

IN TOUCH

THE STATE OF OUR UNION

Dear Friend:

Each January the President of the United States delivers a State of the Union address. Topics such as the economy, education, programs, and other things are covered. The address is also meant to be a time of reflection and assessment of where we are as a country. In light of the current climate in our country and the 4th of July holiday, maybe now is a good time for assessing the state of our union or should I say our “dis-union.” If you are expecting me to write from a political, or funding or de-funding the police viewpoint you will be disappointed. The answer lies firmly in the scriptures.

First, America is a religious nation but not a Christian nation. The roots of our nation come out of a soil of Christian values and Christian morals but over 100 years that soil has been changing. Polls continue to show Americans see themselves as spiritual, but that can be anything from Zen Buddhism to Eastern meditation. We are a nation that is spiritually adrift, where “anything goes” and we can justify just about any action.

Second, America is a stew-pot and not a melting-pot. I was taught in school that when immigrants come to America (basically 1900-1960's) they blended culturally and linguistically into society. Maybe they did, but I think we overacted that. Today, (and rightly so) immigrants do not want to leave who they are at the U.S. border. Should they obey the laws like everyone else? Absolutely, Should they learn English? It sure helps them function better, but to expect them to walk like, talk like, and think like an American is not going to happen.

Third, America has a heart problem which is the root of our racism problem. Believe it or not some people still believe racism does not exist. I cannot fathom their perspective. In fighting racism Christians and the church need to first seek to address the heart of the racist – lead the person to Christ. If a person is a Christian and demonstrates a racist attitude – their sin needs to be addressed.

This Sunday's message is entitled: “The State Of Our nation,” I will preach in detail the points I have made in this article.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Events: Monday, July 6, 10:30 am Women Moving Forward

July 27-31 – Vacation Bible School with New Albany Presbyterian – 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Prayer Requests: Our nation, Norma Willis (St. Ann's), Stan Eller (kidney complications), Harry Kring (full recovery, heart stint)