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## God in the Declaration of Independence

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

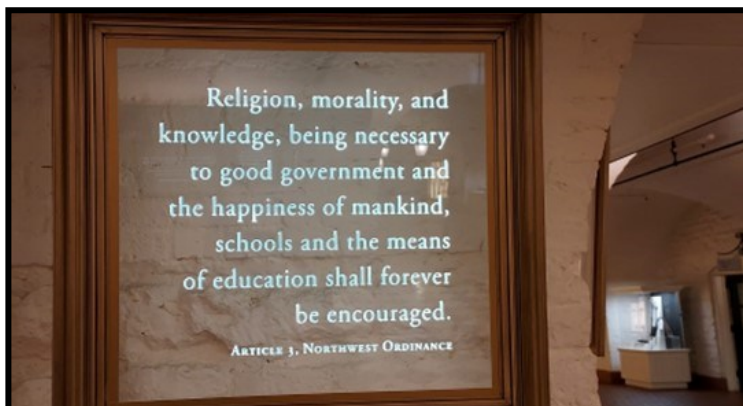
Two hundred and forty-eight years ago a revolutionary document was presented to the world by the Continental Congress of Great Britain's American colonies. Fifty-six men, signed their names to that document, pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in a bid to alter the course of history and change their lives and the lives of those they loved forever. That document was the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration had its beginning on June 7, 1776, when Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution to the Continental Congress beginning: "Resolved: 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 dis-

solved." Although some delegates to the Continental Congress were still desirous of reconciliation with the Crown, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting the American Colonies' case for independence. Appointed to the committee were John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York, and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia.

Jefferson drafted the Declaration, Franklin and Adams made some changes, and the Declaration was voted on by the Continental Congress on July 2. Some further changes were made, and the Declaration of Independence, detailing the grievances of the 13 colonies against King George as their justification for severing ties with Great

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### On the walls at the Ohio Statehouse

WITHOUT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE  
THE BLESSINGS OF FREE GOVERNMENT  
CANNOT BE LONG CONTINUED.

THOMAS WORTHINGTON  
OHIO GOVERNOR

## Trust

**Greatest Love**

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)*

Help us recount our great price at Thy loss  
When Thy love toward sinners was proved on the cross;  
To thereby consider our love low as dust,  
While Thine as most precious, dear Lord of our trust.

**No Back Door**

*I am the door: by me if any man enter in, (Continued on page 5)*

## Coming Events at the BBC

**JULY 2024**

4 - Independence Day  
23-28 - Summit County Fair Booth

**AUGUST 2024**

4 - 27th Anniversary of Pastor Davis at RBBC  
18 - 18th Anniversary of Live with Pastor Al on the radio

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# MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

## MISSIONARIES' REPORTS

For the State of Kentucky - 1849

### God in the Declaration of Independence

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Britain, was adopted on July 4. It also recognized the magnitude of what they were attempting to do and provided four references as to their reliance upon God.

The first reference occurs in the first paragraph:

*When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

The phrase, "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," is an implicit acknowledgement that God created the heaven and the earth and that He established basic laws for His creation to operate by. In the physical realm we can see things such as the law of gravity, Newton's laws of motion, and the laws of thermodynamics that govern the interactions of mass and energy. Laws of Nature refers to those laws, but it also refers to moral laws governing the interactions of people; individually, corporately, and nationally. Consequently, they realized the need to appeal to Nature's God, the Divine Lawgiver, and to follow His laws in their quest to establish a new nation on the earth. As they embarked on the effort to challenge the most powerful nation on Earth, they understood what David meant in Psalm 124:8 when he said, "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth." Hence the appeal to "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" at the very onset of the Declaration of Independence.

The second reference to God comes in the second paragraph of the Declaration:

*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.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers*

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Bro. S. V. Potts has labored 72 days; preached 64 sermons, and delivered 23 exhortations; travelled 840 miles, received 29 members into his Churches, and raised \$15.30 for the purposes of your Association. He speaks encouragingly of the state of religion in his bounds.

