



That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height.
Ephesians 3: 17-18



“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” -Psalms 33:12

There are moments in history when the spiritual destiny of a nation stands at a crossroads. Today, America finds itself in such a moment. As waves of revival and awakening stir across the land, Psalms 33:12 rings with renewed significance: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” This ancient truth pulses through the fabric of our national story—and is again becoming a rallying cry for millions who believe that America’s future hinges not merely on politics or policies, but on her relationship with Almighty God.

The Seeds of Revival in America

From the First Great Awakening of the 18th century to the Azusa Street Revival and the Jesus Movement of the 20th, the United States has a profound history of spiritual outpouring. Each of these awakenings shared a common thread: a return to God, repentance, and a fresh zeal to live as a nation “whose God is the Lord.”

Today, reports of revival gatherings on college campuses, mass prayer meetings, and a resurgence of hunger for biblical truth suggest that the embers of spiritual awakening are once again glowing. People sense that America cannot continue on a path of moral confusion and cultural division without divine intervention. There is a growing conviction that, as Psalms 33:10-11 declares, “The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.” Human plans may falter, but God’s purposes prevail.

The Role of Leadership and Faith

In Scripture, national revival often paralleled righteous leadership. Kings like Josiah tore down idols and led their people back to covenant faithfulness, resulting in seasons of divine blessing. Psalms 33:12 not only speaks of God’s favor upon nations that acknowledge Him but also implies that leaders play a crucial role in turning the hearts of people toward the Lord.

In modern America, the intersection of politics and faith is increasingly visible. One of the most striking examples in the current administration under President Donald J. Trump has been the open acknowledgment of God’s place in governance. Secretary of Defense, The Honorable Pete Hegseth, has made headlines for leading prayer within the Pentagon—a move both symbolic and substantive. At a time when expressions of faith in public institutions are often contested, Hegseth’s actions declare that God’s guidance is welcome in the highest levels of national defense.

This is significant for two reasons. First, it underscores that spiritual revival is not merely a grassroots phenomenon; it can and should penetrate the corridors of power. Second, it serves as a prophetic act aligning America’s leadership with the principle of Psalms 33:12—that a nation’s blessing is tied to its acknowledgment of the Lord.

Standing with Israel: A Covenant Connection

Another critical dimension of America’s spiritual alignment concerns her stance toward Israel. Genesis 12:3 records God’s words to Abraham: Genesis 12:3 (NKJV) records God’s words to Abraham:

**“I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

This covenant promise has never been rescinded. Nations that bless Israel historically experience favor; those that oppose her often find themselves mired in strife.

Under the Trump administration, America’s relationship with Israel reached historic milestones. The decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and move the U.S. Embassy there was not merely a political maneuver—it was a profound alignment with biblical prophecy and covenant truth. Psalms 33:12 reminds us that God watches over nations, weighing how they honor His chosen people.

Secretary Pete Hegseth’s vocal support for Israel reinforces this alignment. His prayers and public statements echo the conviction that America’s security, prosperity, and moral clarity are intertwined with her willingness to stand alongside the Jewish state. In a world where anti-Israel sentiment is on the rise, such leadership embodies the promise: **“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”**

Spiritual Battle and Divine Counsel

America’s current revival is not emerging in a vacuum. There is fierce opposition in the spiritual realm. Cultural conflicts, ideological battles, and rising hostility toward biblical values are signs of a nation grappling with deep spiritual forces. Psalms 33:10-12 is instructive: **“The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.”**

Political parties, media empires, and global institutions may strategize, but God remains sovereign. His counsel stands forever. No matter how powerful human forces appear, revival belongs to the Lord. This truth fuels hope for believers interceding for America’s future.

As faith increasingly finds expression in public leadership—whether through prayer at the Pentagon or policies supporting religious freedom and Israel—it serves as a spiritual signal. It tells the watching world that America still has a remnant committed to being a nation “whose God is the Lord.”

