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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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HAPPY 242 BIRTHDAY!!





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Dear Readers,

It's too HOT for me! Wow! The temperature here in Detroit, MI, where I live, is nearly 100 degrees! It is muggy and so steamy! I don't like it! I HATE IT!

Another thing that I don't like is...all of the noise...BANG! POP! BOOM! BANG! BANG! Yes, another year of fireworks and noise right outside my house, around the corner, and down the street. I am tired of it!

Well, enough with my complaining. It's the 4th of July! It's America's time of celebrating our country's BIRTHDAY! So, fireworks are popular for this very special holiday.

In my anger and frustration about the blaring and booming fireworks, I always wonder does anyone care about the importance of this holiday? Is it all about the cookouts, fireworks, vacations, entertainment, shopping for summer deals, yard sales, home improvement projects, and other things that happen on this holiday?

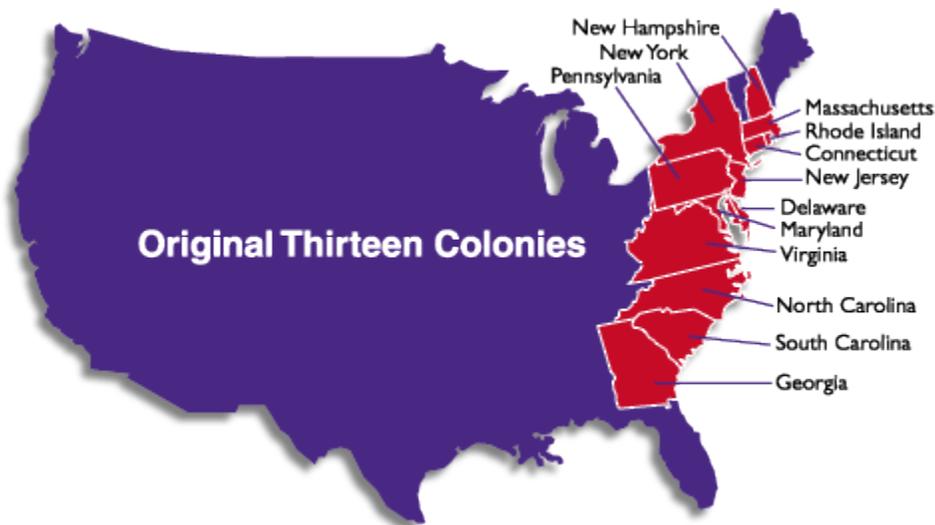
The answer of course is, NO! There are decades of history concerning this country. We cannot forget it! We should never ignore it! We must never fail to honor it!

In this issue of The Lamp Newsletter, I am giving you an assignment to go back and refresh yourself about America's history. Get your family involved. Rather than just cookout, have firework parties and do all of the things you usually do during the

4th of July, I want to encourage you to get on the computer and study some facts about this holiday. Right, I said it. This is something that will open the door to discussion and insight, too. Come on! Give it a try!

What is the significance of this map?

Why are there just 13 colonies in the United States?



How many stars are on this flag? Why?

How many stripes are red? How many stripes are white?

What is the total count of all the stripes on this flag?

What do the stripes represent?

July 4, 1776
United States of America/Founded

(Native Americans Indians) Based on that date, we are 525 Years Old. They say we became an independent nation in 1776. That is when the Declaration of Independence was signed. Based on this more likely scenario, we are now 242 years old.

If we start to count from the date that the Declaration of Independence was adopted (July 4, 1776) the United States of America will be 242 years old on July 4, 2018. It is with the approval of the Declaration of Independence by the thirteen original colonies that the United States ceased to be a British colony, and found its political identity as a sovereign country and an independent nation. The nation-building process was indeed a long and difficult task but the strength of the US is in its ability to constantly evolve and adapt to new global and domestic challenges.



Why was the Declaration of Independence written?

