



The Boskydell Bulletin

“THE FATHER OF THE FOURTH OF JULY?”

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According to George Washington’s first inaugural address, we have God to thank for America’s birthday!

“There’s no place like the United States.” I’ve been hearing those words since I was a kid, especially on holidays like the Fourth of July.

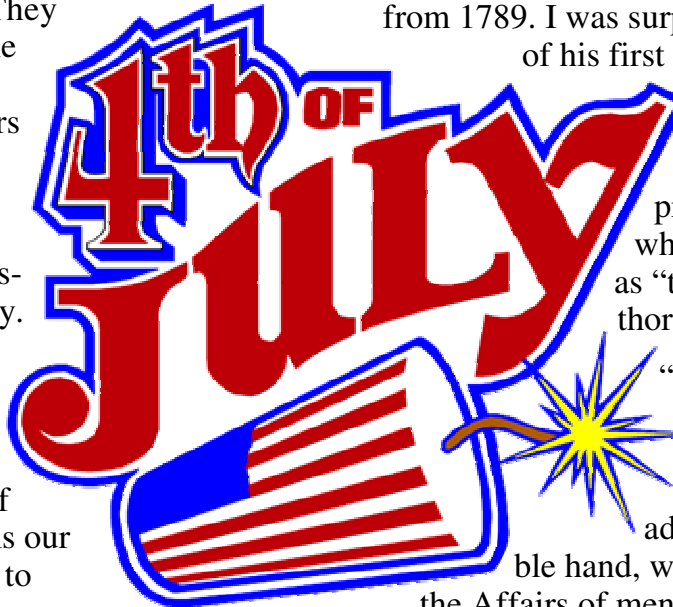
You see, my parents are basically the most patriotic people in the tri-state area! They moved to the U.S. more than 40 years ago from Turkey, where they were a Christian minority. So they’ve always been especially appreciative of the freedoms our country has to offer.

I suppose it’s no wonder they’re a little obsessed with American history. On weekends, you can find them absorbed in Revolutionary War documentaries on TV. They chat about politics at the kitchen table like they’re White House correspondents. And my mom never misses a chance to share a Benjamin Franklin yarn from her archive of Founding Father stories.

I inherited my parents’ love of the Founding Fathers (don’t get me started talking about James Madison!) and even studied U.S. history in college and graduate school.

I’ve long been fascinated by the many factors that had to come together for America to come into existence. It’s astounding when you think about it. Miraculous really.

Well, as it turns out, I’m not alone in my wonder. This week I was researching Fourth of July prayers, and I came across George Washington’s first inaugural address from 1789. I was surprised that one of his first orders of business as president was to give props to God, who he refers to as “the Great Author”:



“No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States. Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.”

