

America 250 at the Creek
Saturday and Sunday, July 4 & 5

God Created Three Primary Institutions for Our Good:

- Family
- Church
- Government

Psalm 33:12, *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.*

John Jay – President of Congress, Signer of the Treaty of Paris, Author of the Federalist Papers, Original Chief Justice of the Supreme Court:

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

September 10, 1782 – First Printed Bible in the U.S. by Robert Aitken:

Congressional Endorsement: “Whereupon, resolved, that the United States in Congress assembled highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken, as subservient to the interest of religion, as well as an instance of the progress of arts in this country, and being satisfied from the above report of his care and accuracy in the execution of the work, they recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States, and hereby authorize him to publish this recommendation in the manner he shall think proper.”

Benjamin Franklin – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Signer of the Constitution, Governor of Pennsylvania:

He declared during the Constitutional Convention on June 28, 1787: “I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the

more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice [Matthew 10:29, Luke 12:6], is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid [Daniel 4:17, Psalm 75:7]? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that “except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it” [Psalm 127:1]. I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel [Genesis 11:1-9].”

Benjamin Franklin to Ezra Stiles on March 9, 1790: “As to Jesus of Nazareth, my opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals and his religion, as he left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see...”

Roger Sherman – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and Signer of the Constitution:

“I subscribe to the entire belief of the great and leading doctrines of the Christian religion, such as the being of God; the universal defection and depravity of human nature; the divinity of the person and the completeness of the redemption purchased by the blessed Savior; the necessity of the operations of the Divine Spirit; of divine faith accompanied with a habitual virtuous life... I exhort and charge that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, that the way of life held up in the Christian system is calculated for the most complete happiness that can be enjoyed in this mortal state.”

“God commands all men everywhere to repent. He also commands them to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and has assured us that all who do repent and believe shall be saved... (John 16:24, Revelation 22:17, John 6:37)”

James Wilson – Signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution:

“Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other... Our all-gracious Creator, Preserver, and Ruler has been pleased to discover and enforce His laws by a revelation given to us immediately and directly from Himself. This revelation is contained in the Holy Scriptures.”

John Witherspoon – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Ratifier of the Constitution & President of Princeton University:

“Christ Jesus – the promise of old made unto the fathers, the hope of Israel [Acts 28:20], the light of the world [John 8:12], and the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth [Romans 10:4] – is the only Savior of sinners... as He Himself says (John 14:6): ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.’”

“There is no salvation in any other than in Jesus Christ of Nazareth.”

“It is very evident that both the prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles in the New are at great pains to give us a view of the glory and dignity of the person of Christ. With what magnificent titles is He adorned! What glorious attributes are ascribed to him! ... All these conspire to teach us that He is truly and properly God – God over all, blessed forever!”

Benjamin Rush – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Ratifier of the Constitution, Father of American Medicine & Public Schools:

“The Gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are

enabled to obey them in all situations! ... My only hope of salvation is in the infinite transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins [Acts 22:16]. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly! [Revelation 22:20]”

“I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of inspiration, but I am as satisfied that it is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament.”

“The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools.”

“Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and... in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy.”

Samuel Adams – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Father of the American Revolution, Ratifier of the Constitution and Governor of Massachusetts:

“I rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.”

John Adams – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Signed Bill of Rights, Second President of the US:

“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”

“The Christian religion is, above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity and humanity.”

“I have examined all religions, and the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world.”

“Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

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Charles Carroll – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Framer of the Bill of Rights:

“On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits, not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.”

John Hancock – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, President of Congress, Revolutionary General:

He called on the entire state of Massachusetts to pray “that universal happiness may be established in the world and that all may bow to the scepter of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the whole earth be filled with His glory.”

Thomas Jefferson – Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Governor of Virginia, 3rd President of the United States:

“The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend all to the happiness of man.”

“I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.”

James Madison – Signer of the Constitution, Framer of the Bill of Rights, 4th President of the United States:

“A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven...”