



# June, July, August, 2009

## TRUE FREEDOM

As we approach the time of year where we celebrate our nations independence; it's a great opportunity to examine our own. Have we been too independent? Have we been self reliant instead of God reliant?

*Are you self reliant rather than God reliant?*

Just as our nation is drifting away from the Godly principles that it was founded upon; we to can drift away to our own reasoning's and self-reliance. We can set our own standards of morality to appease our flesh. Maybe some things aren't as important now as they were back in Bible times; you know, life is more complex now. The adversary picks away at us little by little, so it's barely noticeable, until over time,

we find we have drifted far off the path.

Jesus said, *"narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to life"* in Matthew 7:14 NKJ. I don't know about you, but narrow and difficult isn't something my flesh enjoys! My flesh always wants what looks like the easy way out. Unfortunately, there is an easy way out, but it's not where I want or should go.

Our example on how to live is given in Philippians chapter two verses five through eight. Here we see Jesus, though Himself being God, humbled Himself, and became completely teachable and pliable to God; and was lead by the Spirit of God. We, in like manner, are to stop eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and

evil; meaning, stop deciding for ourselves what we should do; and what is right or wrong. We are to *"trust in God with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding"* Proverbs 3:5. In the next verse, He goes on to say that **IF** we acknowledge Him in all our ways, that He will direct our path.

*Are you deciding for yourself what you should do; what is right or wrong?*

We can see the path our country is on, and it's not a path that leads us to the Lord. Please take the time to examine your path to see where it may be leading you; *"if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed"* ( John 8:36); that's the kind of freedom we all need!

By Hal Brintzenhofe

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain was passed on July 2, 1776, and is celebrated on the 4th of July each year.

The Declaration of Independence is a statement explaining this decision of congress; that was prepared by a committee with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author.

Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4th. We as a nation have celebrated this act ever since with fireworks, picnics, BBQ's, parades, political speeches and patriotic songs.

John Adams wrote this note to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. **It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.** It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Even though he was just a few days off on his calculation he understood the power behind this document and predicted our modern day celebrations. Our founding fathers deemed it of the utmost importance to provide for all the people of the United States the right to serve God freely and openly.

We begin our public celebrations with the pledge of allegiance to

our countries flag.



**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.**

Within this pledge we acknowledge that we are a nation under God. Having the right to serve Him if we choose. We are very blessed to have this right. Below I have included the pledge for the Christian flag, the Bible and the Cross.

### Christian Flag Pledge

**"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe."**



### Bible Pledge

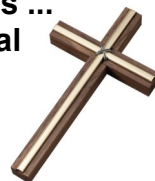
**"I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a light unto my path and a lamp unto my feet and will hide its Word's in my heart that I might not sin against God.**



**Amen."**

### Cross Pledge

**I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands ... one Savior, eternal with mercy and grace for all.**



Let's not forget the entire meaning of this holiday this year. Let's celebrate our rights to serve the Living God, our Savior, and the Word in which He gave us. This was what I believe our forefathers intended when they worked so hard on the Declaration of Independence.

May you have a blessed and safe 4th of July.

LaTisha Brintzenhofe

## A PATRIOTIC CREED

*To serve my country day by day  
At any humble post I may;  
To honor and respect her flag,  
To live the traits of which I  
brag;  
To be an American in deed  
As well as in my printed creed.*

*To stand for truth and honest  
toil,  
To till my little patch of soil,  
And keep in mind the debt I owe  
To them who died that I might  
know  
My country, prosperous and  
free,  
And passed this heritage to me.*

*I always must in trouble's hour  
Be guided by the men in power;  
For God and country I must live  
My best for God and country  
give; no act of mine that men  
may scan must shame the name  
American.*

*To do my best and play my part,  
American in mind and heart;  
To serve the flag and bravely  
stand to guard the glory of my  
land;  
To be an American in deed:  
God grant me strength to keep  
this creed!*

—EDGAR A. GUEST

# June

**Monday 1st 7:00 PM**

**Faith & Vision Ministries**

At Lifegate Foursquare Church

307 East Main Street

Auburn 253-850-1300

Pastor Jack Bernard

**Tuesday 2nd 6:30 PM**

**Shilo Inn Tacoma**

7414 South Hosmer Tacoma

253-581-6373

**Sunday 14th 5:00 PM**

**Rose of Sharon**

26193 HWY 101

Sequim 360-681-0184

Pastor LaBoy

Father's Day is Sunday the 25th

Thank you Dad for all you do.

May you enjoy your special day.



**Sunday 28th & Monday 29th 7:00 PM**

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**Tuesday 30th 6:45 PM**

**Hill Residence**

5919 Lagoon Lane

Gig Harbor 253-265-6575

Cynthia Hill

**Parking is limited**

**Carpooling is advised**

Congratulations to all those who are graduating this month. Blessings as you embark on your new journey in life.



# July

# August

**Tuesday 7th CANCELLED**

**Shilo Inn Tacoma**

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**Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July celebration.**

**Mission Trip 2nd through the 10th**

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### **My Father Is A Christian**

He leads our household well;  
With instruction from the Bible,  
Right behavior he'll compel.

Yet he steers us with compassion;  
His gentle love is true;  
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,  
So we know just what to do.

He teaches us with purpose,  
Guides us in all Godly ways,  
So we will take the right path,  
And serve our Lord with praise.

I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;  
You help me see things clearly.  
I'll always look up to you,  
And love you very dearly.

**- Joanna Fuchs**

### **Graduation Day**



Graduation Day is the climax of a dream.  
A parental dream that began when a child is born,  
And their hope come true it would seem,  
A triumph held after periods of forlorn,  
A feeling of pride and euphoria years away  
For a daughter or son - Graduation Day.  
It is a peak of success for the graduate,  
Not only for the graduate but parents too.  
A joyful event after many years they had to wait,  
Realizing the glorious thrill of a dream come true,  
A genuine smile accompanied by a deep sigh,  
Often a handkerchief in hand as the class goes by.  
Graduation is a deserving, hard earned goal  
With mortarboard and gown as foretold,  
A gratifying service of the mind and soul  
In a simple and beautiful sheepskin told  
That the graduate fulfilled the educational rule.  
At last, for the mother and father, a dream come true.  
Graduation Day! **By Joseph T. Renaldi**

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