

## June Edition: Prepare Your Heart For Independence Day



### Healing America

Today's headlines feature broken hearts, confusion, and political messes. Frustration and hesitation to hope. That's how many Americans feel about our country's leaders and current conditions. America, it's time to get our eyes back on Christ and not on people.

It's time to love and live like Jesus Christ. Take this verse to heart:

"If you do these things, God will shed his own glorious light upon you. He will heal you; your godliness will lead you forward, goodness will be a shield before you, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind." (Isaiah 58:8, TLB)

Indeed, it is our duty to pray and do all we can at a local and state level to honor God. We must protect the freedoms to worship God. We must pray and work hard to preserve "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Our country was built on Christian beliefs, as explained by Thomas Jefferson 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."

Remember, the current swirling mess of politics cannot hold a candle to God's greatness and power. So, let's release our fears to Him and place our country and our lives in His hands. We like to say,

"When we do our best, He'll take care of the rest." (Can we get an "amen"?)

America needs healing. Now is a time to come to Jesus with open hearts and earnestly, consistently ask Him to intervene on the USA's behalf. Yes, we need Jesus. America needs Jesus.

This month's edition of Unite the USA is designed to focus on the unshakeable hope we have in Jesus. We must never give up serving Him and doing what's right.

Always remember, in God we still trust...no matter what. He is always on the throne yesterday, today, and forever.

Persevering with prayer,  
Carrie and Stacie Stoelting  
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**Stacie and Carrie On the Radio**



Recently heard on Sirius XM Patriot, Stacie and Carrie share an inspiring story and tips to help people reach out to military families and honor the true heroes of this beautiful country.

## E-mail a Hero



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. So this July 4th, **Stacie and Carrie Stoelting**, the founders of Unite the USA, are embarking on a special project. *Let's make July 4th a star spangled banner spectacular for our veterans and servicemen and women.*

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.

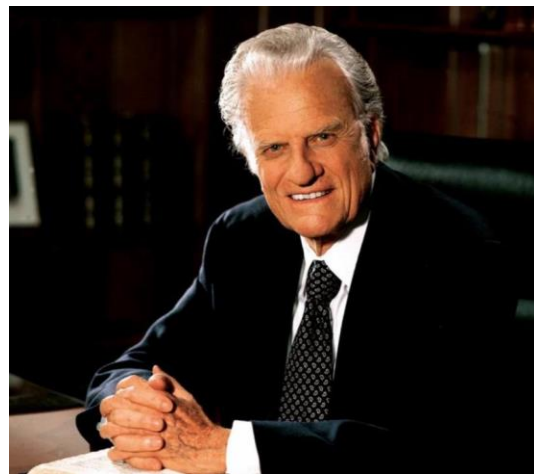
3. On Independence Day, many veterans and servicemen and women march in local parades. Afterwards would be a good time to reach out and thank them.

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 Quote

*"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" **Billy Graham***



## This Month's Bible Verse

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



## About the Author

Known for his evangelistic zeal and uncompromising commitment to the Word of God, Adrian Rogers was one of the greatest preachers, respected Bible teachers, and Christian leaders of our time. For over fifty years, he consistently presented the Good News of Jesus Christ with strong conviction, compassion, and integrity.



He was a devoted family man - husband to his childhood sweetheart Joyce, father to four children, grandfather to nine, and great-grandfather to one. Of all his accomplishments, Dr. Rogers often said his greatest joy centered in his relationship to Jesus Christ, his wife and family, and the church he pastored. The recipient of many honors and awards, the trophy he treasured most was one presented to him by his children one Father's Day in which he was proclaimed The World's Greatest Dad.

Under his pastoral leadership, Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, grew from 9,000 members in 1972 to more than 29,000 at his retirement in 2005. And Adrian Rogers was a leader in his denomination, serving three terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

God's blessing on Dr. Rogers' ministry became even more evident with the birth of Love Worth Finding Ministries in 1987. Dr. Rogers was the founder and Bible teacher of Love Worth Finding, an internationally syndicated television and radio ministry. The sun never sets on this ministry which is broadcast on radio, television, and the Internet. You can find LWF declaring the Gospel and changing lives in more than 150 countries around the world. In 2003, Dr. Rogers was honored to be inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame by the National Religious Broadcasters.

Dr. Rogers was active in national leadership and personally consulted and prayed with five presidents of the United States. He visited and had the privilege of sharing the platform with President George W. Bush in the White House on the National Day of Prayer for America.

Dr. Rogers preached overseas crusades in Taiwan, South Korea, Israel, Russia, Romania, and in Central and South America.