Elder J. Leake has labored 70 days as Agent and Missionary; visited 10 Churches in South District Association, and received subscriptions to the amount of \$73.45 on the five years' plan; also visited several Churches in Tates' Creek Association, and taken subscriptions to the amount of \$42; visited two churches in South Kentucky Association; received subscription of \$3.50 at Gilbert's Creek; also, collected \$56 on the old subscription, and \$4.00 given by others. Twenty members were added to the Church in Lancaster, and a good prospect for more additions. He speaks of an increased interest in the cause of Missions in his district. May the Great Head of the Church bless the labors of these faithful Agents in the cause of our Redeemer.

Bro. D. S. Colgan has labored 40 or 50 days; received subscriptions to the amount of \$78.00; and preached as often as opportunities presented, with much success; but has been prevented by sickness in his family, from accomplishing all he wished.

Bro. Y. R. Pitts, has travelled about 500 miles; preached 32 sermons; established a

Sunday School; visited, for religious conversation, 45 families; received into the Church at Williamstown, three by letter and four by experience and baptism. He writes; that the prospect before him is flattering; the church, as a body, is united and active, maintaining a weekly prayer meeting, faithful in discipline and zealous for the advancement of God's cause. One

young man of ardent piety and promising gifts has been licensed to preach.

Bro. L. D. Alexander has labored faithfully the past year, established a Church of 24 members in Carrollton, preached frequently below the Kentucky river, and great interest

is manifested for the Word of Life, by those who had never before heard a Baptist minister. There is great destitution in that region of country.

Bro. J. M. Pendleton writes, "that the ministers of the Liberty Association, performed, during the year, which closed in August last, 374 days Missionary labor. We trust that good has resulted from the proclamation of the Gospel!"

Bro. F. German, sums up his labors for the year in a few words, he says, "I have labored in your service 94 days, preached 104 sermons, travelled 1550 miles, baptized 20, and received \$12 in money.

Bro. John James states, that he has labored 144 days, travelled 1110 miles, preached 126 sermons, delivered 28 exhor-

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Roger & Tammy Tooley  
Church Planting in England  
(Currently on the Field)

John Yingling  
General Director  
Baptist International Outreach  
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mike & Debby Drust  
Church Planting in Albania  
(Currently on the Field)

Mt. Pisgah  
Bible Printing Ministry  
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
Oliver Springs, Tennessee

Jim Robideau  
Lighthouse Legal Ministries  
at Lighthouse Baptist Church  
Ashtabula, Ohio

Jim & Emi Civala  
Church Planting Assistance  
in the Samoan Islands  
(Currently in the USA)

# Words Worth Considering...



"Progressives would never countenance painting a Christian cross on a public crosswalk. But what makes one group's symbol of pride different from another's symbol of love? What gives the LGBTQ community a right to an official presence in public that's denied to religious believers? ... If liberals want to separate church and state, they have to acknowledge that the same principle separates sexuality and state."

—Daniel McCarthy

"The first gulp from the glass of natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass God is waiting for you."

—Warren Heisenberg

"One of the outstanding peculiarities of Baptists has always been, that they make salvation a condition of baptism, rather than baptism a condition of salvation."

—H. Boyce Taylor, Sr.

"The great principle underlying religious liberty is this: God alone is the Lord of my conscience."

—E.Y. Mullin

"Praising God is not requested of us; it is required of us. Praising God is not optional; it is ordered. Praising God is not a suggestion; it is a summons. Praising God is not desired of us; it is demanded. Praising God is not a proposal; it is a proscription. Praising God is not a recommendation; it is a regulation. Praising God is not an opinion; it is an obligation. Praising God is not an invitation; it is an injunction. In short, praising God is not optional at all."

—Tom Brennan

"He who prays as he ought, will endeavor to live as he prays."

—John Owen

"Christians face tough decisions in life, preparing them for a greater calling. Don't succumb to emotional defeat; the devil would love to see you quit."

