



# The Beacon



... let us walk in the Lord's light. Isaiah 2:5

## IN GOD WE TRUST

In 1860, the phrase was used in the coat of arms of New Westminster, Canada. During the American Civil War, the 125th Pennsylvania Infantry for the Union Army assumed the motto "In God we trust" in early August 1862. William W. Wallace, coiner, circa August 1862, of the motto "In God We Trust" was Captain of Company C of the 125th Pennsylvania Infantry.

The Reverend Mark R. Watkinson of 'Ridleyville', Pennsylvania, (pastor of Prospect Hill Baptist Church in present-day Prospect Park, Pennsylvania) in a letter dated November 13, 1861, petitioned the Treasury Department to add a statement recognizing "Almighty God in some form on our coins" in order to "relieve us from the ignominy of heathenism". At least part of the motivation was to declare that God was on the Union side of the Civil War. Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase acted on this proposal and directed the then-Philadelphia Director of the Mint, James Pollock, to begin drawing up possible designs that would include the religious phrase. Chase chose his favorite designs and presented a proposal to Congress for the new designs in late 1863.

As Chase was preparing his recommendation to Congress, it was found that the Act of Congress dated January 18, 1837, prescribed the mottoes and devices that should be placed upon the coins of the United States. This meant that the mint could make no changes without the enactment of additional legislation by the Congress. Such legislation was introduced and passed as the Coinage Act of 1864 on April 22, 1864, allowing the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the inclusion of the phrase on one-cent and two-cent coins.



An Act of Congress passed on March 3, 1865, allowed the Mint Director, with the Secretary's approval, to place the motto on all gold and silver coins that "shall admit the inscription thereon". In 1873, Congress passed the Coinage Act, granting that the Secretary of the Treasury "may cause the motto IN GOD WE TRUST to be inscribed on such coins as shall admit of such motto".

After use of the motto on coins began during the 1860s, there have been some coins on which the

motto did not appear. The motto disappeared from the five-cent coin in 1883, and did not reappear until production of the Jefferson nickel began in 1938.

During the Cold War era, the government of the United States sought to distinguish itself from the Soviet Union, which promoted state atheism and thus implemented antireligious legislation. The 84th Congress passed a joint resolution "declaring IN GOD WE TRUST the national motto of the United States".

The resolution passed both the House and the Senate unanimously and without debate. H.R. 619, a bill that required that the inscription "In God we trust" appear on all paper and coin currency, was signed into law by President Eisenhower on July 30, 1956. The United States Code at 36 U.S.C. § 302, now states: "In God we trust' is the national motto."



According to a 2003 joint poll by USA Today, CNN, and Gallup, 90% of Americans support the inscription "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In Judaism and Christianity, the official motto "In God We Trust" is not found verbatim in any verses from the Bible, but very closely in the Old Testament in Psalm 91:2, "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" and in the New Testament in 2 Corinthians 1:10, "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us."

In 2006, on the 50th anniversary of its adoption, the Senate reaffirmed "In God We Trust" as the official national motto of the United States of America. In 2011 the House of Representatives passed an additional resolution reaffirming "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States, in a 396-9 vote.

Beginning July 1, 2019, North Carolina license plate will include the United States motto, "In God We Trust" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numbers and the state motto, "To Be Rather Than To Seem." To apply for a national/state motto license plate at no additional charge, vehicle owners can request the plate at the time of their registration renewal.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In\\_God\\_We\\_Trust](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_God_We_Trust)



*Pastor Dave's*  
**Message**  
for the  
**Month**

We are certainly living in strange days. COVID 19 has affected much in our daily lives. Many are wearing masks and gloves. Businesses are still closed. The businesses that are open have limitations. Social distancing has become the norm. Our schedules and plans have been affected. Our church activities have been greatly affected.

It is disappointing that we have had to cancel our Moldova Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, and our West Virginia Mission Trip. It is also disappointing that right now we can only have Family Worship services. I miss our Sunday School classes meeting. I miss seeing children and youth activities going on at the church. But even in my disappointment God is still in control, He is still working, and He has a plan.

This summer may not look like other summers at church, but God is still working. I am thankful that

our Baptist Women have given out over 100 masks in our community, and now they are working on a way to minister and show the love of Jesus to our Postal workers. I am thankful that we have been able to have our services online, and that we will continue to have our services online. God is using our online presence to reach people who have never stepped foot in our church. These are just a few ways we are impacting our community. The Gospel is still going forth.

I want to challenge all of us, myself included, to look for different ways to do ministry this summer and continue to share the Gospel. Many people are searching for hope, and we have the answer. Second Corinthians 5:20 says, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." So, this summer lets live as God's ambassadors and look for ways to reach people and share the Good News.

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*



*We extend our sympathy and prayers to:*

- ◆ The Family of Dayton Gates in his death
- ◆ Melody Myers and her family, in the death of her mother, and Babs Clayton and her family in the death of her sister, Peggy Simpson
- ◆ William Myers and his family in the death of his mother, Lola Myers
- ◆ Viola Wilkins and her family, in the death of her son, Leonard Wilkins



*Congratulations to*

Vicki & Chris Turner  
on the birth of their son,  
Marshall James Turner,  
born June 24th.

