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In Junior High School I did not look forward to history classes. I will confess to an interest in the Ohio history class we had to take in junior high, but that was the only class I can say I enjoyed. All the others were requirements to remember who, where, and when. While this information has its place, I would have been more interested in the whys of the events and the personalities behind the events.

During my senior year, I was given an opportunity to escape my civics class to take a test on Ohio history. This may be more a reflection on my personality than a statement regarding the civics class; I avoided class to take a test? It was a chance to get out of a stuffy classroom! I forgot all about the test until a month or so later when I was called into the office to be informed that I had the highest score in the school. This was followed by the 99 percentile score in history on the ACT (does this college entrance exam still exist?).

Since leaving school I have found many hours of pleasure in reading history. As a matter of fact, when Marsha was finishing her degree, I read her American history book for fun and was disappointed when she didn't have to take the second part and thus I missed out on reading the second volume of the two volume textbook. Yes, I am completely comfortable with my strange quirks.

The first Sunday of July we will celebrate the Fourth of July for the 234th time. Do we truly remember the significance of this day, or is it merely an opportunity to have cook-outs and watch fireworks displays? We need to see the connection in history in order to fully understand many events occurring in the present. This is

true not only of American history, but also applies to the history of all nations, peoples, and faiths.

Much of the conflict in our country revolves around the expectation that all decisions should reflect the will of the majority. Let's look at this concept from one historic source.

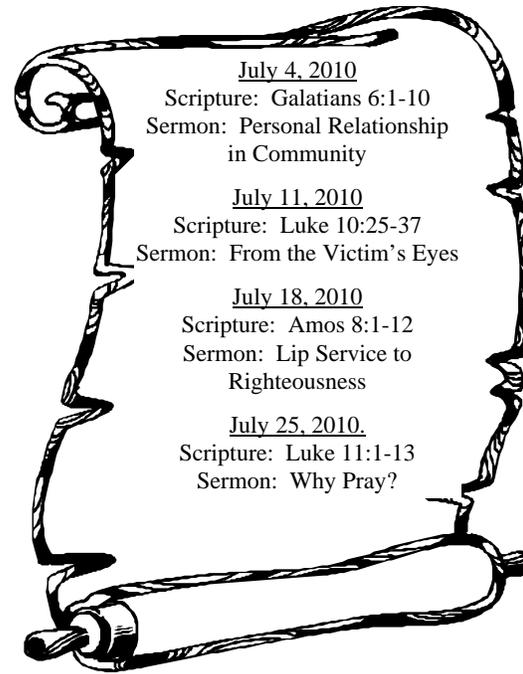
James Madison wrote this in a letter to James Monroe on Oct. 5, 1786, during the Presidency of George Washington. This is taken from William J. Bennett's book *Our Sacred Honor*, pages 335-336.

"...There is no maxim in my opinion which is more liable to be misapplied, and which therefore needs elucidation than the current one that the interest of the majority is the political standard of right and wrong. Taking the word 'interest' as synonymous with 'Ultimate happiness,' in which sense it is qualified with every necessary mortal ingredient, the proposition is no doubt true. But taking it in the popular sense, as referring to immediate augmentation of property and wealth, nothing can be more false. In the latter sense it would be the interest of the majority in every community to despoil and enslave the minority of the individuals; and in a federal community to make a similar sacrifice of the minority component States. In fact, it is only reestablishing under another name and a more specious form, force as a measure of right...."

From a Christian standpoint, we must always weigh our desires and the desires of the majority against what we understand of the Will of God as demonstrated in the Bible. When we demand authority based on majority rule that neglects what is best for those in the minority or those without a voice, we fall into the trap that

Madison refers to as “force as a measure of right.” In the church, we need to not force issues, but rather work toward consensus and understanding of actions needed to be taken. As Christians, we should also encourage this attitude in political discussions and avoid the forceful and damaging rhetoric of attack that seems to be everywhere today. Once upon a time, we all heard the lesson about if you are unable to say something nice, do not say anything at all. While we must always allow people to express their opinions, we should always strive to express our opinion in ways that clarify and educate without insult or attack of anyone else. We exist as a nation because people put aside their differing opinions for a greater good; the creation of the United States of America. As Christians, let us be as willing to set aside personal differences to help form a greater good in the world; the Kingdom of God.

Shalom, *Darrell*



JULY ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in July are: Elders: Denny & Brenda McReynolds and Deacons: Fran Rutherford, Evelyn Carroll, Juliet Nolde & Chris Rogers.



