Welcome to
Zion Assembly Church of God Church
We are so glad that you are here with us today!

Independence Day is an awesome holiday — an occasion to celebrate our country's existence and have some mandatory fun! There is nothing particularly religious about it, and that's just fine. I like the family gatherings, cookouts and fireworks. I like all the red, white and blue. It is an uncorrupted holiday that is exactly what it is supposed to be.

However, I believe that this secular occasion affords us the opportunity for important spiritual perspective and reflection.

First, Independence Day is an occasion to express thankfulness for God's gift of our American government and its perseverance. This year we celebrate the passing of 250 years since a small group of men, representing 13 British colonies, asserted that the time had come to declare their independence. They made a long list of grievances against England and declared that independence was necessary and right. After winning a war that few thought possible, the confederation of the new states decided to unite under a federal government with its own constitution.

It is fitting to celebrate that in God's gracious providence He has blessed us with government that guards against abusive power. The design of three separate branches has proven to be a practical check against the consolidation of too much power in one place. Christians can give thanks that God has graciously allowed our context to be a democratic republic in which we get to participate in the election of our own leaders and enjoy the privileges and protections of a constitution.

Additionally, we can give thanks that by God's grace we are still here. Every nation takes for granted its own existence. Human pride causes us to believe that the United States will always be just as it is today — powerful, prosperous and blessed. No empire thinks in its days of dominance that a time could come when it wouldn't exist. Romans 13:1 reminds us, "… For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." We should be thankful for our Founders — Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Madison, Hamilton, and many others. However, we should acknowledge that our country's existence originates from the hand of divine providence. The signers of the Declaration of Independence acknowledged this in its closing words: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor."

As we celebrate with our material comforts and security, let's be careful to give thanks to the One who has given these good gifts and who has preserved our nation.

Second, we should remember to pray for our leaders. The apostle Paul instructed Timothy, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers and intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions…." It doesn't matter who you voted for, pray for them.

Third, Independence Day is an occasion for the church to renew its commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel. Because God has continued to bless us with a free society, the door for the sharing of the Gospel remains wide open. Our culture has always had sin problems. Where sinful people exist in a fallen world, the enemy is always at work challenging God's design. Spiritual darkness pushes back against God's good news. As we celebrated Independence Day, may our hearts be full of gratitude for what God has established, pray for those God has seen fit to put into leadership, and remember that God continues to give us the freedom to be salt and light to our neighbors with the hope of the Gospel.

Regional Convention Reschedule Dates:
July 16th – 18th

Our Church Is A Church Where Everyone Is Welcome & Loved!

Today's Bulletin is on the church website:
www.zacogscupstate.net

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Thank you for visiting with us today! Please fill out this form so we can have a record of your visit.

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Prayer Requests and Other Needs

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:50 am
Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Food	6:30 pm
Wed. Evening Service	7:15 pm

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD IN GIVING!
Sunday Morning – Pastor
Sunday Evening – Expense
Wed. Evening – SOM

-This Independence Day, remember: the Israelites spent 40 years celebrating their freedom before reaching the Promised Land. If your drive to church took longer than expected, you're still doing better than they did!
-Fireworks remind us to look up. Worship reminds us who to look to.
-Please leave the fireworks outside. The only spark we need in here is the Holy Ghost.

Kid-Friendly

Q: Why didn't the firecracker go to church?
A: It heard the sermon was already "explosive!"
Q: What's the most patriotic Bible verse?
A: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

July Birthdays:

Casey Greggs	July 17th
Phillip Wilson	July 14th
Keith Ford	July 18th
Rebecca Land	July 22nd
Steve Puckett	July 25th
Ann Beacham	July 27th

Let's all Fast & Pray For Souls to Be Saved!

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Get your "GOD DID THIS" sheet, put on it what God did this week and put it on the Ebenezer table!

Sunday School Lesson Today & Main Scripture: "Self-Righteousness"

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

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"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16:25