—Alicia Hansen

"The Biden administration poses a serious threat to Christian values everywhere. This is not just a matter of opinion; it is plain to see. Biden knows that the culture of death cannot triumph without destroying its greatest resistance, which consists of faith and family. So, he aggressively promotes everything that would weaken and corrupt both of these institutions — population suppression programs, coercion to reduce family size, abortion, homosexuality, and transgenderism among others."

—Brian Clowes

"The radical Left is trying to shame Christians, silence you, demoralize you, and they want to keep you out of politics. They don't want you to vote, that's why you have to vote," Trump stated, continuing, "If you vote, we cannot lose. They don't want you to vote. But Christians cannot afford to sit on the sidelines. If Joe Biden gets in, Christianity will not be safe in a nation with no borders, no laws, no freedom, no future."

—President Donald Trump

# MINISTRY FOCUS



## Summit County Fair Time!

The Richfield Bible Baptist Church will be at the Summit County Fair again this year. We will be setting up our booth just inside the main gates on Monday, July 22. The fair starts on the 23rd and runs through the 28th. Volunteers from the church will be staffing the booth each day from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday and from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM.



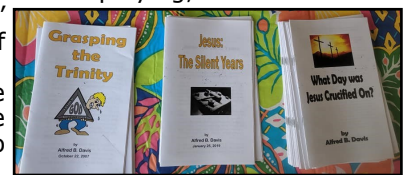
We will have our venerable 3-door display, *3 THINGS GOD CANNOT DO*, as usual. We updated the background on it this year because the old one was getting a bit faded.



Our new display last year, featuring the most banned book in the world, will be back this year as well. It is the book that has been not only banned in more places around the world down through history, but the mere possession of it could — and still does — be a crime punishable by death in many cases. Of course, when opened, the Bible is revealed.



We will also have plenty of Bible tracts on hand, including the *3 THINGS GOD CANNOT DO* tract to give away where the 3-door display is located. And, over on the table where we have a variety of Christian films and documentaries playing, we will have an assortment of Pastor Davis' pamphlets on a variety of Bible topics and questions.



Pastor Davis will also be broadcasting live from the fair on Friday. We hope to see you at the fair!



# God in the Declaration of Independence

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*from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*

Here we see a clear reference to God as our Creator and a recognition that our Creator has given us “certain unalienable Rights.” We can also see what, for 1776, was a very radical statement. The Founding Fathers were stating here that people, under God and by virtue of the rights given to us by God, were entitled to alter, abolish, or institute governments. This was radical because much of the world then was governed by monarchies, by the divine right of kings. Monarchs established, altered, and abolished governments, not the people. Instead, the Continental Congress put King George, and all monarchs, despots, and tyrants, on notice that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights” and that “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” This is also a recognition that neither we, nor monarchs, nor governments are superior to God.

It is also a radical statement to claim we are created by God our Creator and that He has given us the right to establish, alter, or even abolish governments. This was radical in 1776 because monarchs, strong men, and tyrants established, altered, and abolished governments, not the people. To claim, as the Declaration claims, that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights” and that “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed” was to put King George and all monarchs, strong men, and tyrants on notice.

Another radical aspect of this statement is that rights come from God, not monarchs or governments. In 1776, the only rights the people in the colonies had were those that King George and the British government allowed or tolerated. To say, as the Declaration did, that it is a self-evident truth that God our Creator has endowed us with certain unalienable rights was to elevate God as both the originator and the giver of those rights. In so doing, it was a reminder that God is superior to human government and human leaders.

I might note that this is still a radical statement to those prone to big government and totalitarianism today. Politico's Heidi Przybyla, for example, recently alerted an MSNBC panel on February 22 of the dangers of Christian nationalists, warning, “they believe that our rights as Americans, as all human beings, don't come from any earthly authority. They don't come from Congress, they don't come from the Supreme Court, they come from God.” I'm sure King George would have agreed with her.

