



Maine Maritime Ministry

Sharing the love and gospel of Jesus along the coast of Maine and beyond

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12

Dear Family & Friends

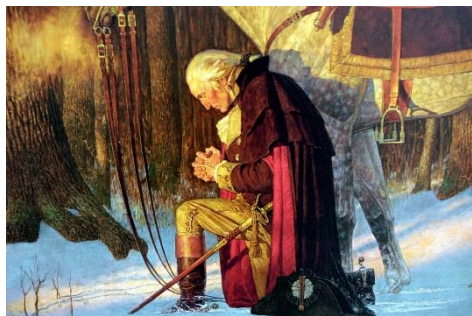
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Today is the 4th of July. Happy Independence Day! As you may know, our town was named after one of the Lord's greatest evangelists of all time--George Whitefield. Originally, Whitefield was settled in 1770 as Balltown. Even though George Whitefield was never in Maine, the town of Balltown, a predominantly Irish Catholic community were saved by his ministry to the point that they even changed the town's name.



The 4th of July parade is a big deal in our little town and everyone shows up by the hundreds. (Well over a thousand this year--an old-timer told us "it grows every year!") We are always looking for ways to share Jesus Christ. This morning during my Quiet Time, God gave me a wonderful idea--to take an active part in next year's parade.

The parade ends at the Sheepscott Valley Church, which has a high porch. Pray that next year I will be able to act the part of George Whitefield by riding in the parade on horseback, giving out tracts, and sharing the gospel on the steps of the church with an open air message as George Whitefield did. What an opportunity to share the gospel! Your prayers over the next year for God to prepare me and to open doors will be invaluable.



God blessed our country with two great revivals. The first Great Awakening occurred with Whitefield in 1740. It bore such lasting results, causing our founding Fathers to establish a Christian Nation, "One Nation under God!" George Washington said, "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible!" In his farewell address, Washington also said, "Of all dispensations and habits which lead to political prosperity; religion and morality are indispensable reports. In vain would a man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars".

Wow! Our Founding Father basically said you can't be a patriot without being a Christian. If you think this is too strong a statement, then listen to what Patrick Henry wrote--"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not on religions but by Christians; not on religions but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

Our country was founded at great sacrifice of blood. Not only by patriots but by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Vickie was privileged to meet one our nations honored wounded warriors this week when she was shopping. His name is SSG Travis Mills--a quadruple amputee! He lost both his arms and legs serving our country. There are both a book and movie about him entitled: TOUGH AS THEY COME. His book begins with a quote of scripture "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9. Spoken like a TRUE patriot.



With all our love and gratitude! Your servant and His,

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