

## July Edition: Hope for Independence Day



### A Prayer for Our Nation



From Love Worth Finding Ministries: *"Would you pray for America right now? You might pray, "Oh God, bless America. Lord, we deserve judgment, but we need mercy. Bring this nation, Lord, back to You. The troubles that we see in our land are tokens of Your love to bring us to our knees. Lord, it's beyond us. God, we need You in America."*

### Independence Day 2015

### Media Appearance



Unite the USA's Carrie Beth Stoelting will be on *FOX and Friends* this Friday, July 3 on the FOX News Channel. She will specifically talk about the "E-mail a Hero Campaign" and various tips to help everyone remember our heroes this July 4th. Be sure to set your DVRs and tune in!

### This Month's Bible Verse



### 3 Quotes to Summarize the Recent Ruling

"Folks, the Supreme Court has been wrong before. It was wrong when it ruled in Dred Scott that African Americans were property." -- Gary Bauer

"A system of government that makes the people subordinate to a committee of nine unelected lawyers does not deserve to be called a democracy."  
--Justice Scalia

"Do we Christian Americans believe in absolute truth? Absolutely. Think about it: Without absolute truth, you have no absolute love. But we have absolute love. His Name is Jesus. Only His love wins!"  
--Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth,  
Co-founders of [UnitetheUSA.org](http://UnitetheUSA.org)

### This Month's Editorial

As we approach Independence Day, many people (including us) continue to feel grieved by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize same-sex "marriage" in all 50 states. This tragic display of judicial activism displays a complete disregard for the very basic and holy state of matrimony. Really, the U.S. Supreme Court made a



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### Featured Quote

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**Stacie and Carrie on Newsmax TV**

supreme offense and displayed itself as a mere site of judicial activism at its worst.

In addition to the Obamacare and same-sex "marriage" rulings last week, there are many other cases in which SCOTUS has legislated from the bench. According to the U.S. Constitution, this is certainly not the proper function of the Supreme Court. (Most importantly, their decisions go against the Holy Scriptures, too, but that's another subject...)

Consider this: In the years leading up to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling and power grab, Americans in 31 states voted through the democratic process to uphold marriage. In contrast, same-sex "marriage" was later legalized in 36 states largely due to judicial activism that deliberately disregarded the will of the people, the law, and God's Word. Regardless, we stand by the truth that marriage is between one man and one woman. We will not stop defending marriage no matter what.

President Obama repeatedly stated that he would make advancing the homosexual agenda a priority. When he took office, same-sex "marriage" was legal in only two states. We have swiftly sped through the road of destruction of our country's foundation and moral fiber. As a result, religious liberty is under attack. This is substantiated by numerous lawsuits and cases of persecution against people of faith. Friends, we all must get down on our knees and pray for our country. Pray for changed hearts and revival across our land.

**As freedom fighters, we believe this 4th of July can help us be like our Founding Fathers.** Let's begin positive action, prayer, and hope in God. He alone can help America. As we celebrate the 4th of July, we feel all the more fervent about keeping America free. Just like our Founding Fathers, now it's our turn to fight. Now is the time to take action to keep our country free! For inspiration, we encourage you to read the [Declaration of Independence](#) this July 4th.



The Stoelting sisters shared about remembering our troops and veterans on Independence Day. In addition to celebrating the birth of our nation, it is also important to celebrate our freedom and the men and women who have fought to protect it. [Click here](#) to watch the interview.

**Thank Our Heroes**

Yes, we are alarmed about our country's direction, we must not panic. We know that God remains on the throne. With Him, all things are possible. *Pray and get busy with good actions instead of only having sad reactions!*

No matter what rulers do, God still reigns. Psalm 47:8 attests, "God reigns over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne." Yes! God reigns higher than any high-profile official. His Word remains the final word.

God bless you,  
Carrie and Stacie Stoelting  
Founders of [Unite the USA](http://www.uniteheusa.org)

### In God We Still Trust Video

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".

