

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: America Has a Choice to Make!

Text: Psalm 80:1-19

Introduction: What are the major problems facing the country? Americans say that:

-Affordability of Health Care	66%	-Racism	43%
-Drug Addiction	64%	-Illegal Immigration	43%
-Affordability of a College Education	55%	-Terrorism	39%
		-Sexism	26%
-Federal Budget Deficit	53%	-Job Opportunities for All Americans	
-Climate Change	48%		25%
-Economic Inequality	44%		

(Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted September 3-15, 2019, *Pew Research*)

While all these are noteworthy, it is my observation that the major problem facing all Americans is that, like Israel, we have lost our fear of God and our awareness of His sovereignty. We have wandered away from God and we are rebelling against Him! As a Nation, how far can we go before we reach the point of no return? Some believe we have already passed that point, and that even now we lack the will and determination to change. No nation has ever known just when it has arrived at that place until it was too late!

When I speak of turning back, I do not mean mere reform or self-correction. I personally believe that it is too late for that. I am talking about a sincere turning back to God for divine help and intervention. Can a nation cry out to God for help when the essence of its problem lies in its lack of will to follow God? The answer is yes! God hears the weakest cry, and He responds to need. Listen to the cry of the prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 5:21, "Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old." This same prayer is found in Psalm 80. Fervently and earnestly, the Psalmist prays – "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved" (80:3,7,19). This is America's need as she celebrates her birthday! Let's notice three truths found in these verses.

- I. We have to _____ that we have a need in our Nation.
"Restore us" (Psalm 80: 3,7,19)
- II. We have to _____ God to meet the need of our Nation.
"O God" (Psalm 80: 3,7,19)
- III. We have the _____ that God can meet the need of our Nation.
"Make your face shine on us, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:3,7,19)



Honoring Our Country

Happy Fourth of July

Sunday, June 28, 2020

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

A Prayer for Our Nation

Message in Song.....Celebration Choir
America

Scripture Reading Psalm 22:4

Praise and Worship

God of our Fathers

Prayer.....SSG Jimmy Register

Pledges.....COL Wayne Bynum

- Pledge to the Flag of The United States of America
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible

Star-Spangled Banner.....Wanda Gipson

Welcome / Recognitions / Prayer for our Nation.....Larry Gipson

We Are Americans

Praise and Worship

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Message in Song.....Celebration Choir
Statue of Liberty

Message.....Larry Gipson

A Time To Honor

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Time of Commitment

The Savior is Waiting

Closing Prayer.....COL Leto Curl

Closing Song

God Bless America

Postlude.....Celebration Band

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of my parents Ed & Noah Earle Tolbert and grandparents Mr. & Mrs. N.M. Gilbreath, and Mr. & Mrs. L.R. Tolbert placed by Lou Earle, Mike, Mikie, Janelle, Alex, and Noah.

CAKE/DESSERT AUCTION

We are having a cake/dessert auction **THIS MORNING**. See the delicious desserts on the tables outside the church office. Bids may be placed from 8:30-10:30. All proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry in South Dakota.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **June 28-July 4**

1 Kings 22, 2 Kings 1-13, 2 Chronicles 18-24, Obadiah, and Psalm 82-83

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The return of Sunday morning services has gone well! Now, we would like to gauge the interest in restarting Wednesday Night Bible Study. If you would like to attend Wednesday Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:45, please call the church office by July 1.

SAMFORD MTI CLASS

Baptist Doctrines

August 24-October 12, Monday Nights, 6:00 p.m. See the church website to register or call the church office for more information.

JULY MAGAZINES & DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

are on the table outside the church office.



*Help us Shower the
Bride-to-Be with Love*

Apryl Young

Bride-Elect of Brian Casey

First Baptist Church, Oneonta

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this will be a nontraditional shower. Please place your gifts on the table outside the church office on

Sunday, July 12, 2020.

The Bride and Groom will open the gifts at home.

Apryl is registered at Wal-Mart.