

There is more to life than that green stuff called MONEY



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Independence

July is one of my favorite holidays. Christmas will always be first for me. Thanksgiving comes in second. Daily I am amazed at what the Pilgrims did. My multiple visits to Plymouth Rock, MA have reinforced my respect for the Pilgrims. But July 4th. Wow. Independence. Freedom. Liberty. Just think about it for a moment.

My trips to Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA. always leave me speechless. These men with all their flaws and imperfections (there only been one perfect man and he was hung on a tree) go together, debated ideas, discussed whether independence was even needed and through it all started a new nation. Many of the founs funded the war themselves (you don't hear about that today in history classes or on the news channels). The put their lives, fortune and sacred honor on the line to start a new nation. Amazing.

I have started a family. I have started a business. I have started a church. All of that is well and good. But to start a nation, draft a declaration of independence and then plan the attack to put the pieces in place to win the independence. Everyone can have their own belief but to me that deserves and demands a lot more respect and appreciation than it get from our history classes today. None of us would be where we are or living in our current circumstances if not for July 4, 1776.

So, I say, fire up the grill. Throw the burgers and dogs on. Cook up some delicious sides. Shoot the fireworks. Light up the skies. Let freedom ring. Home of the free and land of the brave. When all the dust settled Ol' Glory was still flying. 249 years later she still flies today!



"I pledge allegiance to
the Flag of the United
States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under
God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for
all."

Current Interest Rates

Have a CD renewing? Money in savings making very little interest?

2 year fixed rate 4.85%

3 year fixed rate 5.75%

5 year fixed rate 6.45%

7 year fixed rate 6.70%

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Find you some youngsters

Many folks are living longer today than ever before. I have noticed a common trait among some seniors that live with great joy and enthusiasm. For one, many of them love the Lord. That alone brings great joy!

I have also noticed these seniors associated with the younger generation. Young folks tend to have more energy, spunk, fortitude and a get out of my way while I accomplish my dreams attitude. I understand each generation has its different ways of doing things. But give it a try. Share your ideas, let them share their ideas. Let them grab some of your wisdom. You grab some of their enthusiasm. You may be surprised by the results.

She was a patriot & American hero

Betsy Ross. The sewer of the American flag. To Britain she was committing treason. To America she will forever be a hero.

While America was fighting for her independence, Betsy was hiding out in her small rented home in Philadelphia right down the road from Independence Hall, sewing Ol' Glory. If Britain knew she was doing so, she would have been convicted and sentenced to prison or death. Flags were a big deal in those days. It represented who you aligned with. It represented who you are. It kind of reminds me of watching the Olympics – a country's flag is how we identify the athletes. General George Washington wanted a six pointed star on the flag. As Betsy began the work on the flag she thought the 5 pointed star looked much better so she respectfully presented that to General Washington. He agreed the 5 pointed star looked better there that is what we have today. The first flag – 13 stars, 13 stripes. Today 50 stars and 13 strips.

50 nations to themselves, representing themselves working together as one unit to keep freedom alive for another generation.



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