[In God We Still Trust](#)

### Independence Day History

By David Barton  
[www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com)



## Thank Our Heroes On July 4th

Independence Day is a time when we celebrate the birth of our nation and our freedom. It is also a time when we should remember our heroes who have fought to keep us free. *Let's make July 4th a star spangled banner spectacular for our veterans and servicemen and women.*

### Thank Our Heroes This July 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Our "[E-mail a Hero Campaign](#)" has begun! *Let us help you honor the heroes in your life. If you have a loved one who is a veteran or who is currently in the military, send Stacie and Carrie his or her name and e-mail address via the form on this page. Stacie and Carrie would be honored to send each one a personal message of thanks for defending our freedom.*

2. *This July 4th, in addition to enjoying fireworks, BBQ, and parades, be sure to set aside time to thank our heroes. Thank them in person, on the phone, in a card, or through an e-mail.*

3. *On Independence Day, many veterans and servicemen and women march in local parades. Afterwards would be a good time to reach out and thank them.*

This year marks 239 years since our Founding Fathers gave us our National Birth Certificate. We continue to be the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. Blessings such as these are not by chance or accidental. They are blessings of God.

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from Great Britain. Two days afterwards - July 4th - the early draft of the Declaration of Independence was signed, albeit by only two individuals at that time: John Hancock, President of Congress, and Charles Thompson, Secretary of Congress. Four days later, on July 8, members of Congress took that document and read it aloud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, after which the Liberty Bell was rung. The inscription around the top of that bell, Leviticus 25:10, was most appropriate for the occasion: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

To see the turmoil in other nations, their struggles and multiple revolutions, and yet to see the stability and blessings that we have here in America, we may ask how has this been achieved? What was the basis of American Independence? John Adams said "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity." Perhaps the clearest identification of the spirit of the American Revolution was given by John Adams in a letter to Abigail the day after Congress approved the Declaration. He wrote her two letters on that day; the first was short and concise, jubilant that the Declaration had been approved. The second was much longer and more pensive, giving serious consideration to what had been done that day. Adams cautiously noted: "This day will be the most memorable epic in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival."

It is amazing that on the very day they approved the Declaration, Adams was already foreseeing that their actions would be

4. Don't forget our hospitalized heroes or elderly veterans in nursing homes. Send a colorful card, send a gift, or stop by and visit. Note: [In God We Still Trust](#) and [Unite the USA](#) make great gift ideas! :)

5. Invite a veteran to 4th of July festivities such as a picnic or fireworks show. No veteran should be alone on the day we celebrate our freedom. So reach out to veterans in your area - especially near the 4th!

## Featured Author



WallBuilders' founder and president, David Barton, resides in Aledo, Texas (just west of Fort Worth), with his wife, Cheryl, and their three children. David spent eight years as an educator and school administrator before founding WallBuilders. He has received numerous awards including several Who's Who honors, two Angel Awards for excellence in media, and the George Washington Honor Medal. He has spoken to numerous state

celebrated by future generations. Adams contemplated whether it would be proper to hold such celebrations, but then concluded that the day should be commemorated - but in a particular manner and with a specific spirit. As he told Abigail: "It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

John Adams believed that the Fourth of July should become a religious holiday - a day when we remembered God's hand in deliverance and a day of religious activities when we committed ourselves to Him in "solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." Such was the spirit of the American Revolution as seen through the eyes of those who led it, evidenced even further in the words of John Quincy Adams, one who was deeply involved in the activities of the Revolution.

In 1837, when he was 69 years old, he delivered a Fourth of July speech at Newburyport, Massachusetts. He began that address with a question: "Why is it, friends and fellow citizens, that you are here assembled? Why is it that entering on the 62nd year of our national existence you have honored [me] with an invitation to address you. . . ?"

The answer was easy: they had asked him to address them because he was old enough to remember what went on; they wanted an eye-witness to tell them of it! He next asked them: "Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the Fourth of July]?"

