

THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF

THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH

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**IT'S A SPECIAL SUNDAY TO HONOR
THE 235th BIRTHDAY OF OUR NATION!**

Tom Mooty - Somewhat Senior Pastor

We pray that you will be truly blessed by the service today and that you will want to return soon. Visiting friends, please take a moment and complete the **"Visitors' Card"** included in your Newsletter; and then please place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters.

If you have a prayer request for which we can join you in prayer, please use the reverse side of that Visitors' Card to give us your PrayerTime information.

If you are looking for a spiritual church home for you and your entire family, we offer you our services; and ask that you please consider us. **Brother Tom will be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.**

This newsletter is also uploaded to our church website: www.webbaptistchurch.org

SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING

Continental Breakfast (9:00), Choir Practice (9:30), Bible Study (10:00), Southern Gospel Mini Concert (10:30).

THE MORNING WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:57

Praise/Worship coordinated by Matthew Maynard

Cheryl Presnell - MUSICIANS - Omega Jackson
Charlie Ownby, Jerry Thomas, Larry Strange

**"THE SONSHINE FOR SHUT-INS BROADCAST"
OVER WLIK (1270 AM) and WORLD WIDE WEB
(SUNDAYS 11:00-12:00 EASTERN TIME)**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings; and PrayerTime
(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

**Brother Tom's Morning Message:
"The Declaration of Dependence"**

WE WELCOME THE MEMBERS OF THE
COCKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL NROTC
(Ensign Andy Phillips, Commanding)
TO CONDUCT TODAY'S HONOR GUARD

NO SERVICES HERE TONIGHT

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS



Our "Wonderful Wednesday" sessions begin at 4:30 with various activities and fellowship for everyone in the Family Life Center Gymnasium and the Lion 'n Lamb Café; and then continue at 6:00 with Bible classes for Children, Youth, and Adults. Everyone is encouraged to attend these informal and informative Bible study sessions.

FIVE MINUTES WITH TOM MOOTY

This column appears on Thursdays in the Newport Plain Talk. It is a uniquely written piece that uses humor and history to make a spiritual point. Tell your friends about this unusual newspaper column by our Pastor.

THE CENTER PIECE

THE BIRTH OF A NATION



On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee (VA), who had issued the first call for a "Congress of the Colonies", introduced in the subsequent "Continental Congress" at Philadelphia, a resolution declaring: "that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved".

The resolution was seconded by John Adams (MASS); and it came up again on June 10 when a committee of five men: Thomas Jefferson (VA), John Adams (MASS), Benjamin Franklin (PA), Robert Livingston (NY), and Roger Sherman (CONN) - was appointed to write a "declaration" to accompany the "resolution".

We hold these Truths...



The
Declaration of Independence

When in the course of human events...

Jefferson was designated to do the bulk of the writing; and he constructed a portable desk in a room at Market and 7th Streets in Philadelphia. The committee issued their first report on June 28, 1776; to which the members of the Congress suggested several changes, which Jefferson called "deplorable". They made 86 changes, struck out 480 words, and left 1,337. In its final form, the writing structure was erratic; and such words as "unalienable" were left in place of the more correct "inalienable" which Jefferson had originally written.

The original John Henry Lee/John Adams "Resolution" was adopted on July 2 by a margin of 12 votes; and the "Declaration" which explained the Resolution was adopted on July 4.



After adoption, the Declaration document was turned over to John Dunlap, a printer, for publication. It was subsequently read aloud in Philadelphia and Easton, PA, and Trenton, NJ on July 8; and General Washington read it to his troops in New York on July 9.

On July 19, the Continental Congress adopted the following Resolution: "RESOLVED, that the Declaration passed on the 4th, be fairly engrossed on parchment with the title and stile of the unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America; and that the same, when engrossed, be signed by every member of Congress".

Not all the delegates who officially signed the document were present on July 4. Robert Morris (PA), William Williams (CONN), and Samuel Chase (MD) signed on August 2. Other members signed as they could get to Philadelphia. A little known fact is that two delegates from PA didn't support the declaration - and were promptly replaced by two delegates who did!

The original embossed declaration is preserved in the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. For safe keeping during war time, it was transported to the gold bullion depository in Fort Knox, KY.

What did it mean to sign the Declaration of Independence?



As the British army swarmed over Long Island, they burned and plundered the home of Francis Lewis (NY). Mrs. Lewis was taken prisoner and held captive in such deplorable conditions that she never regained her health and died after two years.

William Floyd (NY) was ruined by the war as the invaders captured and plundered his home. Phillip Livingston (NY) lost his business and never was able to return home. Lewis Morris (NY) lost his home and land and gave three sons to the war effort. John Hart (NJ) fled his home and was hunted like a wild animal. He returned home at the age of 65 never to see his family again. The family of Abraham Clark (NJ) was harshly treated because he had signed.

The father-in-law of Benjamin Rush (PA) was imprisoned and all money and property confiscated. The



home of Francis Hopkinson (NJ) was ransacked. George Clymer (PA) lost his home and his family had to flee for their lives. James Smith (PA) and George Taylor (PA) likewise lost their entire fortunes.

As John Morton (PA) died, he uttered: "Tell them they will live to see the hour when they shall acknowledge it to have been the most glorious service that I rendered to my country".

Robert Morris (PA) gave his huge shipping business to the war cause. The home and business of William Ellery (RI) were sacked and burned. Arthur Middleton (SC), Thomas Heyward (SC) and Thomas Lynch (SC) were all captured by the British. Lyman Hall's plantation was looted and burned in Georgia; and Thomas Nelson (VA) gave \$2,000,000 to the war effort and died in poverty; as did Carter Braxton (VA).

What did it mean to sign to Declaration of Independence? With the enemy on the very shores of America, they publicly declared themselves in opposition to England to put their lives and all they owned on the line - **SO YOU AND I COULD HAVE FREEDOM!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our annual Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for all day Saturday, July 23. This is a very special event which was tried last year, and received very well. It is sponsored by our Children's Church Ministry. The school is available to all children from age 4 through Grade 6. A light breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack will be provided, along with tremendous interactive Bible studies, activities and lesson-centered crafts.

We need YOU to help; please tell Lisa Ottinger.

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VICTORY BIBLE INSTITUTE

If you are interested in taking a course in the next session, you should see either Brother Paul or Brother Tom. All classes are recorded in case you should have to miss a session; and are freely available to anyone for either independent study or to review the class material.

Tell everyone you meet about this great opportunity of Bible Study from a fundamentalist point of view.