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Independence Day

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During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this

decision, which had been prepared by a committee but with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary

festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams' prediction was off by two days. From the outset,

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J've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

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Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

One of the most enduring myths about Independence Day is that Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The myth had become so firmly established that, decades after the event and nearing the end of their lives, even the elderly Thomas Jefferson and John Adams had come to believe that they and the other delegates had signed the Declaration on the fourth. Most delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776. In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anni-



versary. President James Monroe died exactly five years later, on July 4, 1831, but he was not a signatory to the Declaration of Independence.

Independence Day is a national holiday marked by patriotic displays. Similar to other summer-themed events, Independence Day celebrations often take place outdoors. Independence Day is a federal holiday, so all non-essential federal institutions (like the postal service and federal courts) are closed on that day. Many politicians make it a point on this day to appear at a public event to praise the nation's heritage, laws, history, society, and people.

Independence Day fireworks are often accompanied by patriotic songs such as the national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", "This Land Is Your Land", "Stars and Stripes Forever", and, regionally, "Yankee Doodle" in northeastern states and "Dixie" in southern states. Some of the lyrics recall images of the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812.

Dependence Day

An Editorial by Earl Pomeroy

On July 4th, Americans commemorate the creation of an independent nation, the United States of America. We call it Independence Day, the day our forefathers formally declared their separation from the British Kingdom. They pledged their sacred honor to the new nation. They paid for it with their own blood and all they possessed. We honor them for their courage, for their resolve, and for their clearly stated commitment to and reliance upon God.

Their copious writings make abundantly clear their intention that the nation would be independent of the British King but not independent of God. Christian belief and faith were woven into the very fabric of the Nation and its founding documents.

This great experiment of representative government we call democracy was built upon the assumptions of personal integrity, mutual trust, and corporate responsibility. The principles of the Christian faith were the foundation upon which our

founding fathers assumed these personal and corporate virtues would stand. They knew that, without that foundation, the democratic society would crumble into dust.

Those assumptions have been vindicated many times during the last decades of the 20th century. Attempts to build democratic governments without the foundation of personal integrity and corporate responsibility produced by faith have yielded chaos, failed states, and the rise of military dictatorships.

Our own nation, itself, is now suffering from consequences of the loss of those moorings and the entire world economy has been plunged into crisis. We have declared our independence from God and outlawed Him from our public discourse. A house that abandons its foundation cannot stand. May God miraculously grant us a **Dependence Day** when we once again affirm Him as our essential and only foundation.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER LIFEWALK

What a day the Lord gave to us to do this walk and people were really enjoying it. There were balloons, t-shirts, watermelon, cookies, cold water, face painting and of course the 3 mile walk. What an awesome combination.

I had the awesome responsibility of being the hostess at the Chamber of Commerce to welcome these dear walkers at the midpoint of their walk. It was so good to see the excitement as they made it at the half-way point. I had the opportunity to talk to many people and I have to give Alton Bible Church so much credit because I have no idea how many people they had on this walk but there was a whole bunch. As for our church---we had twelve and I want to praise God for you and the excitement that you all had. The following is some testimonies of our people that walked:

It was for me an awakening to the need and work of the Alpha Women's Center. It was a good time in the actual walk. Jim

I walked with Lorri Gabrion, she needed due to time restraints to start before the rest of the group. We were able to help IlaJean (at the Chamber) a little with the refreshments. I was happy to help out by

participation in the walk. Don G

I was encouraged that my nephew and my niece pledged money for the walk. It was great to see so many churches and families represented. Lorri

This was my first LIFEWALK and it won't be my last. The weather started out as cloudy and warm, but the sun came out. I walked with a couple from our church. I enjoyed meeting other people from churches in the area. God gave me the good health to make the walk as I have never walked 3 miles in my life, except in the service. I challenge any one to come and get involved next year. Don M

We did have more walkers (125) and took in about \$9600. We want to thank you and praise God for this blessed day.

