

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

[Pastor Gene Henderson with edits by Pastor Pier]

The Constitutional Convention took place in Philadelphia from May 25 to September 17, 1787. Fifty-five State delegates were assigned the duty of writing the Constitution of the United States of America. No small feat, given the differing opinions of the delegates and the costs of the war just concluded with England. One can think whatever the college professors of today tell us, or one can reach back and find out that these people took on their task with incredible sacrifice and historical research.

They were crafting what would become the most important paper designed to shape human government ever written. And they were neither impressed nor depressed by this assignment. They were, in fact, caught up in the moment.

Europe was a mess. Each state had its own unique needs and political opinions. Each state had responsibilities that citizens wanted addressed, and each state had its own religion. This latter need had created a few wars in Europe and people in the new country did not want that.

Given all their personal differences and all the research done on the governmental forms of the Greek and Roman Empires and on the European states through the past thousand years, the framers wrote a short Constitution consisting of a Preamble, seven articles and ten amendments (the Bill of Rights). Despite a civil war and various other struggles – including the progressives of today who believe it should be re-written – this *Constitution has guided our nation for 238 years.*

But not alone. George Washington wrote that, to survive, the United States would always need churches and people to attend them. Washington was baptized into the Church of England as an infant, but he did not recommend any Christian church over another. He strongly believed that citizens would need God's help to maintain this country. *It's still true!* Psalm 32:12 (English Standard Version):

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

Welcome!

June 1st, 2025



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

Iron Sharpens Iron – Saturday, June 7 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m., doors open at 7:30 a.m. @ Calvary Assembly of God, 960 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. The cost is of \$39 per man if we have 5 or more, payable by June 3rd. Students are \$25 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer so we can plan. This is a life changing event for our men, let us all plan to go.

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SERMON NOTES

REV. MARLON CASTRO

THE CHURCH THAT GOD DESIRES

TEXT: Acts 2:43-47

⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.