

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

May 8, 2016

**"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"**

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

## Our National Day Of Prayer

Yahoo reports this morning that President Obama plans to name the iconic New York Stonewall Inn, where the "Gay Rights" movement supposedly began, as a national monument. Tuesday, voters in my home state of Indiana overwhelmingly cast their ballots for Donald Trump, an egomaniac, immoral, narcissist, who has been named as the presumptive nominee of the Republican Party for President of the United States. The Democratic party is still in a battle for their nominee—a choice between a cranky socialist and a cackly criminal. Oh, and by the way, *this past Thursday* was the 65th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer.....What irony!

The theme this year is "Wake Up America." And the theme verse is Isa 58:1 "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet." While the prophet spoke of God's people, Israel, and their need to pray and repent of their sins, this theme and thought is appropriate for America today. More than ever. According to NDP web site a joint resolution by Congress which was signed by President Harry Truman in 1952 declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed an amended law that set aside the first Thursday of every May. Since then every President has signed a proclamation, encouraging Americans to pray on this day.

It is good that our leaders recognize the need of prayer. It is in keeping with Paul's proclamation, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

Our forefathers believed in God and in prayer. The first Day of Prayer was in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. Calls for national prayer continued throughout history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" in 1863. As a nation we have strayed away from God. There are many problems that plague our land. We are dealing with issues that threaten the very foundation of our country that is causing it to crumble. Our moral fiber has been weakened. Our spiritual roots are eroding. Our families are disintegrating. Our political leaders have no respect for God and his Divine Word. It seems that America has reached a point of no return. I've seen some of my preaching colleagues on Facebook declare that we are dead, based on our political and moral state. They may be right.

However, Christianity was born in a corrupt culture. And as evil as the Roman Empire was it lasted another 400 years. Our current climate is discouraging to Bible Believers. But more than ever, we must be the salt of the earth. The light of the World. And we must pray. Jehovah's words to Solomon regarding Israel aptly describe our need today. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chr. 7:14). In that spirit on this national day of prayer, I offer this simple petition.

*Dear Heavenly Father, We acknowledge you as our Creator. Our Protector. Our Sustainer. The One and only true God. Father, our land is broken. Hearts are hurting. And the souls of our citizens are being sacrificed on altars of selfish ambition, personal pride, materialistic pursuits, moral compromise, political correctness, and unbridled lusts. We pray for our governmental leaders. From our local communities to the President. May they seek your counsel, wisdom and will. May decisions be made and laws enacted that honor Truth and Righteousness. We pray that during this contentious and confusing election year, that as Christians, we may be united around Jesus, as our only Lord and Savior. May we love one another in spite of personal opinions and political differences. We pray for our homes. Strengthen husbands and wives. Parents and children. May the family values of your Word be once again valued, taught and lived as we mold young hearts. We pray for our religious leaders. May churches, preachers and pastors be faithful to your Word. Proclaim your Truth. And reject and repudiate every false way. We pray personally that each of us may examine our own hearts. Admit our sins. Confess our failures. And humbly repent. We ask your forgiveness. We seek your guidance. We beg for your mercy. Thank you, Father, for your love. For all blessings, both physical and spiritual. And for the gracious gift of Your Son through whom we can receive redemption. Deliver us from evil. Protect us from harm. Give us strength, courage and resolve to be faithful. With thankful hearts we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, our Rock and Redeemer.*

**-Ken Weliever, [thepreachersword.com](http://thepreachersword.com)**

**We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.**



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 5-8-2016

**A**  
*New*  
**COMMANDMENT**

JOHN 13:34,35

GOD HAS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT OF CHRIST IS THAT  
\_\_\_\_\_ AS \_\_\_\_\_ HAS  
\_\_\_\_\_ US.

\_\_\_\_\_ THIS NEW COMMANDMENT WILL  
SHOW THAT \_\_\_\_\_ ARE TRULY \_\_\_\_\_.



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Sunday PM Notes 5-8-2016

**DIFFICULT**  
Sayings  
of  
**Jesus**

**John 6:60**

Some of Jesus's teachings are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Coming to a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

There might be \_\_\_\_\_ on some of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ sayings is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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### Times of Worship & Bible Study

#### Sunday:

**9:30 AM Bible Study**

**10:30 AM Worship Service:** You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

**5:00 PM Worship Service**

**Wednesday:**

**7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship**

### Weekly Attendance

**Last Sunday AM Worship.....118**  
**Last Sunday PM Worship.....84**  
**Last Wednesday Bible Study.....96**

## In Our Prayers

### RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

**-Spring & Paisley McDonald...**Paisley was born this past Friday at 11:20am. She came in weighting 7lbs 5oz and was 20 inches long. Thankful to God for a healthy momma and baby!

**-Jonathan Gateley...**awaiting results from some recent tests.

**-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)...**was tunable to begin cancer treatments as scheduled due to low white blood count. Drs are hoping to get those levels raised so that she can begin her treatments.

**-Helen Lovell's brother...**the doctors have told Helen's family that her only brother has only a short time to live.

**-Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)...**undergoing cancer treatments.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

**\*\*\*Our expecting mothers: Katie Angel & Melody Brown.\*\*\***

**-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)...**still struggling with his health.

**-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...**young man struggling with his health.

**-Barbara Leonard...**shut in and struggling with her health.

**-Christian Shadburn...**20 yr. old Christian in Bowling Green battling cancer.

**-Robin Hill.....** battling cancer.

**-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...**Battling Melanoma.

**-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)...**Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

**-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.**

**-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.**

**\*\*\*If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.\*\*\***

## Pleasant Plains News

### Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Song Practice - TBD** at the Angel's home after evening service. **First few minutes will focus on learning new songs, and then we will spend the rest of our time singing some of our favorite songs. Everyone is welcome!**

✓**Men's Bible Class - June 4th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 6 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - June 7th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 8 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - May 22nd** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lessons 5 & 6 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

### Area Gospel Meetings & Events

●**Gospel Meeting with Gordon Grammar at the West Fayette Church of Christ in Eads, TN...** May 8-13. M-W at 7pm.

●**Lecture Series at Waverly Heights in Huntsville, AL...**May 12-15. Jeff May, Lawrence Kelly, Steve Klein, & Paul Earnhart will be presenting lessons.

●**Special Series of Lessons at the East Shelby Church of Christ in Collierville, TN...**May 13-15 with lessons presented by Terry Francis & Adam Shanks. See bulletin board for more details.

## Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Numbers 21-27

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**