen and Eunice Mize** are both struggling with health issues. **Melissa Wood** had an MRI done on Thursday. **Tina May** has two places on her lungs and will see a pulmonologist on August 12. She is trying to get in to see another doctor sooner. **Pam Burrow** is back at Woodlawn. **Millicent Wren** is now home.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Bonita Bangs, Lea Barber, Nancy Duncan, Brantley Elms, Bobby Joe England, Trulee Green, Manda McGough, Pat McGough, Glenda Mitchell, Dalton Philips, and Lavon Rogers

**Elders and Deacons Meeting:** There will be an elders and deacons meeting today at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything to discuss with them, please let them know.

**Romanian Children:** If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Toilet Paper

**Visitation Meeting:** There will be a visitation meeting next Sunday after the evening service.