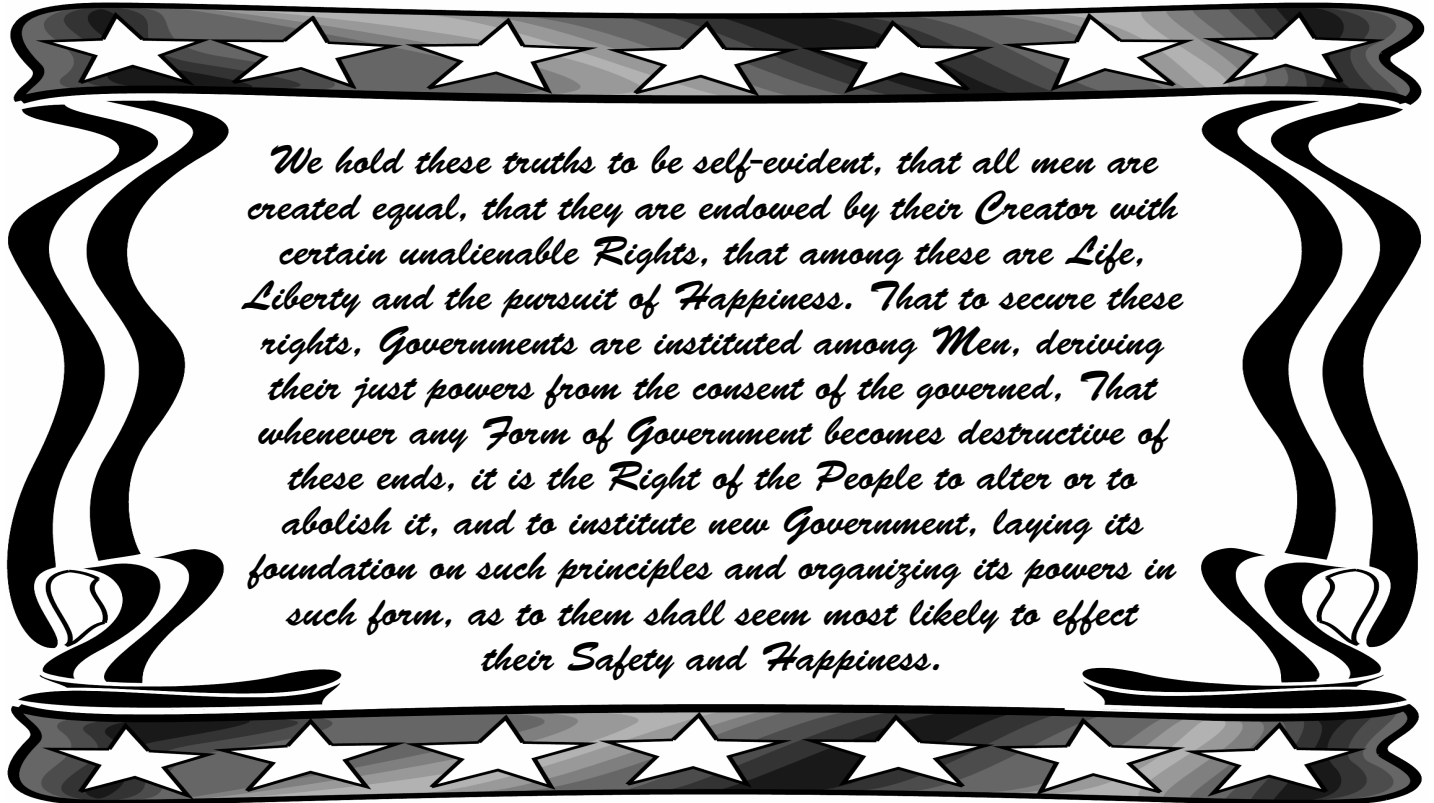
My parents were right! There really is no place like the United States. And for good reason, as Washington points out. God has been working behind the scenes in the affairs of our country since the very beginning. Watching over our great nation, every step of the way.

That’s something to remember on July 4th and always.

OUR CONTINUING PRAYER LIST – JULY 2026



Stephen Combs, Patty and Larry Jackson, Milton and Corene and family, Chris Bobell, Mac Hine, Harold Lee, David and Nancy Fligor, David and Marty Francis, Beth Francis and family, Mike and Terry as well as her brother Joe and her sisters Jennifer, Karen, and Nancy, Nancy Esling, Tim Oats, Tommy Banks, David Johnson, Roger Byers, Rudy Rodriguez, the Middle East, our church, missionaries, military, and government officials throughout the world.



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. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

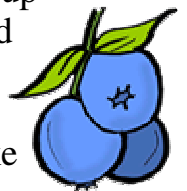
RECIPE OF THE MONTH: BLUEBERRY BARS

¼ cup shortening
½ cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 cup sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
⅓ cup milk
1 pint blueberries
⅓ cup flour







¼ cup sugar
¼ cup butter
¼ tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375° degrees. Grease an 8" x 8" pan. Cream shortening and sugar together. Add egg. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; add dry ingredients

alternately with milk to egg mixture. Spread into prepared pan. Top with blueberries and set aside. Combine ⅓ cup flour, ¼ cup sugar, butter, and cinnamon; sprinkle over blueberries. Bake 40 minutes and cool. Cut into bars and serve.



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 | 2  <i>Mike Gholson's Birthday</i> | 3 | 4  <i>Independence Day</i> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13  <i>Mike & Terry Gholson's Anniversary</i> | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  <i>Jim & Jeannene Cooper's Anniversary</i> | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29  <i>Laura Hubbard's Birthday</i> | 30 | 31  <i>Sara Lipe's Birthday</i> | |

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