

April Edition: One Nation Under God



In God We Still Trust



National Reality Check: In the Pledge of Allegiance, we humbly state that we are "one nation under God". Think about the importance of that statement: We acknowledge that our rights come from the Lord --*not from man*.

The historical facts (as in this month's feature article) prove that the United States was created as a Christian nation. This meant that the USA folded her hands before God and then opened her arms to all people equally. Further, being a Christian nation meant that the United States could offer opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

While we're on the topic, allow us to kill a rumor purported by anti-Christian agendas: Being a Christian nation does not mean that the nation desires to force people to convert to Christianity. Rather, it means that the nation is founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs which allow freedom and justice for all. Being a true Christian can never be forced. Becoming a Christian involves each person individually making a decision of his or her own free will: Everyone must choose to accept or reject the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord.

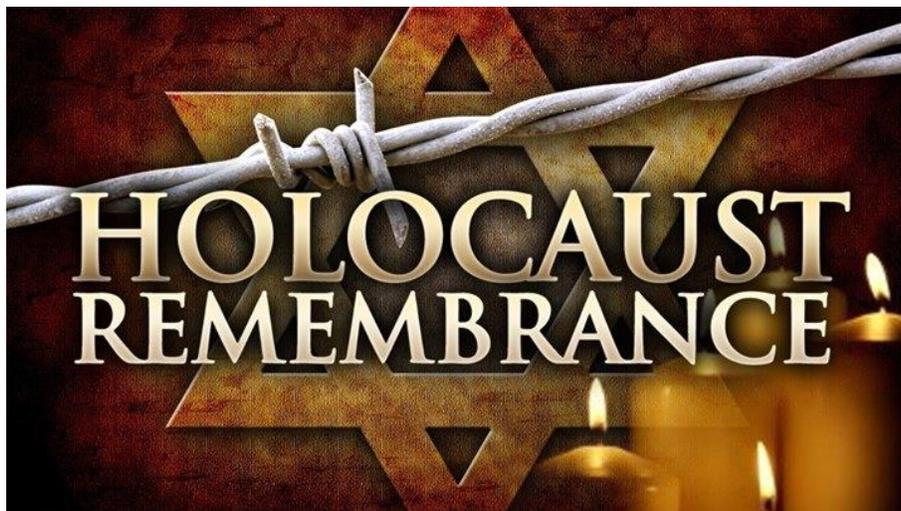
To be a Christian nation is a very, very good thing for all. (And that's putting it mildly.) Psalm 33:12 declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" Alongside this fact, historian David Barton effectively said, "Without a public and official recognition of God, there is no hope of limited government, for rights come only from God... If rights come from God, then we can require man to protect those rights - as we did in the Declaration, Constitution, and Bill of Rights." (This month, we feel excited to share an article by David Barton of Wallbuilders: "One Nation Under God." Take a few minutes to read it and focus on the powerful quotes shared by our Founding Fathers.)

Wow, we are so blessed to live here in the land of the free! But it's up to us to keep praying and working hard to protect and defend our rights. Each generation is entrusted with that responsibility.

We believe the words of President Ronald Reagan continue to reverberate: *Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.*

In fact, when a person thinks about it, it all can be summarized in one statement: **"One nation, under God" actually creates liberty and justice for all...**

God bless you always,
Carrie Stoelting and Stacie Stoelting
Sisters and founders of [Unite the USA](#)



April 24 is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

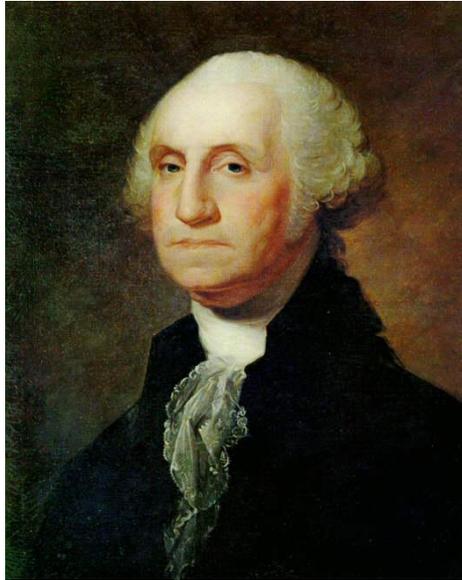
May we all take time to remember the millions of innocent men, women, and children who were brutally killed by fascists during WWII. Of those who were slain, many were Jewish. However, there were other people groups (i.e. those with physical and mental disabilities) were viciously targeted as well. In fact, the Nazi's targeted all who dared stand up to their "belief system" and propaganda.