Don & Fred Lawhun
 Jackie Hanson
 Howard Jordan (health)
 Mary Ellen Foland (health)
 Alex & Janice Harrison

LUNCH BUNCH



The Lunch Bunch met on June 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Lonnie & Margaret Hicks, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Winona Smith, Juanita Gunnin, and David Von Almen. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on July 14th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July 4	Jo Smith
July 11	Melissa & Angie
July 18	Donna Staub
July 25	Mike Hurlbert



CMF BREAKFAST

The CMF breakfast was held on June 12th. There were 13 people attending. Our next breakfast will be on September 4th at 8:00 a.m. Please remember to join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship.



Church Pantry Needs

Paper towels
 Toilet paper
 Dessert plates
 39 gal. Trash bags

Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example:

- Church Pantry**
- Local Food Pantry**
- Safe House**
- Hearts to Heroes**



CWF GRACE GROUP

The CWF Grace Group met at 6:00 p.m. on June 17th. Eight ladies attended the covered dish meal and our business meeting. Mary Jane Rogers installed all the new officers present. We will begin our new year of programs on Sept. 16th at 6:00 with a covered dish meal

Lois Crawford and her two daughters went to the CWF Quadrennial in Greensboro, NC June 23 through June 27th. They took with them a decorated bra (and blessed by the minister) from the Grace Group to go on display with all the other decorated bras in the "Bras for a Cause" contest to raise awareness of breast cancer. People voted by purchasing tickets for their favorite bra. All money raised will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We are very happy to have had our CWF represented at the Quadrennial.



CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M group is taking the summer off and will resume their meetings in Sept.



FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

Our church helps support our local food pantry which serves about 90 families in our area every week. Please bring a few cans, jars, or packages of non-perishable food to church at least once a month to help people who really need extra help during these bad economic times.



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Paper products
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry soap, bleach & fabric softener
- Large trash bags



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

It is time for Vacation Bible School! Get ready to sail the **High Seas**. We will learn about Paul, Peter, John, and of course Jesus. We will see you on July 5-9 at 6:00-8:15. Please bring \$5.00 for a T-Shirt. Parents: Please call Gidget

at 718-4600 to let me know if your child is coming. This will insure that we have enough supplies for your child. Please encourage your child to bring a friend or two. This is a children's ministry and we want children to know and understand God's word. A small snack will be served at 6:00 and another snack will be provided at 7:30.

Please support Vacation Bible School. We are in need of the following items:

- 1 person for the 6:00 snacks
- 2 boxes Pringles Baked Wheat Stix
- 1 bag Square Pretzels
- 2 bags M&Ms
- 1 bag Blue Corn Chips
- 1 container Ranch Chip Dip
- 1 small block of Mild Cheddar Cheese
- 1 small box Vanilla Wafers
- 1 bag Gummy Worms
- 1 bag of chocolate Graham Cracker Crumbs
- 1 jar of Peanut Butter
- 1 jar of Jelly
- Lots of Juice Boxes (any kind)

Would like to Borrow:

- 2 Hula Hoops
- 2 Beach Balls
- 2 Rag Mops

Interested in Sponsoring a Child?

A \$15.00 donation to the VBS Fund helps send 1 child to VBS for a week. In the past few years we have averaged around 18 children. **Thank you for supporting VBS through Prayers, Volunteering, donating supplies, and monetarily.**

Brighten your life by:

Counting your blessings—list them one by one. Did you ever realize the real wealth you have?

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Juliet Nolde</i>	2	3 Next Men's Breakfast will be Sept. 4th <i>Evelyn Hawkins</i>
	5 No Board Meeting VBS	6 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel VBS	7 <i>Lisa & Jo Lombardo</i> VBS	8 <i>Jerri Bosarge</i> VBS	9 <i>Keith Ewert</i> <i>Tony Hicks</i> VBS	10
11 <i>Winona Smith</i> 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF	12	13 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Model Club 7:00 <i>Andrea McCleese</i>	14 2:00 Lunch Bunch <i>Lonnie & Margaret Hicks</i>	15 <i>Carl Shaw</i>	16	17
18 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF Fellowship Dinner 6:00	19 <i>Fran Rutherford</i> <i>Laurie Cook</i>	20 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel	21	22	23	24
25 "Feed My Sheep Sunday" <i>Wayne Scaggs</i> 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF	26	27 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel	28	29 <i>Dalton & Dakota Crofutt</i>	30 <i>Corey Gunnin</i>	31

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DIFFERENT SIGNS

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign that said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up with coins. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but in a different way." I wrote, "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it." Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.

When life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling, and even more beautiful is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

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