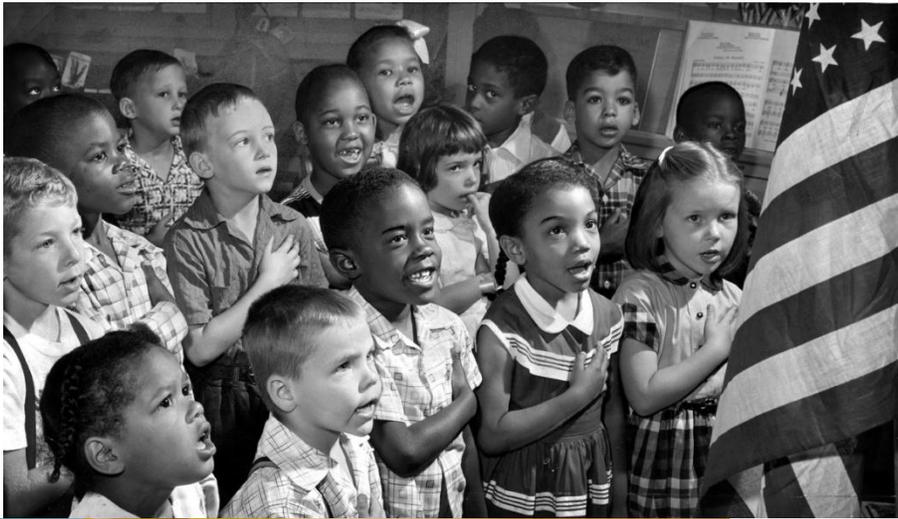
When was it written?

Who wrote it?

What is the date on this important document?

Where is it?

The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag



In the 1950's, when I was in elementary school, we always saluted the flag and said "The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag." It was a normal and daily routine at school. The teachers and students looked forward to this duty. It was an honor!

Even when I taught school in the 1970's to 1990's, we said "The Pledge". Students expected this to happen. There were no questions about it.

However, I do remember....in my college years in 1968 to 1972...there was a change. African Americans had strong feelings about doing this. There were many revolts and demonstrations against this citizen act.

Now, over the last 10 years or more athletes, various citizens, radical sects, racial groups and others strongly feel they have a choice to pledge or not. Many find it offensive and wrong for Americans to rebel and speak out against pledging to the flag.



The Pledge of Allegiance



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I pledge
allegiance to the
Flag of the
United States of
America, and to the
Republic for which it
stands, one Nation
UNDER GOD,
indivisible,
with liberty and
justice for all.

The History of the Flag of the United States of America

The United States Flag is the third oldest of the National Standards of the world; older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France.

The flag was first authorized by Congress June 14, 1777. This date is now observed as Flag Day throughout America.

The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. It was first under fire for three days later in the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

It was first decreed that there should be a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of both; for the states at the time had just been erected from the original thirteen colonies.

The colors of the Flag may be thus explained: The red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope purity, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth.

The star (an ancient symbol of India, Persia and Egypt) symbolized dominion and sovereignty, as well as lofty aspirations. The constellation of the stars within the union, one star for each state, is emblematic of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the States their individual sovereignty except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal Government.

The symbolism of the Flag was thus interpreted by Washington: "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

In 1791, Vermont, and in 1792, Kentucky were admitted to the Union and the number of stars and stripes was raised to fifteen in correspondence. As other states came into the Union it became evident there would be too many stripes. So in 1818 Congress enacted that the number of stripes be reduced and restricted henceforth to thirteen representing the thirteen original states; while a star should be added for each succeeding state. That law is the law of today.

The name "Old Glory" was given to our National Flag August 10, 1831, by Captain William Driver of the brig Charles Doggett.

The Flag was first carried in battle at the Brandywine, September 11, 1777. It first flew over foreign territory January 28, 1778, at Nassau, Bahama Islands; Fort Nassau having been captured by the American in the course of the war for independence.

The first foreign salute to the flag was rendered by the french admiral LaMotte Piquet, off Quiberon Bay, February 13, 1778.

The United States Flag is unique in the deep and noble significance of its message to the entire world, a message of national independence, of individual liberty, of idealism, of patriotism.