A Call to Align with God’s Purposes

Psalms 33:12 is not a promise to America simply because of her past. It is a conditional blessing tied to the nation’s present and future relationship with God. The verse calls the people to examine their hearts, repent, and realign with the Lord’s purposes.

Revival is not confined to church buildings or prayer rallies. It must permeate every sphere: government, education, media, the military, and families. Leaders like Secretary Hegseth remind us that the presence of God in the Pentagon can be just as significant as revival in a college chapel. Both are vital expressions of a people choosing the Lord as their God.

As America stands on the cusp of what many believe could be a Third Great Awakening, the words of Psalms 33 offer both warning and hope. God will frustrate the counsel of those who oppose His ways. Yet for the nation that embraces Him, there is blessing beyond measure.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. May this be America’s declaration, not merely in word, but in deed. And may the Lord’s plans, which endure forever, bring about the revival and awakening our nation so desperately needs. *

*By Phil Hotsenpiller

American Faith, June 30, 2025



Last week was amazing for the Jones family. **Thank you** for celebrating our birthdays in such a generous manner. We love you and appreciate your love for us.



Bradley and the Propel Kids left for Camp Anchorage Monday afternoon. The camp is located at Lake Waccamaw, N.C. Please pray for the campers, the guest preacher, and the counselors. The group will return to the church on Friday afternoon.

Sign up!

We have a few signup sheets in the foyer that may need your attention.

- This Saturday, the Sonshine Club will meet in the Family Life Center for a special Independence Day meal and fellowship. Brother Joe and Ms. Tracey will be preparing hot dogs and hamburgers for the event. All our seniors are invited for some July 4th fun.
- Please let Brother Bradley know if you would like to attend the Propel Kids Family Night scheduled for July 12th. This event is for the entire family to enjoy! Games and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- The church's Vacation Bible School will be held every Sunday evening in August. This year's theme is "Wonder Junction." We will need a lot of volunteers! Please pray about lending a helping hand to make this year's V.B.S. an awesome event.



The God Man Conference will be held August 1-2 at the New Life Church in New Bern, N.C. We normally take a group down Friday afternoon for the evening services and come back the same day. This is ALWAYS a very rewarding time of fellowship, and I encourage every man in the church to make time to attend. The God Man Conference is a two-day event. Please let me know if you would like to attend both days. They have special rates at the local hotels for the event.



Our Schedule at the church will be a little different in July. Please mark your calendars.

- The office and daycare will be closed this Friday, July 4th.
- Cindy and I will be on vacation July 4th- 11th. Because I am out of town, there will be some guest preachers.
- Rev. Terry Hardison will bring our July 6th Sunday morning message. Please come and hear how the Lord will direct this wonderful man of God. Sometimes when the preacher is away, folks will miss church. Please don't let that be you!
- Brother Bradley will preach on Wednesday, July 9th. How exciting!
- The Sunday evening services will still be on Facebook while we are on vacation.
- Our 2nd quarter business meeting will be held on July 20th after the Sunday morning service. There are several items that need each member's attention. We will vote on:
 - The second quarter budgets (month and quarter)*
 - Allowing Michelle Beamon to replace Glenda Carroll as the Office Administrator. *
 - Hiring someone to repair and resurface the parking lot. *
 - Seeking a part-time music person to help Bro. Randy with the music in the church. Specifically, someone to lead the choir. Brother Randy has indicated his workload and health will not allow him to continue to serve in this role at the church. *
 - Enclosing the existing carport for the church vehicles. *

*These motions will be in the church foyer on Sunday, July 13th, for your review. I am giving us another week to review and discuss the motions being presented. Please see me if you have any questions or concerns. Hopefully, after my vacation. 😊

- **There will not be a church newsletter the week I am on vacation.** 😞

prayer

The Prayer Needs in the church this week are listed below.

