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# Truth & Right

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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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*We appreciate so much  
your presence here to-  
day.*

*We would like to ex-  
tend an invitation to  
join us at any of our  
other times of worship.*

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Bible Classes for  
All Ages

*Today's Speakers:*

**ED ROBERTS  
&  
DAN MARTON**

**CD's and tracts are  
available free of  
charge in the foyer.**

Please **feel free** to  
take any material that  
you feel can help

## What Makes a Nation Great?

By Larry Ray Hafley

If military might made a nation great, the Assyrian and Roman empires would never have fallen. If scientific education made a nation great, Nazi Germany would have ruled the world. If vast natural resources made a nation great, the former Soviet Union would be flourishing. If money made a nation great, the oil rich nation of Saudi Arabia would be strong.

The United States has all of the above measures of strength in abundance. Do those items make us a great nation? No. They only make us a country rich in the symbols and accoutrements of material wealth, worldly wisdom, and physical power. They are not standards of real worth, or of true value.

You are already ahead of me, for you know what makes a nation great; you know what gives it genuine force and stability--*"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"* (**Prov. 14:34**).

Now, apply the same rule to the church. What makes a church great in the sight of the Lord? Is it money? No, Laodicea evidently had that, but they were *"wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"* (**Rev. 3:17**). An urbane, sophisticated, educated membership may comprise an ignorant congregation (**1 Cor. 3:18-21**). Thus, we may safely say, *"Righteousness exalteth God's 'holy nation,' the church, but sin is a reproach to any congregation"* (cf. **1 Pet. 2:5, 9**). (If you doubt that conclusion, see Paul's judgment of the Corinthians --**1 Cor. 3:1-3**).

Next, attach these principles to yourself, an individual. What makes a person great in the sight of God Almighty? Is it power, prestige, position, or prominence? Absolutely not! See **Luke 12:15-21; 16:19-31; 18:1-14**. Remember, *"not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called"* (**1 Cor. 1:26**). Thus, we may certainly say, *"Righteousness exalteth an individual, but sin is a reproach to any person."*

If either a nation or a church is going to be exalted, if they are going to be great, their individual members must be pure, holy, and righteous. Neither the nation nor the church can be exalted if you and I are not righteous before God. That is a sobering thought. One thing is for sure, if we want a great nation, and if we want to be part of a good church, we know where to start.

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Sean Michael
<b>Announcements</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Prayer</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 4:1-22
<b>Reader</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Wayne Campbell
Fruit of the Vine	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Dan Marton
Serve	C J Isinghood
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Lemal

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 4:23-37
<b>Reader</b>	CJ Isinghood
<b>Sermon Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Speaker</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Communion</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Sean Michael

### Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen Sr
<b>Song Leader</b>	Singing/Praying
<b>Invitation</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Announcements</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Wayne Campbell

## *News N Notes*

### Sick/ Poor Health:

- Don Coen, Sr.
- Grace Lancaster
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Eddie & Jimmy Roberts, continue to recover from the car wreck.

*If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, please feel free to ask*

*Please visit our website:  
<http://www.truthandright.org>*

**Lord Willing Brother Jarred will be speaking next week.**

**We encourage you to invite friends, family and everyone to come hear him speak from the Word of God**

## *Our Shut-ins*

### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming

### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell, Wayne Campbell's mother

### **The Laurels:**

- Virginia Mallick, Peggy Miller's mother

### **Valley Haven:**

- Pauline Sellers

### **Weirton Geriatric:**

- Kitty Morgan Rm 357

### **At Home:**

- Zeda Goddard
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph
- Trudell Tennant

**Send them a card, give them a call, let them know we are thinking about them.**

**If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact the elders**