It symbolizes national independence and popular sovereignty. It is not the Flag of a reigning family or royal house, but of 205 million free people welded into a Nation, one and inseparable, united not only by community of interest, but by vital unity of sentiment and purpose; a Nation distinguished for the clear individual conception of its citizens alike of their duties and their privileges, their obligations and their rights.

It incarnates for all mankind the spirit of Liberty and the glorious ideal of human Freedom; not the freedom of unrestraint or the liberty of license, but an unique ideal of equal opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, safeguarded by the stern and lofty principles of duty, of righteousness and of justice, and attainable by obedience to self-imposed laws.

Floating from lofty pinnacle of American Idealism, it is a beacon of enduring hope, like the famous Bartholdi Statue of Liberty enlightening the World to the oppressed of all lands. It floats over a wondrous assemblage of people from every racial stock of the earth whose united hearts constitute an indivisible and invincible force for the defense and succor of the downtrodden.

It embodies the essence of patriotism. Its spirit is the spirit of the American nation. Its history is the history of the American people. Emblazoned upon its folds in letters of living light are the names and fame of our heroic dead, the Fathers of the Republic who devoted upon its altars their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Twice told tales of National honor and glory cluster thickly about it. Ever victorious, it has emerged triumphant from eight great National conflicts. It flew at Saratog, at Yorktown, at Palo Alto, at Gettysburg, at Minala bay, at Chateau-Thierry, at Iwo Jima. It bears witness to the immense expansion of our national boundaries, the development of our natural resources, and the splendid structure of our civilization. It prophesies the triumph of popular government, of civic and religious liberty and of national righteousness throughout the world.

The flag first rose over thirteen states along the Atlantic seaboard, with a population of some three million people. Today it flies over fifty states, extending across the continent and over great islands of the two oceans; and two hundred and five million owe it allegiance. It has been brought to this proud position by love and sacrifice. Citizens have advanced it and heroes have died for it. It is the sign made visible of

the strong spirit that has brought liberty and prosperity to the people of America. It is the flag of all us alike. Let us accord it honor and loyalty.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"**The Star-Spangled Banner**" is the [national anthem](#) of the [United States](#). The lyrics come from "Defence of Fort M'Henry",^[2] a [poem](#) written on September 14, 1814, by the then 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet [Francis Scott Key](#) after witnessing the bombardment of [Fort McHenry](#) by British ships of the [Royal Navy](#) in Baltimore Harbor during the [Battle of Baltimore](#) in the [War of 1812](#). Key was inspired by the large [U.S. flag](#), with 15 stars and 15 stripes, known as the [Star-Spangled Banner](#), flying triumphantly above the fort during the U.S. victory.

The poem was set to the tune of a popular British song written by [John Stafford Smith](#) for the [Anacreontic Society](#), a men's social club in London. "[To Anacreon in Heaven](#)" (or "The Anacreontic Song"), with various lyrics, was already popular in the United States. Set to Key's poem and renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner", it soon became a well-known U.S. patriotic song. With a [range](#) of 19 semitones, it is known for being very difficult to sing. Although the poem has four [stanzas](#), only the first is commonly sung today.

Here is the first stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner." This stanza is popularly sung.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