In November 2005, God called Adrian Rogers home. Since that time, tributes have poured in testifying of his worldwide impact. For more information, visit [www.adrianrogers.org](http://www.adrianrogers.org)

## The Only Hope For America

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

America's only hope is found in this verse. Our nation had a godly founding and a glorious past, but if the Lord tarries, what kind of nation will our children inherit? Evidently Americans believe the economy is the top issue. But I'd rather leave my children the legacy of a godly nation than great wealth squandered in a godless society. Righteousness is our greatest need. Alexander Hamilton said, "People get the government they deserve." Something has happened in America. If we want to know what's wrong, we need to look in the mirror.

### **Righteousness Exalts A Nation**

America was born in a revival. The Great Awakening swept the land in a flame of righteousness. Out of that, schools were built, principles taught, and character became strong. A newborn nation declared her independence from England and upon almighty God.

Our Founding Fathers knew the best government was the least government. The more character you have, the more responsibility you'll assume, and the less government you'll need.

You cannot have true liberty without true righteousness. They are inextricably interwoven. For example, if a man becomes a criminal, he's put in jail. Failing his responsibilities, his liberties are taken away. A baby has no responsibilities. But he also has no liberties: he can't choose where he's going to sleep or what he'll wear. As he grows and assumes responsibilities, he's given more liberties.

We will have more or less liberty in direct proportion to our character. When we lose character-righteousness-we lose liberty, for people who cannot live responsibly from within must be controlled from without.

James Madison said, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government-far from it-...[but] upon the capacity to govern and sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments." But today the Ten Commandments are called "unconstitutional" and removed from classrooms and many public buildings.

### **Sin-A Reproach to Any People**

The great American dream is dissolving because of sin: sexual perversion, killing unborn children, break-up of the family, obsession with material things, craving for pleasure. America is self-indulgent, out of control.

With the erosion of character, we relinquish more responsibility to government, and whatever it subsidizes, government says it must control. When we depend on government to feed us, it will control us. Government is here to protect from tyranny and punish evildoers, not meet our needs.

Sure as night follows day, when government provides, it begins to regulate. Then it's free to oppress.

Look at our education system. It has outlawed God. The Bible is out; humanism is in. The Ten Commandments were swapped out for values clarification, one-world government, glories of the welfare state, and a new world order.

We're now living in the shadows of an age. Our liberties are fast receding. You say, "But we still have lots of blessings in America." Yes, we do. But they are residual blessings our forefathers left us.

### **Revival-The Restoration of a Nation**

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn" (Proverbs 29:2).

We must take America back. We don't have to be a majority; we're salt and light. Salt penetrates, purifies, heals, and preserves. To say "don't mix politics and religion" is like saying put the fish in one barrel and the salt in another. But "If salt loses its savor," Jesus said, "it's good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men."

The church of Jesus Christ is being "trodden underfoot" because we've become salt without savor.

Our Constitution was written for people of character. Godly character must permeate our society. We must set the standard in caring for our own and the widows and orphans. We must train up our children, godly offspring who will take leadership positions and return us to living by godly principles.

I want to leave my children and grandchildren a godly nation. Don't you? God is our only hope, and revival will be the restoration of our nation.

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**12 Ways You Can Help America**

In anticipation of the 4th of July, here are 12 ways you can be a positive patriot:



1. Resist the urge to trust the media. **Understand for yourself why we became a country.** Far too many Americans have no clue what the Declaration of Independence even says. Take time to read it. It's not a long document and it is a fascinating read. The Declaration of Independence was a statement adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. In the thralls of the American Revolution, it announced that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as independent states (no longer a part of the British Empire). Primarily written by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence details grievances against King George III and Great Britain regarding their abuse of power. [Click here](#) to read the Declaration of Independence.

**2. Read and re-read the U.S. Constitution until you can get a basic grasp on its truths.** On September 17, 1787, eleven years after the Declaration of Independence was written, the Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our Constitution has provided a stable, practical guide for governing. The underlying principles of the Constitution were gathered by the delegates from years of careful study of governments and political thinkers, and also from the failed lessons learned from the failed Confederation. Limited government, separation of powers, and checks and balances are major themes in our Constitution. The Constitutional framers forged a working balance with these principles that has provided our country with liberty, order, and an enduring charter. [Click here](#) to read the U.S. Constitution.