After establishing that the Continental Congress was acknowledging God and looking to Him for the authority to decide what form of government they should have, they then noted a “long train of abuses and usurpations” as their justification to sever their relationship with the British Crown and to declare their independence. This is followed by the third and fourth references to God in the last paragraph.

The third reference is found near the beginning of the lengthy first sentence:

*We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, 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; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.*

Here, the Continental Congress appeals to the “Supreme Judge of the world,” recognizing that God would be both a witness and judge of their actions. This evidences a desire that their actions and motivations would line up with the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God”; a desire that what they were doing would be acceptable in the eyes of their Creator.

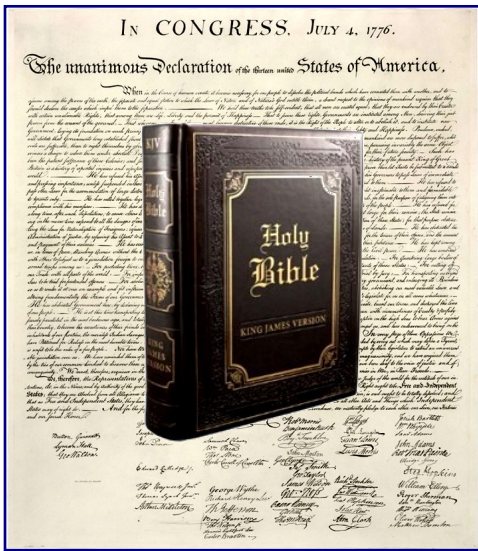
The fourth and final reference to God comes in the last sentence of the Declaration:

*And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.*

Divine Providence is a direct reference to God and an acknowledgment that they needed God’s protection in order to successfully break away from Britain and establish a new, independent United States of America. It also indicates that they were painfully aware of Psalm 127:1, which says:

*Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

And so, with God as their witness and a firm reliance on divine protection, they pledged to each to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor as they set course to change history and build a country founded on the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God.” We would do well to do the same today.



**More Looney Left Liberal Headlines**  
**Jesus heals Gadarene demoniac:**

**MADMAN'S FRIEND**  
**CAUSES STAMPEDE!**

**LOCAL FARMERS'**  
**INVESTMENTS LOST -**

**PORK**  
**BELLIES**  
**PLUMMET!**

## Trust

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*he shall be saved,  
and shall go in and out,  
and find pasture.  
(John 10:9)*

There's no back door entrance to heaven,  
And hell has no fire escape;  
Through the cross is life offered and given;  
One's direction determines one's fate.

### The Path of Least Resistance

*And David left his carriage in the hand of  
the keeper of the carriage,  
and ran into the army,  
and came and saluted his brethren.  
And as he talked with them,  
behold, there came up the champion,  
the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name,  
out of the armies of the Philistines,  
and spake according to the same words:  
and David heard them.  
And all the men of Israel,  
when they saw the man,  
fled from him, and were sore afraid.  
(1 Samuel 17:22-24)*

To seek the path of least resistance,  
Persuaded it's the Lord's,  
And fail to trust in His deliverance  
When battle life affords;  
To halt with enemy before  
And course of action clear,  
Bewrays a lack of faith at core  
And compromise with fear.

—T.J.T.G.

## MISSIONARIES' REPORTS

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tations and received 73 members into our churches, collected \$11 in money, constituted one church and established one Sunday School. "The country over which I have travelled," says bro. James, "is very hilly, and the roads, or rather paths, are rocky and difficult. The churches are remote from each other, say from 10, 15, to 20 miles apart. The people generally poor, but friendly. There are in the bounds of the Cumberland River Association 18 churches, some of which are entirely destitute of any regular preaching - the most favored but once a month. Most of the churches are opposed to the Missionary enterprise; but this opposition is gradually diminishing, as they become better acquainted with the objects and designs of the General Association." His report concludes with the cheering intelligence, that "many of the churches have been greatly blessed the present year. It is the beauty of our holy religion, that "to the poor the Gospel is preached." May Bro. James continue his labors of love, till every hill and every vale shall resound with praises to the living God.

