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**Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose  
God is the LORD; ...  
July 4, 2026**



Gary L. Norris  
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Dear Joseph,

No matter what goes on in our church on Sunday mornings, it is always a glorious service. We always have good fellowship ... just the opportunity to be with our brothers and sisters in Christ ... and this is why we come together and worship our Lord and Savior.



Monday was a normal day with our normal activities; however, Tuesday was an exceptional day as we had the "Academy Of Arts" group with us from Taylor, South Carolina. They are certainly a professional group and certainly put on a wonderful play called "NO PLACE TO FLEE". Their performance brings the Bible alive, and this performance was certainly appropriate with our 250th anniversary of the United States of America being celebrated. It made you think how easy it would be for us to become a nation controlled without our religious rights.

We didn't have a Wednesday night service because of our Tuesday program.

Thursday and Friday were office days. This was actually a easy week.

Today I was with Mike Pruitte and his family for a nice 4 of July meal.

We are gearing up for a special service tomorrow ... "God and Country Sunday"

Have A Wonderful 4th Of July ...  

Let us continue to pray  one for another.



Academy Of Arts Play



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Master Chef, Pastor Mike Pruitte, Preparing Our Fourth Of July Meal

# Saturday Eve Barna-Post

## **“Thoughts To Ponder”** **“Declaration Of Independence”**

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

As the thirteen American colonies from New Hampshire to Georgia kept growing, the colonial leaders became increasingly dissatisfied with the rule of Great Britain. Finally on July 4, 1776, they officially adopted the Declaration Of Independence, thus marking the beginning of the United States of America. The most widely known sentence of that famous historical Document reads like this: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable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 our Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” While our human nature wants to claim rights and be independent, we should humbly recognize our ongoing dependence on the Creator mentioned in the Declaration.

In Acts 17, Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill could well serve as our “Declaration of **Dependence**.” Like the Declaration of Independence, it mentions the equality of mankind: God has “made of one blood all nations of men.” Paul also said that our Creator has endowed us with life, along with “breath and all things;” and Paul acknowledged that our very being is **Dependant** on God.

Paul wrote elsewhere about spiritual liberty. Christ has made us free from the bondage of the Law. That is, we are free from trying to earn salvation by keeping the Law.

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.


By itself, the pursuit of happiness is “vanity vexation of spirit,” As King Solomon found out (Ecclesiastes 2:11).

True happiness comes to those who serve God and bring joy to others.

William Penn said that liberty without obedience is confusion, and obedience without liberty is slavery.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

We live in the greatest nation on planet Earth. May we always give God the glory

and...may we never take our freedom for granite 

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT 

Your Barnabas,  
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Sinner Saved By Grace 

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