**3. Discover, claim, and defend your rights!** Many people do not realize that the Bill of Rights consists of the first ten amendments of the Constitution. James Madison introduced these amendments on July 21, 1789 and they were ratified on December 15, 1791. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights made liberty secure. (i.e. The First Amendment insures five freedoms: religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition.) The amendments illustrate the principle of limited government. For example, Congress cannot establish any church or denomination as a state-sponsored church. People are free to worship as they choose. Read the Bill of Rights [here](#).

**4. Be able to answer this: What did the Founding Fathers intend?** Acclaimed by Thomas Jefferson as 'the best commentary on the principles of government which ever was written,' the [Federalist Papers](#) make a powerful case for power-sharing between state and federal authorities. The Federalist Papers were written by "Publius" the pseudonym for Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison. They were a collection of 85 articles promoting the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The Federalist Papers detail the intent of the U.S. Constitution as seen by the Founding Fathers. Read the Federalist Papers to learn what was thought and believed by the men who help shape our country.



**5. Oh say, can you sing the National Anthem?** "The Star-Spangled Banner" is our nation's National Anthem. The lyrics come from a poem written in 1814 by a 35-year-old lawyer, Francis Scott Key. He was inspired to write it after watching the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was officially declared as our National Anthem in 1931. Learn the lyrics of the National Anthem. As a way to show respect for our country and freedom, always stand and place your right hand over your heart. [Click here](#) to watch Stacie Ruth sing our National Anthem.

**6. Pledge allegiance to the flag!** The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is a way for citizens to express their dedication and love for their country and freedom. Through the years, it has been modified four times. Most recently, the words "under God" were added in 1954. The introduction of "under God" in the 1950s was done during the Cold War, as a way to differentiate the U.S. from the concept of communist state atheism. Here is the Pledge of Allegiance: "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."

**7. Pass the torch of liberty.** Take time to teach your children and grandchildren about the greatness of our God and country. Without you, how will they learn? Your personal touch, time, and attention are effective in encouraging children to love faith and freedom. No school, group, or TV/computer program can replace the impact that you personally can have on our next generation. Visit your local library or bookstore to find resources about our country, government, and history. Have your kids meet our nation's heroes in your community and explain for how they fought for your own freedom.

**8. Put your guard up about too much government.** Be aware of current events. Be aware about what is happening in the news and in the federal and state legislatures. Do not assume that government programs with nice sounding names are safe and for the good of the people. (Sometimes the most dangerous bills have great sounding titles.) It's easy to keep up with current events through the radio, TV, newspapers, and online tools. It's simply up to you to take advantage of those accessible resources.

**9. Voting does count!** Over 50% of eligible voters do not make the effort to vote. Don't be part of that group. It's easy yet very important to vote. You do not need to stand in line at the polls. Instead, vote via an absentee ballot. Contact your auditor's office to request an absentee ballot. In fact, throughout history there have been many elections when only a hand full of votes made all of the difference.

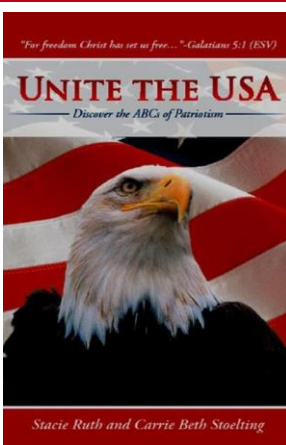
**10. Visit historical landmarks to make our history 'come to life'.** It reinforces the fact that our past is real. For example, visit your state capitol building, presidential libraries, battle sites, or any other historical landmarks in your area that interest you. Seeing places where our government works or where history happened makes history and government text books much more interesting, real, and applicable.

**11. Lawmakers serve you. Request meetings with your lawmakers.** Many state and federal legislators regularly tour their constituencies and hold town hall meetings. For example, it is widely known that in Iowa, Senator Chuck Grassley tours all 99 counties every year. Make the time and

effort to meet with your public servants to hear what they have to say about current news and legislation. Our leaders need to hear from you.

**12. Pray for our nation.** America was founded by God-fearing men and women. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Prayer is powerful. Learn more about our prayer group at <http://www.prayingpals.org>.

## Order Now



*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 patriots. *Unite the USA* will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom. (Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of [UnitetheUSA.org](http://UnitetheUSA.org).) Order it here today!

***In God We Still Trust***  
an inspiring album dedicated to God and veterans  
by Stacie and Carrie Stoelting



Per request from veterans who love patriotic and inspiring music sung by Stacie and Carrie, [In God We Still Trust](#) was recorded. From the National Anthem to "God Bless America" you will be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. [Buy or download a copy today.](#) God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

### 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".



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