Use Holocaust Remembrance Day as a twofold alert to our hearts: One, honor the fallen. Two, alert everyone to be on guard against and stop anything like Nazism.

We must all stand up for those being persecuted and martyred for their beliefs. Yes, religious persecution continues to this day. Today, Christians are being targeted and murdered in countries like Syria.

The horrific bloodshed must end NOW. Stop the danger, which eerily mimics pre-Nazi Germany. History is repeating itself. Share on social media. Contact your legislators. Pray (and speak out) for our persecuted and endangered fellowman.

Featured Quote



"[I]t is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

-President George Washington

This Month's Bible Verse

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36



"One Nation Under God"



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Despite America's great diversity, nothing unifies Americans more than their support for public acknowledgments of God. Consider:

- 93% want "In God we Trust" to remain on coins and currency
- 90% support keeping "under God" in the Pledge
- 84% support references to God in schools, government buildings, and public settings
- 82% support voluntary school prayer

- 76% support Ten Commandments displays on public property

There are few other subjects on which over three-fourths of Americans consistently agree; and while the Left complains that religious expressions are divisive, the evidence proves otherwise; religious expressions have unified Americans from the beginning.

In fact, at the first-ever meeting of Congress in 1774 when it was suggested that Congress open with prayer, some delegates predicted that the act would be divisive, but John Adams reported exactly the opposite, noting that "it has had an excellent effect upon everybody here." Several Supreme Court Justices still believe that such acts are unifying, noting:

[T]he founders of our Republic knew...that nothing, absolutely nothing, is so inclined to foster among religious believers of various faiths a toleration - no, an affection - for one another than voluntarily joining in prayer together to God Whom they all worship and seek.

Yet the public acknowledgement of God was more than just a pleasant practice in early America; it actually formed the basis of our government philosophy - a philosophy set forth in eighty-four simple words in the **Declaration of Independence**:

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 are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government.

Thus, five immutable principles constitute the heart and soul of American government:

1. Government acknowledges that there is a Creator
2. Government acknowledges that the Creator gives specific inalienable rights to man
3. Government acknowledges that it exists to protect God-given rights
4. Government acknowledges that below the level of God-given rights, government powers are to be operated only with the permission of citizens - i.e., with the "consent of the governed"
5. If government fails to meet the four standards above, the people have an inalienable right to abolish that government and institute a new one that does observe the four criteria above.

Significantly, without a public and official recognition of God, there is no hope of limited government, for rights come only from God or from man. If rights come from God, then we can require man to protect those rights - as we did in the Declaration, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. But if our rights come from man, then man is permitted to regulate or abolish those rights, and government's power over our lives therefore becomes absolute and unlimited, as has been the growing trend since the 1990s.

The Founders understood that irrevocable limitations can be placed on government only when God is recognized as the source of our rights; they also understood that if we became complacent in our recognition of God as the center of our lives and government, then we would lose our liberties. As **Thomas Jefferson** warned:

[C]an the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis: a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? - that they are not to be violated but with His wrath?

According to Jefferson, the only "firm basis" of our national liberties is a "conviction in the minds of the people" that our liberties are from God and that government cannot intrude into those liberties without incurring God's wrath.

President George Washington likewise admonished:

[I]t is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.

President John Adams similarly urged:

[T]he safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and the blessing of Almighty God, and the national acknowledgment of this truth is an indispensable duty which the people owe to Him.