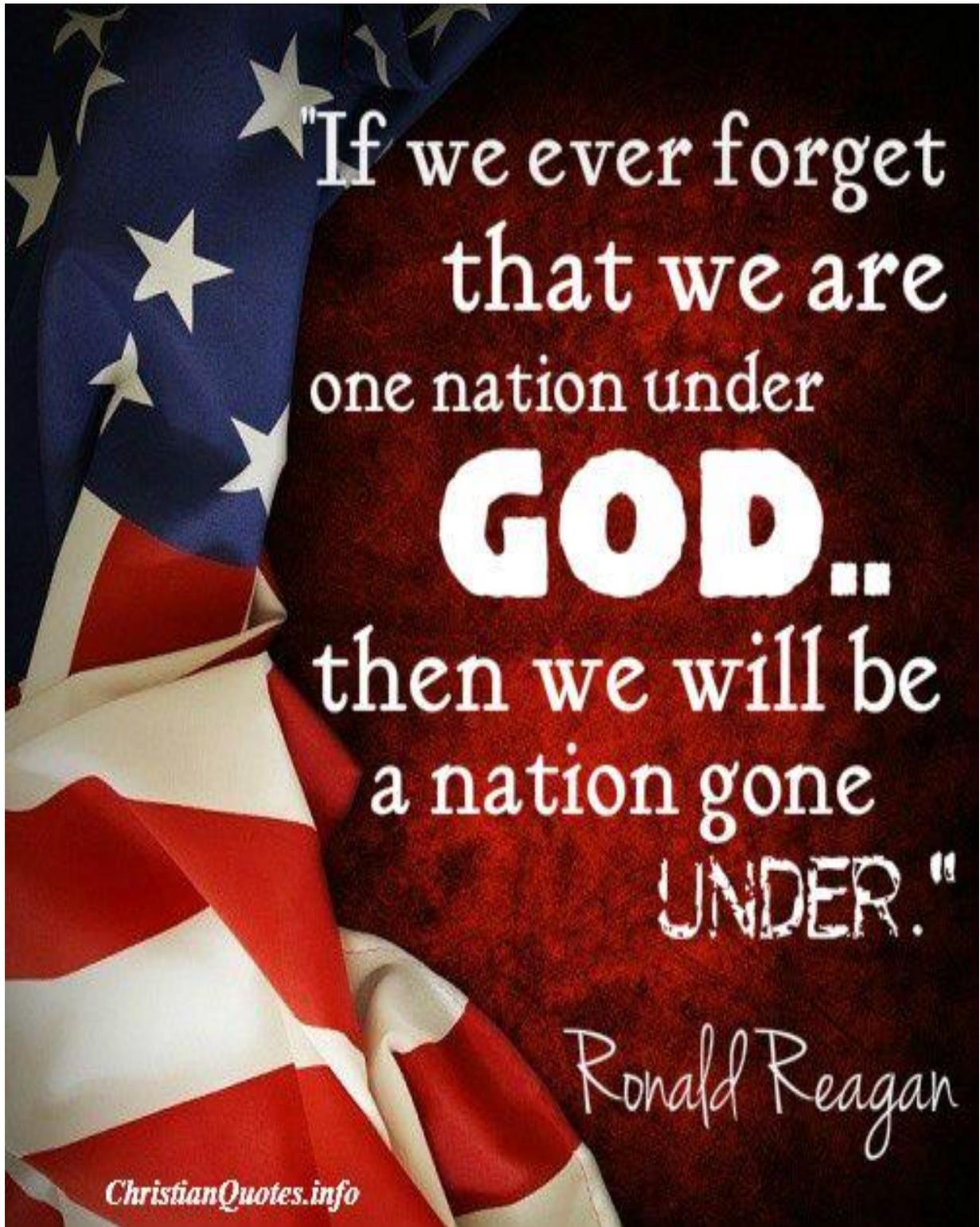
Author Ramelle T. Lee's Annual 4th of July Ministry Projects



For over five years, God has helped Ramelle to bless many people with special patriotic gifts to celebrate "Independence Day." How wonderful! She has done a tremendous job with her outreach ministry, *TOUCHING YOUR HEART MINISTRIES*. Ramelle's gifts included: handmade patriotic Keepsake Bouquets, flags of the USA, patriotic pinwheels, large poster stars, and various selections of her inspirational poetry.

Joining her in this project was Wanda J. Burnside. They co-chair, *TREASURES from HEAVEN MINISTRIES*. Wanda's contributions included were: patriotic leis, USA facts bookmarks, and other items. Together they gave away nearly 60 gift bags with these patriotic gifts.

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"If we ever forget
that we are
one nation under
GOD..
then we will be
a nation gone
UNDER."

Ronald Reagan

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