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David's Devotional Independence Day

July 2nd, 1776, fifty-six people from all walks of life came together and signed the Declaration of Independence which was adopted on July 4th.

These people were farmers, lawyers, merchants, physicians, printers, scientists, land speculators, plantation owners, musicians, military officers, and even ministers!

The signers ranged from 26 years old to 70 years old. A few had no children. One had 18 children! One was not married while some were in their second marriage. One lived to be 95 years old. One of the two 26 year old signers died at age 30.

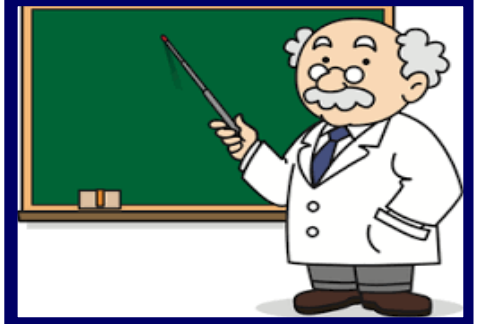
The signers were all men, but an official printing was done of the document a few months after it was signed. At the bottom of the printed document is *"Printed by Mary Katherine Goddard"*.

Men and women from all walks of life and interests were united when they declared this nation's independence from British rule.

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Christians are set free from sin by the blood of the Son of God! *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."* John 8:36

Regardless of our background, gender, culture, etc. shouldn't we be united as we Declare our Independence through Christ? David Conley



An Interesting Quote:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Beginning statement of The Declaration of Independence

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding." Isaiah 40:28

Thomas Jefferson is recognized as the main author of the Declaration of Independence. The very first sentence mentions God, the Creator.

If we remove God from our lives and our country, we remove everything of real value!

Did You Know?

The Declaration of Independence is written and signed on a single page, but this is written on the back:

"Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."

When there is only one of a thing, it is very valuable! Nothing can replace it!

There is only one God! He is worthy to be worshiped. Don't accept anything less!
"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3

What Happened?

Gospel Meetings, Singings, & VBS



Cox Boulevard



Second Street



Red Bay



Spring Valley

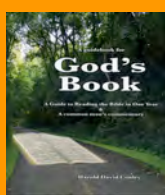


Frankfort Road



Pleasant Grove

When we support sister congregations we hear some great lessons, see some fine folks, and have the opportunity to encourage and be encouraged!



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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Tonsils Removed

Mrs. Hester was my third-grade teacher at New Bethel. I told her that I couldn't take next Monday's test because I had to have my tonsils taken out.

She assured me that I would be back in plenty of time for the test. She had known many kids who had their tonsils removed. It was not going to be a big deal.

Daddy took us to the Colbert County hospital in the Basden's cab that he drove. It was nice of them to let us use it. Dr. Gary seemed to be a nice man. Seemed old to me, but still nice. When I went back to the room after the surgery, Mama had a concerned look on her face. I was ready to go home. Mama told me not to get my hopes up. Dr. Gary came into the room. He told us that I could go home. Mama objected. He insisted. I was glad!

My five brothers and sisters gathered around when Mama and Daddy brought me home. They asked all kinds of questions. What are those red streaks running from his face to his chest? Why doesn't he have a neck? Since he doesn't want his ice cream, can I have it? Why does he get to sleep on the couch?

The next Monday I heard the school bus outside. Everyone was getting on it except me. I overslept! Mama told me I would not be going to school that day. Mrs. Hester would send my work home to me by my brother, Dale. She did this for a MONTH! Though I missed a month of school in the third grade, I still passed to the fourth grade.

There can be no doubt God blessed me during that period in many ways. I guess everyone was a bit upset with Dr. Gary. However, I needed my tonsils out. We couldn't do it ourselves. He did the job. So why worry about it? **Luke 12:26** *"If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?"* Thanks Dr. Gary!

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I'm FREE!



A farmer had two dogs.

One dog was very obedient. If the farmer said, "Sit" the dog would obey. If the farmer said, "Stay" the dog would not move. The dog would jump into the back of the truck whenever the farmer opened the tailgate. He would not leave the truck unless he was given permission. In fact, anything the farmer asked of the dog the dog would obey without hesitation!

The other dog would never obey. The dog was actually quite wild. He had bitten the neighbors and had killed several of their chickens. When the farmer would release him, the dog would run all over the neighborhood destroying trash cans and gardens. When he arrived home he was always dirty, bruised, and bleeding.

The farmer kept one dog tied with a rope in the backyard. The other dog was free to play in the yard, ride to town, and take walks in the field with the farmer.

Which dog was FREE? The one that OBEYED THE RULES! Without RULES and LAW there IS NO REAL FREEDOM!

Christ said that he can make us FREE INDEED (**John 8:36**).

However, we must OBEY His commandments. (**John 14:15**)

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher was listening to his police scanner. An officer was sent to a shopping mall parking lot. A woman had called and reported that when she got into her car, she found that someone had stolen the CD Player, the Steering Wheel, and the Foot Pedals! A few minutes later the officer called in and canceled the emergency. The woman had gotten into the back seat!

The preacher thought about **Proverbs 18:17** *"The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him."!*