IlaJean—LIFEWALK Coordinator 2009

Don't miss the

OLD FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, July 5

1:00PM—After ABF

fabulous free food, fun, fellowship



FBC FISHERMAN SAVED BY GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Story by Don Gerard

Roger and Ellen Moore are long time well beloved members of FBC Lowell. Over the past year they have been traveling to various places in the USA with their truck and 5th wheel. Their three sons, Michael, Tom, and James, live in Wyoming, Indiana, and North Carolina, respectively. During the winter, the Moores spent several months with Roger's two brothers in or near Sebring, Florida.

One of Rogers passions, after the Lord and family, is fishing. Sometime in early April, Roger and his brother Bob were out in a sixteen foot row boat catching big fish (actually true)! As Bob abruptly pulled the rear anchor, the boat suddenly filled with water. Bob was able to retrieve two life jackets. While throwing one to Roger, he kept one for himself. The boat went straight down and then they were in the water. Fortunately, the life jacket compartment was open when it usually isn't. Roger says this was not a coincidence, but was caused by the Lord's intervention.

They were able to swim the two or three hundred yards to shore but it took at least an hour. They made it only because they had the assistance of the life jackets. Without the life jackets, they likely would have perished. No other fishermen were on the lake to witness their plight, but God was with them.

A series of fortuitous events got them back to their trailers. Over the next few days they were able to retrieve the sunken boat with their fishing gear.

The moral of the story is, when fishing out in a boat, go with God and with your life jacket. God expects us to do something to help ourselves.



Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

How do non-natives ever learn all the nuances of English???

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends and we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this "up" is confusing:

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on & on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so...

Time to shut UP!

Tricky Times

At five minutes and six seconds after 4 AM on the 8th of July this year, the time and date will be 04:05:06 07/08/09. This will never happen again

What is so different about the 9th of September?

At 9 seconds and 9 minutes after the hour of 9 AM the time and date will be

09:09:09 09/09/09. That too will never happen again.

Next year at six minutes and seven seconds after five am on the ninth of August, it will be 05:06:07 08/09/10.

Next year at ten minutes and ten seconds after ten am on the tenth of October, it will be 10:10:10 10/10/10.

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

Why do we say something is out of whack? What is whack?

Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?

Why is it called "after dark" when it is really "after light"?

Why is phonics not spelled the way it sounds?

How can you lose your life savings on something called securities?

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July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Happy Birthday to..	Happy Anniversary to..
Kaleb Farmer	7/01	
Donna Gerard	7/01	
Andrew Hile (M.K.)	7/02	
Halle Gregory	7/03	
Ben Ingram	7/03	
Leon & Francis Miller		7/05
Brennan Page	7/05	
George & Sue Raimer		7/07
Phil VanLaan	7/07	
Bob Copeland	7/08	
Bob McComb	7/08	
Tom Raimer	7/08	
Phil & Amber Ritchie		7/08
Rev. Roy & JoAnne Schwarcz (Missionaries)		7/08
Ryne Clarke	7/09	
Tyler Milley	7/10	
Jackson Fleenor	7/11	
Janet Burns	7/13	
Bob Bennett	7/14	
Terre Ritchie	7/14	
Loren Blocher	7/15	
Matthew Sobie	7/15	
John Clarke	7/16	
Dennis & Chris West		7/16
Heather Berrington	7/18	
Dorothy Ritchie (Missionary)	7/18	
Linda Walbridge	7/20	
Leon Miller	7/22	
Mary Richard	7/23	
Tyler Ritchie	7/23	
Eli Scoby	7/23	
Pastor & Gayle Sims		7/23
Norma Lemmon	7/24	
Aubrey McKay	7/24	
Kathy Moore	7/24	
Don Gerard	7/26	
George & Terry Watson		7/26
Karen Onan	7/27	
Wilma Sinke	7/29	
Becky Green	7/30	
Mike & Karol Burnham		7/31
Jennifer Green	7/31	
Bob Pycraft (Missionary)	7/31	