An interesting question: why is it that in America the Fourth of July and Christmas were our two top holidays? Note his answer: "Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the

legislatures, consulted with both state and federal legislators on various bills, and has written amicus briefs in cases at the U. S. Supreme Court.

\*\*David Barton has endorsed Stacie and Carrie's book *Unite the USA: Discover the ABC's of Patriotism*.

## 4th of July Special



## Celebrate Our Freedom



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cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

According to John Quincy Adams, Christmas and the Fourth of July were intrinsically connected. On the Fourth of July, the Founders simply took the precepts of Christ which came into the world through His birth (Christmas) and incorporated those principles into civil government.

Have you ever considered what it meant for those 56 men - an eclectic group of ministers, business men, teachers, university professors, sailors, captains, farmers - to sign the Declaration of Independence?

This was a contract that began with the reasons for the separation from Great Britain and closed in the final paragraph stating "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Dr. Benjamin Rush, the father of American Medicine and a signer, recorded that day in his diary. In 1781, he wrote to John Adams "Do you recollect the pensive and awful silence which pervaded the House when we were called up, one after another, to the table of the President of Congress to subscribe to what was believed by many at that time to be our death warrants? The silence and gloom of the morning was interrupted, I well recollect, only for a moment by Colonel Harrison of Virginia (a big guy) who said to Mr. Gerry (small in stature) at the table: 'I shall have a great advantage over you, Mr. Gerry, when we are all hung for what we are now doing... From the size and weight of my body I shall die in a few minutes, but from the lightness of your body you will dance in the air an hour or two before you are dead.' This speech procured a transient smile, but it was soon succeeded by the solemnity with which the whole business was conducted."

These men took this pledge seriously. Robert Morris of Pennsylvania is an example of the highest level of integrity. He was chosen as the financier of the American Revolution. What

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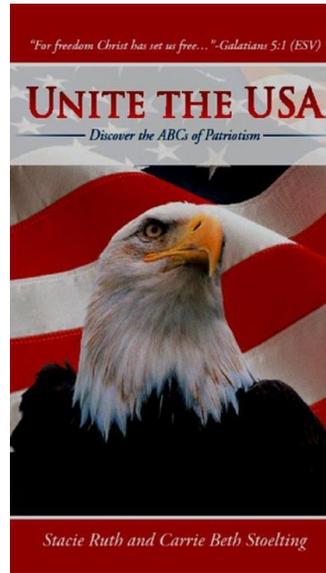


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an honor, except that there was no bank willing to give any loans to help fund the revolution. It was three years and the Battle of Saratoga before America got any kind of funding at all. After winning that battle, foreign nations like France, Holland, and others decided maybe we weren't such a bad risk and began loaning us money. So where did we get money for the first three years? Congress, at that time, could not have obtained a loan of one thousand dollars, yet Robert Morris effected loans upon his own credit, of tens of thousands. In 1781, George Washington conceived the expedition against Cornwallis, at Yorktown. He asked Judge Peters of Pennsylvania, "What can you do for me?" "With money, everything, without it, nothing," he replied, at the same time turning with anxious look toward Mr. Morris. "Let me know the sum you desire," said Mr. Morris; and before noon Washington's plan and estimates were complete. Robert Morris promised him the amount, and he raised it upon his own responsibility. It has been justly remarked, that: "If it were not demonstrable by official records, posterity would hardly be made to believe that the campaign of 1781, which resulted in the capture of Cornwallis, and virtually closed the Revolutionary War, was sustained wholly on the credit of an individual merchant." America couldn't repay him because there was no money and yet Robert Morris never complained because he had given his word.

You see the same thing in the life of John Hart. He was a strong Christian gentleman and Speaker of the House of Representatives in New Jersey. He promised to help provide them with guidance and leadership. There were three things that were important in his life; his Savior, his family and his farm. Because of his signature on the Declaration, the British were seeking him (and the rest of the signers) to execute as traitors. John Hart fled his home after which his farm was ravaged, his timber destroyed, his cattle and stock butchered for the use of the British army. He did not dare to remain two nights in the same location. After Washington's success at the battle of Trenton, he finally returned home to find that his wife had died and his children scattered.



*Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism* is a new book by **Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting**. It's a book that empowers patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. With 100+ ways to make a positive difference in America, *Unite the USA* is a must-have tool for

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### Booking Info



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He lost almost everything that was important to him but kept his word.

John Hancock, a very wealthy individual lived in a mansion reflecting his princely fortune - one of the largest in the Province of Massachusetts. During the time the American army besieged Boston to rid it of the British, the American officers proposed the entire destruction of the city. "By the execution of such a plan, the whole fortune of Mr. Hancock would have been sacrificed. Yet he readily acceded to the measure, declaring his willingness to surrender his all, whenever the liberties of his country should require it." A man of his word, he demonstrated his integrity.

The 16 Congressional proclamations for prayer and fasting throughout the Revolution were not bland (i.e., the acknowledgment of Jesus Christ, the quoting of Romans 14:17, etc.); however, this is not unusual considering the prominent role that many ministers played in the Revolution.

One such example is John Peter Muhlenburg. In a sermon delivered to his Virginia congregation on January 21, 1776, he preached verse by verse from Ecclesiastes 3 - the passage which speaks of a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. Arriving at verse 8, which declares that there is a time of war and a time of peace, Muhlenburg noted that this surely was not the time of peace; this was the time of war. Concluding with a prayer, and while standing in full view of the congregation, he removed his clerical robes to reveal that beneath them he was wearing the uniform of an officer in the Continental army! He marched to the back of the church; ordered the drum to beat for recruits and nearly three hundred men joined him, becoming the Eighth Virginia Brigade. John Peter Muhlenburg finished the Revolution as a Major-General, having been at Valley Forge and having participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stonypoint, and Yorktown.

Another minister-leader in the Revolution was the Reverend James Caldwell. His actions during one battle inspired a painting showing

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him standing with a stack of hymn books in his arms while engaged in the midst of a fierce battle against the British outside a battered Presbyterian church. During the battle, the Americans had developed a serious problem: they had run out of wadding for their guns, which was just as serious as having no ammunition. Reverend Caldwell recognized the perfect solution; he ran inside the church and returned with a stack of Watts Hymnals - one of the strongest doctrinal hymnals of the Christian faith (Isaac Watts authored "O God Our Help In Ages Past," "Joy to the World," "Jesus Shall Reign," and several other classic hymns). Distributing the Watts Hymnals among the soldiers served two purposes: first, its pages would provide the needed wadding; second, the use of the hymnal carried a symbolic message. Reverend Caldwell took that hymn book - the source of great doctrine and spiritual truth - raised it up in the air and shouted to the Americans, "Give 'em Watts, boys!"

The spiritual emphasis manifested so often by the Americans during the Revolution caused one Crown-appointed British governor to write to Great Britain complaining that: "If you ask an American who is his master, he'll tell you he has none. And he has no governor but Jesus Christ."

Letters like this, and sermons like those preached by the Reverend Peter Powers titled "Jesus Christ the King," gave rise to a sentiment that has been described as a motto of the American Revolution. Most Americans are unaware that the Revolution might have had mottoes, but many wars do (e.g., in the Texas' war for independence, it was "Remember the Alamo"; in the Union side in the Civil War, it was "In God We Trust"; in World War I, it was "Remember the Lusitania"; in World War II, it was "Remember Pearl Harbor"; etc.). A motto of the American Revolution directed against the tyrant King George III and the theologically discredited doctrine of the Divine Right of Kings (which asserted that when the king spoke, it was the voice of God speaking directly to the people) was simple and direct: "No King but King Jesus!" Another motto (first suggested by

Benjamin Franklin and often repeated during the Revolution) was similar in tone: "Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God."

Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding the foundations on which this great country was built and then preserving the principles on which it was founded. Let's not let the purpose for which we were established be forgotten. The Founding Fathers have passed us a torch; let's not let it go out.