

Sunrise Christian Church

July 2011 Family Newsletter

We exist to LOVE, LEARN, LEAD: to love God, to learn to conform ourselves to His Son's image, and to lead others to the cross of Christ.



“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.

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.”

Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1776



“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2

Corinthians 3:16

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Quotes about America's freedom

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

George Washington

There is nothing wrong with America that faith, love of freedom, intelligence, and energy of her citizens cannot cure.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is

the path of surrender, or submission.

John F. Kennedy

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.

Ronald Reagan

I believe that God has planted in every heart the desire to live in freedom.

George W. Bush

Freedom is never free.

Author Unknown

Differences between patriotism and nationalism:

Patriotism is based on affection while nationalism is rooted in rivalry and resentment. One may even say that nationalism is militant by nature and patriotism is based on peace.

Most nationalists assume that their country is better than any other, whereas patriots believe that their country is one of the best, yet can be improved in many ways. Patriots tend to believe in friendly relations with other countries while some nationalists don't.

In patriotism, people all over the world are considered equal, but nationalism implies that only the people belonging to one's own country should be considered one's equal.

A patriotic person tends to tolerate criticism and tries to learn something new from it, but a nationalist cannot tolerate any criticism and considers it an insult.

Nationalism makes one to think only of one's country's virtues and not its deficiencies. Nationalism can also make one contemptuous of the virtues of other nations. Patriotism, on the other hand, values responsibilities rather

than just valuing loyalty towards one's own country.

Nationalism makes one try to find justification for mistakes made in the past, while patriotism enables people to understand both their shortcomings and the improvements that have been made.(from www.differencebetween.net)

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“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.” I John 4:7

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There was a saying during WWII, “loose lips sink ships;” so, how much more true for the church?

These “loose lips” go by the biblical the name of “gossip,” and the Bible has much to say about it.

Proverbs 11:13

“A **gossip** betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.”

Proverbs 16:28

“A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a **gossip** separates close friends.”

2 Corinthians 12:20

“For I am afraid that when I come I may

not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, **gossip**, arrogance and disorder

And, gossip is the opposite of love-

I Corinthians 13:4-8

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

So here are some questions each of us ought to ask ourselves before sharing something about another person: 1) Will what I share help the person I'm speaking about? 2) Does the person I'm speaking to need to know this about the other person? 3) Would I say the same things if the person I'm speaking about were standing there with us? 4) And, is it the whole truth?

Jesus once said this about the things we say, “**I tell you that men will have to give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken**” (Matthew 12:36). So, let's watch what we talk about, doing so because we love God and others.

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An ancient bit of wisdom says, “The problem with getting older is that we want everything to stay the same as it was, yet nothing- including our bodies- does!”

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When I consider the question, “How do I grow in my faith?” I come up with only one answer-Fellowship! Fellowship with God (worship and prayer), fellowship with God's word (reading it and meditation on it), fellowship with God's people (“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing.” Heb. 10:25), and fellowship with those outside the church (acts of service and kindness). Do these and you will grow in your faith and Christian maturity, yet leave any one of these out and your spiritual growth will be stunted!

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4th of July Jokes

What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?
The Americans licked the British!

What ghost haunted King George III?
The spirit of '76!

Did you hear about the cartoonist in the
Continental Army?
He was a Yankee doodler!

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from
Boston to Lexington?
Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

What would you get if you crossed a patriot
with a small curly-haired dog?
Yankee Poodle!

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Don't Forget! **Dorothy Coons** has again
opened her home for a **4th of July celebration**.
So bring some food and drinks to share, a lawn
chair or blanket to sit on, mosquito repellent,
and a cheerful heart! Her address is just off NW
4th Ave at **1089 Chukar Ridge Drive**, Ontario.
This will be from **7pm 'til the community
fireworks are over**.