

IN TOUCH

REBUILDING AND REPENTANCE

Dear Friend:

Have you ever heard of the concept of national repentance? National repentance is when a majority of people in a country realize their culture is in spiritual trouble, separated from God, and headed for moral disaster. Throughout the Old Testament there are multiple examples of national repentance. One of those examples is found in Ezra, the 10th chapter. Israel was a chosen nation by God, was supposed to share the message of God and live as people of God. They failed several times. They would confess their sins and change for a while, then return to their sinful ways.

As time moved on European countries were formed and many began as nations with Judeo-Christian values – several countries were founded by Christians seeking religious freedom. We all know America's history: early settlers were Puritans and other Christians seeking freedom to establish their faith, independent of the Church of England or the Catholic Church. Europe and America have had seasons of national repentance. National repentance requires people praying for forgiveness of sins, fasting and revival breaking out throughout the land. National repentance cannot be identified with one political party or it is not for all people. One party certainly can start it but if they lay claim to it then motives are corrupted. Repentance should be birthed by the church.

Will we ever see national repentance again in America? I am not hopeful. America is not Israel. God does, however, call both the individual believer and the church to repentance. I believe it is time for a “good ‘ol fashion” national repentance and Ezra 10 is a great model of how to repent. Prayer, confessing, fasting and weeping demonstrate deep repentance. Who knows, maybe believers and whole churches repenting can bring about national repentance.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Events: Friday June 4, 7:00 pm Combined Worship Service with New Albany Presbyterian Church

Saturday June 5, joint project with N.A.P. church, help spread mulch at the shelter house

Sunday June 6, 10:15 am It's never too late, Special Memorial Day tribute

Pray For: Dick Hickernell (cancer recovery) Pastor Michael Muwonge (severe COVID restrictions in country, needs food, etc.), Belinda Lee