

## IN TOUCH

### HEAL OUR LAND

Dear Friend:

No doubt you have heard this scripture before: “If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land” ( 2 Chronicles 7:14). A wonderful scripture that promises peace and blessings for a nation. In order to make a truthful interpretation here we need to answer the question: “Who is the ‘my people’ in this verse?” God is referring to the Israelites, his chosen people. I wish He was talking about any country in the world, I wish he was talking about America, but we have to stay true to the text – God is talking about Israel.

Does this mean that no country can ever claim the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14? I believe the promise can be claimed by any nation that would listen to God, confess it’s sin and follow God. Once upon a time America was a nation that sought God. Listen to the words from the Mayflower Compact: “In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten...the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign lord, King James... for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith...a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic”. A civil body politic simply means people agree to be governed by laws and selected leaders.

The Mayflower Compact in essence says that the Pilgrims were coming to this new land in the name of God, for the glory of God, and to spread the Christian faith. This is fact, this is history, this is literally straight out of the Mayflower Compact. Is this the America today? Is this a predominant factor in our society? Absolutely not. But it doesn’t mean that Christians and the church should just throw-up their hands or withdraw from the culture. Christians are called by His name we are His people. It is our place to humble ourselves and pray for our land. Revival across this land is needed, it will happen when the voice of God is heeded by the church!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

**Prayer:** Belinda Lee, Clarabell Harlan, Mike & Heather Slagle (CRU Missionaries)

**Special Note:** To get the best parking spot arrive before 10:00 am Sunday. Presbyterian Church worship service “out back” 10:00 am