

As we celebrate during the July 4th weekend, we are reminded of the words of Alexis de Tocqueville, the famous French historian who came to study America in 1831; "America is great because she is good. If America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." "America was different because we openly acknowledged the role of God in our lives," says Ben Carson.

An excerpt from J. Edgar Hoover, "The men who laid the foundations and reared the soaring arches of our great republic had a vigorous, indomitable, and all-encompassing belief in God. Faith permeated their thoughts, their words, and deeds. We see George Washington, when the fires of hope had flickered to embers, kneeling in the snow at Valley Forge. And we see wise old Ben Franklin suggesting to a Continental Convention, deadlocked time after time, that 'we have prayers every morning.' This nation was born out of faith in God. It can continue to exist in freedom only as that faith remains forthright and strong."

BIBLE VERSES *for the* FOURTH OF JULY

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- 2 Corinthians 3:17

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

-1 Peter 2:16

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

- Galatians 5:1

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

- Psalm 33:12

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." – John 8:32

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. - John 8:36

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. - **Psalm 118:5**

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

- Galatians 5:13

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The CDS enjoyed a very successful dental convention at the recent Florida Convention. These meetings offer great opportunities for the CDS to encourage people and assist dental missions. Once again, the CDS connected hundreds of dental professionals with Christian missions and gave literature about the CDS organization. Numerous individuals expressed a desire to join the CDS. The next dental conference will be on September 8-10 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco and the CDS will have an exhibit booth.

Please consider coming to Houston, Texas with the ADA on October 13-15 where the CDS and CMDA will hold Board and Leadership meetings and together host a Dental Mission Banquet on Friday evening, October 14, 2022, at the Houston First Baptist Downtown Church on 1730 Jefferson Street, near the Houston Convention Center. Come share your experiences at the CDS booth in the Exhibit Hall which will be open Thursday through Saturday.



Picture of Houston 1st Baptist Church Downtown Campus

The CDS will be exhibiting and speaking at the Global Medical Missions Conference in Irvine, California on October 21-22. CDS will also exhibit at the largest dental meeting in the United States at the Greater New York Dental Meeting at the Javits Convention center in Manhattan on November 27-30. CDS members will have a booth at the Rocky Mountain Dental Convention in Denver, Colorado on January 19-21 and be speaking on the 20th. Please consider joining CDS members for a few hours at a booth or just drop by to say hello. Dr. Michael Vaughn, the CDS President, is going to Matamoros, Mexico on October 7-11 for a dental mission and to check on a seven-chair clinic (hopefully to be used for future dental student missions). If interested, contact him at <u>michael@triaxdental.com</u> or phone 615-397-4483.

If looking for volunteers for an upcoming mission trip, there is a form on the CDS website under "Members" to advertise or contact Dr. Bob Meyer at <u>bdmeyer@comcast.net</u>. Also, please consider sending Dr. Bob your mission stories (with pictures) to encourage others.

The CDS met Drs. Thulasi and Aaron Goodwin, an energetic, younger, Christian, dentist couple looking for a Christian Dentist to associate with their practice at the recent Florida meeting and have included their information.



Have a Blessed July 4th!