- **Judith Grant**- Please pray for Ms. Judith! Please pray specifically for her lungs to function normally.
- **Patricia Register**- Please continue to pray for our dear sister as she receives dialysis treatments.
- **William and Gail Pridgen**-Let's pray for Ms. Gail. Her chemo treatments are finished, and we are waiting for the results from the PET scan to see if she is cancer-free. William is recovering from his recent surgery.
- **Bobby and Shirley Dew**-Both of these wonderful seniors are struggling with health issues. Bobby is having fainting spells, and Ms. Shirley is suffering from stomach problems.
- **Amber Dew** (Dennison's wife)-Amber is struggling with cancer. She is having a very difficult time.
- **Brinson Gaynor**-This young man is pastor Hal and Cindy's grandson. Brinson is doing much better. He has started a new treatment plan that appears to be working.
- **Please pray for Israel and America**
- **Marlene Watson**- Marlena was in a house fire and severely burned. She is currently at the UNC Burn Unit. In Chapel Hill.
- **Judy Jones**-Judy is Paul Thorpe's sister. She has cancer.
- **Sue Bisette**-Please pray for Sue as she recovers from cataract surgery.
- **Earlene Pitts**-Many of you know she has been struggling with Parkinson's disease for years. She is having a very difficult time. Please pray for Brother Gene and Ms. Earlene as they navigate this season of life.
- **Charles Price Sr.** -Charles is having to use larger oxygen bottles to enjoy a good quality of life. Let's pray he regains his strength.
- **Jimmy Barnes**- Even with cancer, Jimmy continues to enjoy this season of life. His treatments are working, and your prayers are making a difference.
- **Bradley Reel**-Let's pray for this young man's ministry at White Oak. He is currently at Camp Anchorage.
- **Morris Joyner**-Brother Morris has cancer and needs our prayers.
- **A.W. and Bernice Pitts**- This sweet couple is struggling physically. Please pray for them and this season of physical difficulty. Bernice fell and broke her arm.
- **Our young adults**-Many of our young adults are struggling to find a job. Let's pray that the Lord will open the right door for a promising career.
- **Debra Pierce**-Debra is battling some extreme health problems. Pray the medications continue to help.
- **Melisa Belcher**-Melisa's P.T. is going well, but she and her dad (Donald) are still hurting from the loss of Ms. Teresa. The family will have to make some major decisions in the days ahead regarding his care.
- **Arlene Brown**-Ms. Arlene is struggling to get rid of a persistent cough.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Hal W. Jones III

Pastor Hal
Galatians 2:20



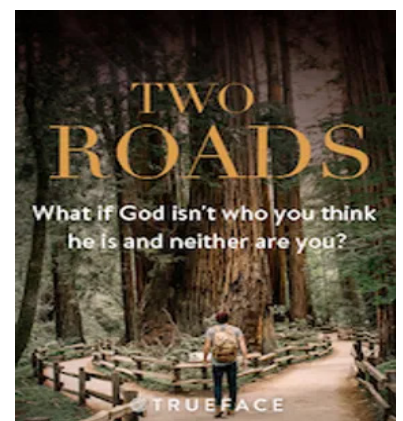
Church Attendance

June 25th	
Wednesday Night	79
June 29th	
Sunday School	87
Sunday Morning Worship	148



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— Jim

My mother was a dialysis patient at Loma Linda. She had so many medical issues that we were constantly at the hospital. They always had the *Our Daily Bread* in the waiting room on the 4th floor. As a young teenager I always found great comfort in reading it. By having your little book available it helped me through a very hard time. Thank you very much.

— Debbie

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Thank you for giving and praying for us as we establish ourselves in Argentina and share the gospel with Israelis. We are grateful to have you partnering with us in reaching Jewish people with the gospel.

In Messiah,
Stephen and Jenna Arnold

PS: If you're wondering why our daughter is not in the photo, don't worry. She's doing fine. She just didn't want to be in the photo for whatever reason.



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