Bro. J. B. Porter has confined his labors mostly in Oldham County, to three Churches. The results of his efforts have been, that the Church at Westport has in-

creased from 12 to 42; at Covington [?], 5 miles above, from 11 to 88; at Liberty, from 35 to 44, since last General Association. He has preached usually three times a week, and visited from house to house, for religious conversation; reading the scriptures, prayers, &c. May his labors be blessed.

In conclusion, the Board would recommend an increased energy in our elders, missionaries, and brethren, in organizing all our Churches and Associations as auxiliaries [sic] to the General Association, so that they may send more laborers into the field now "ripe for the harvest." For want of means, they are unable to answer half of the calls made on them, by the destitute portions of the State. By concentrated action, great results are obtained. On the sixty thousand Baptists of Kentucky, heavy responsibilities rest. Let us hope, that each member of our denomination will do his duty, and God will prosper His own cause and our whole State be blessed with an outpouring of his Holy Spirit.

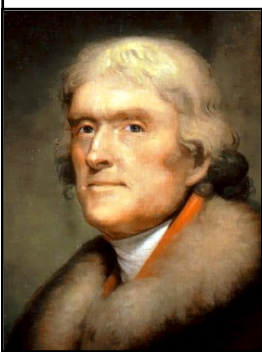
Minutes of the Kentucky Baptist Anniversaries booklet, 1849; via SBTS Archives, Adam Winters, archivist. Scanned and formatted by Jim Duvall. [<http://baptisthistoryhomepage.com/missions.in.ky.1849.html>]

"I build molecules for a living, I can't begin to tell you how difficult that job is. I stand in AWE of God because of what he has done through his creation. Only a rookie who knows nothing about science would say science takes away from faith. If you really study science, it will bring you CLOSER to God."

--JAMES M. TOUR, Nanoscientist

## Thomas Jefferson Speaks Out

*My substance was not hid from thee, when I was  
made in secret, [and] curiously wrought in the  
lowest parts of the earth. (Psalm 139:15)*



The theory of evolution did not begin with Charles Darwin. The Greek philosophers who chose not to believe that there is a Creator God tried to explain the origin of everything by time and chance.

That great Statesman, Thomas Jefferson, lived in the generation before Charles Darwin and had been influenced by the writings of some of the German and the English philosophical writers. Jefferson was at home in six languages, had three earned doctorates and was well versed in the sciences, yet he pointedly rejected the idea of evolution.

Jefferson was not a believing Christian, but he wrote in defense of the Creator. Here are some of his words: "I hold – without appeal to revelation – that when we take a view of the universe in its parts, general or particular, it is impossible for the human mind not to perceive and feel a conviction of design, consummate skill, and indefinite power in every atom of its composition... It is impossible... for the human mind not to believe that there is, in all this, design, cause, and effect, up to an ultimate cause, a Fabricator of all things."

We might add, that the creation testifies abundantly to the Creator, or Fabricator, as Thomas Jefferson calls Him. Moreover, this Creator has a deep love for His creation and especially for you and me, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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**GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION**

- **WHO IS GOOD?** "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)
- **WHO HAS SINNED?** "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- **WHERE DID SIN COME FROM?** "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)
- **WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN?** "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)
- **WHAT IS OUR HOPE?** "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
- **WHAT SHOULD WE DO?** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)
- "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

**SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

- Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM
- Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

- Bible Studies & Expository Preaching
- World Missions & Local Evangelism
- Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com
- LiveWithPastorAl.com
- Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: Late Night Live with Pastor Al — Sunday, 10:00 PM Live With Pastor Al — Friday 1:30 PM

**LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

- The Bible Baptist Church meets in the Richfield Commons Plaza at the corner of Wheatley and Brecksville Roads, in Richfield, Ohio, at: 4174 Wheatley Rd., Suite 200 Richfield, Ohio 44286

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*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."  
 (Romans 10:17)*