And to the grandparents,  
Vann and Margaret Ann Marshall  
and Gina Simpson.

**Baptist Women News**

The Baptist Women have teamed up with RADA Cutlery. Whether you're an avid cook or hate to cook, there are plenty of products to choose from. Be prepared for upcoming weddings, graduations, and other occasions. By using this link <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946> when you shop, you'll be purchasing high-quality, Made in USA products, while helping our group raise money for mission projects. There is also a catalog on the Baptist Women's table in the church foyer for you to browse through if you are unable to order online. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting the Red Mountain Baptist Women.



**We Received a Thank You Note From:**

- ✍ Linda and Charles Maynard and John and Teresa Hall
- ✍ Kaysi McDaniel



**Building Fund Update**

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected	\$ 586,781
as of June 20, 2020	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 415,219</b>


**July - The National Month of Foods!**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eat Beans Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Apple Turnover day
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Fried Chicken Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Chocolate Day
- Strawberry Sundae Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Sugar Cookie Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Blueberry Muffin Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Pecan Pie Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - French Fries Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Hot Dog Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Peach Ice Cream Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Junk Food Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Wing Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Cheesecake Day



# JULY 2020

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Memory Verse</b></p> <p>“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore <i>you</i> on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:20</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Brenda Owens</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><i>Beth Chambers Sue DeBlanc Phillip Ellis</i></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Family Worship Service 9am &amp; 11am</p> <p><i>Leigh Watson</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Dawne Lewis</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Family Worship Service 9am &amp; 11am</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>James Ellis Lane Ellis</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>Sheila Compton</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><i>Linda Weaver</i></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Family Worship Service 9am &amp; 11am</p> <p><i>Tracie Humphries</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>Jacob Jackson</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>Ellen Clayton Joe Glenn</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Chris Turner</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Hank Taylor Teresa Wrenn</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Lloyd Gresham</i></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Family Worship Service 9am &amp; 11am</p> <p><i>Greta Parker</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Colton Watson</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Lorri Dunn</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>Adelynn Glenn</i></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>Aug 1</b></p> <p><i>Penny Pendleton</i></p>





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## What does the Bible say about... serving in the church?

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." God created each and every one of us with a unique purpose. He equipped us with special personalities and skills so that we might be able to make an impact for His kingdom while on the earth. Christians are referred to as brothers and sisters of a family, or members of the same body. Each person does his part in serving so that the entire body might fulfill its purpose of bringing glory to God.

The skills that God has equipped us with to serve the body of Christ are known as spiritual gifts. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone" (1 Corinthians 12:4-6; see also 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 28; Romans 12:3-8). We all have different gifts, but all of them are equally important in carrying out God's plan on the earth (1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

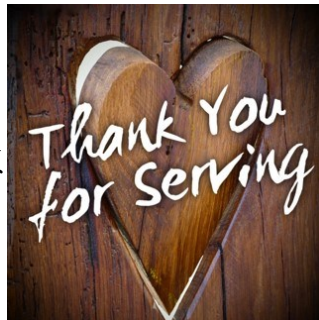
Some of our spiritual gifts are obvious, but others can be difficult to identify. You might discover which spiritual gifts you have, including which ones are the strongest, through prayer, surveys, classes, and serving at your church. You can begin serving before you know your gifts because the experience will give you insight into where you work best, which in turn will help you identify your gifts.

Once you have identified your spiritual gifts you should find a way to use those gifts to serve your local church community. We are all called to serve, and to do so with love (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Endless service from a wrong heart will do no good. But when we serve out of love, God is glorified.

Here are some ways that you can serve in your local church:

- Join the worship team
- Become an usher greeting visitors and helping

- with the offering and communion
- Become a youth leader or mentor
- Teach Sunday school or volunteer in the nursery
- Help clean the facilities or maintain the building and grounds
- Work in the technology and sound booth
- Help with administrative and secretarial work
- Lead outreach programs for the community
- Lead missions trips
- Organize food and support for families in crisis
- Become a prayer partner
- Become a church elder or board member
- Provide pastoral care services
- Provide counseling services for members of the congregation
- Visit people in the hospital or send encouraging cards to others in the congregation



There is a lot of work to be done for the kingdom of Christ, but few people willing to do the work (Matthew 9:37). So don't be afraid to simply start serving; there is a place for you. As you serve, trust that God will equip you, guide you, and give you joy for the work.

Find delight in doing the things He has planned for you (Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." ; Colossians 3:17, 23 - "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,").

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/serving-in-the-church.html>

The Nominating Team has begun collecting the *Serving Within the Body of Christ Surveys*. Please take the time to complete a survey and return to Pastor Dave, Cameron Lewis, Hank Taylor, Heather Glenn, Sheila Compton, Sheila Sanders, or Terry Carden. There really is something for everyone to do. You can pick up a survey in the church foyer, or go to our website and print the form - <https://redmountainbaptist.com/Serving-within-the-Body-of-Christ-Survey.pdf> .