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Our Secular Nation

It has become quite common to refer to America as a secular nation. And it's true – more and more our country is becoming secular. "In God We Trust" may still be on our coins, but in fewer and fewer hearts of our people. But it is a serious historical error when writers attribute our liberty and democratic form of government to our being a secular nation. Such is definitely not the case. The fact is that the liberties which we enjoy today are the outgrowth of the religious convictions of our forefathers. Our modern secular society is merely the inheritor of the freedoms founded upon religious convictions.

This fact is evident from the foundation document of our national liberty: The Declaration of Independence. This historic document, penned by Thomas Jefferson and signed by fifty-six patriots, referenced the Creator as the foundation upon which our liberty is based: "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."

George Washington, in his farewell address to the nation, emphasized the importance of religion to the security and general welfare of the nation. He said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports...And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on the minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

As a people may we never forget the Psalmist's maxim: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12) Nor should we forget the wise man's words: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

Claude

MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
MORNING	Song Leader	Phil Forrest	
	Announcements	Matt Maurer	
	Opening Prayer	Edwin Boger	
	Scripture Reading	Rick Brown	
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	
	Closing Prayer	Jered Markman	
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Wesley Frick	
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	
	Closing Prayer	Oscar Koontz	
	Lord's Table	Phil Forrest	
	Wed Song Leader	Phil Forrest	

LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Oscar Koontz
Servers	Steve Anderson
	Rick Brown
	Jered Markman
	Scott Tesh



Prepare/Cleanup	The Davenports
Communion Bread	

CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13 Jessica Smith/James Midgette Wedding at the Nuckols home at 2:34pm.

December 14 Delivering gifts to shut-ins and caroling at 2:00pm.



December 14 Elders Meeting at 4:30pm.

2nd Monday every other month Singing at Somerset Nursing Home. Please see Gary Dull if you are interested in attending this event.

NEWS

The money collected during the **Change for Children** campaign will be counted after evening service. Please stay and help count if possible.

There will be a **Baby Shower for Brooke Frick** after the baby is born. See Terri if you wish to help.



A sign-up sheet to teach the **Ladies Class** is on the bulletin board. Volunteers can sign up for one class at a time compared to teaching all of them.

The **2015 communion prep/cleanup and bread** sign-up sheet has also been posted.

GRADUATES

Matthew Brown Thursday Dec 11

Betsy Forrest Saturday Dec 13

Lauren Tesh Saturday Dec 13



PRAYER LIST

Patsy Boyd continues chemotherapy treatments.

Joyce Kimbrell, Nettie Kimbrell's daughter, has stage 4 cancer. She has been given 3 months to live.

Nettie Kimbrell, Dalton's grandmother, was taken to hospital Wednesday.

Fern Nickels continues to weaken and is steadily going downhill.

Catherine Seaman

Wanda Scott continues to recover from a broken leg and is now able to use a walker.

J R Stroud is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and neuropathy.

Bob Freeman has health issues.
Joe Koontz (Glenn's brother)

Amelia Price (Ann Nilo's granddaughter)
Rick Seamon

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer (Steve Anderson's mother)
Bertha Graves
Sadie Rice

Catherine Seamon
Elizabeth Seamon
Dorothy Smith
Larry Warner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kim Rhodes Saturday Dec 13