And **Samuel Adams** agreed, reminding Americans:

May every citizen . . . have a proper sense of the Deity upon his mind and an impression of the declaration recorded in the Bible, "Him that honoreth Me I will honor, but he that despiseth Me shall be lightly esteemed" [1 Samuel 2:30].

To restore honor and restore America, we first must restore God to His rightful place in our own lives and thinking. We must then reintroduce those original principles back into the public arena, thus restoring the foundation on which our Declaration and Constitution were built and the only foundation which allows them to operate as intended.

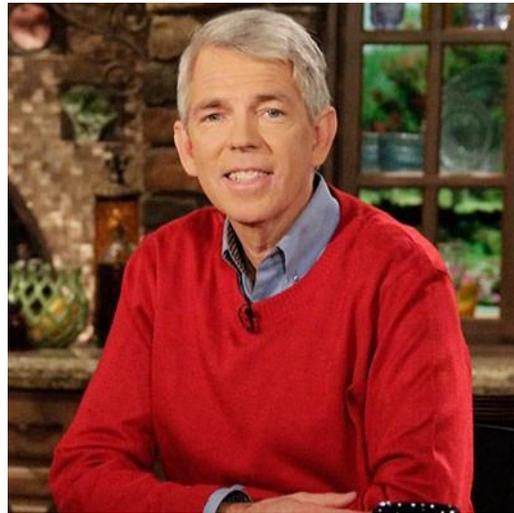
It is time for us to re-embrace the truth of **President Reagan's** warning that:

If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

About David Barton

David Barton is the Founder and President of WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage.

WallBuilders is a name taken from the Old Testament writings of Nehemiah, who led a grassroots movement to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore its strength and honor. In the same way, WallBuilders seeks to energize the grassroots today to become involved in strengthening their communities, states, and nation.



David is the author of numerous best-selling books, with the subjects being drawn largely from his massive library of tens of thousands of original writings from the Founding Era. He also addresses well over 400 groups each year.

His exhaustive research has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues and he serves as a consultant to state and federal legislators, has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court, was involved in the development of the History/Social Studies standards for states such as Texas and California, and has helped produce history textbooks now used in schools across the nation.

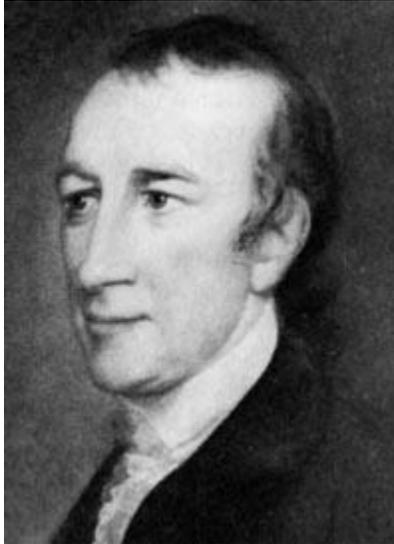
A national news organization has described him as "America's historian," and Time Magazine called him "a hero to millions - including some powerful politicians. In fact, Time Magazine named him as one of America's 25 most influential evangelicals.

David has received numerous national and international awards, including Who's Who in Education, DAR's Medal of Honor, and the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. His work in media has merited several Angel Awards, Telly Awards, and the Dove Foundation Seal of Approval.

David and his wife Cheryl reside in Aledo, Texas, they have three grown, married children (Damaris, Timothy, and Stephen), and three grandchildren.

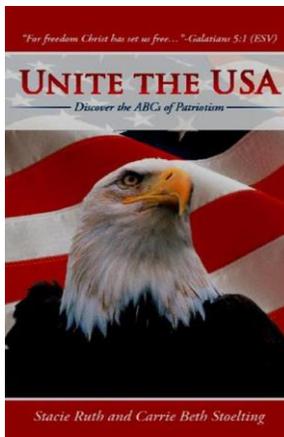
Visit www.wallbuilders.com to learn more about him.

Featured Founding Father



Thomas Stone (1743 - October 5, 1787) signed the U.S. Declaration of Independence as a delegate for Maryland. He later worked on the committee that created the Articles of Confederation in 1777. He acted as President of Congress for a short time in 1784.

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