

**...One Nation Under God**

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All who profess Christianity believe in a Savior, and that by and through Him we must be saved." (Andrew Jackson)

"My views...are the result of a life of inquiry and reflection, and very different from the anti-Christian system imputed to me by those who know nothing of my opinions. To the corruptions of Christianity I am, indeed, opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others..."(Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Dr. Benjamin Rush.)

"Religion is the basis and Foundation of Government...We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."(James Madison, 1785.) And, in a letter to William Bradford, "A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here we neglect to have our names enrolled in the annals of Heaven."

"Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind. Where, say some, is the king of America? I'll tell you, friend, He reigns above." (Thomas Paine)

"Under God's Power She Flourishes." (The official motto

of Princeton University, founded in 1746.) Princeton's first President, the Reverend Jonathan Dickinson, declared, "Cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ."

How can there be any doubt as to what our Founders intended? Yet down through the years there has been a systematic shift from our Christian foundation. Perhaps the most damage has been done through the misunderstanding, the misquoting, and the misuse of the words, "Separation of Church and State." Many people think these words are part of the Constitution, and that it means that no Christian should ever enter the political field or become a national leader, and that our leaders should never ever mention Christian principles. Nothing could be further from the truth. This phrase is nowhere in the Constitution; the words were written by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to a convention of Baptists in 1801 in an effort to reassure them that the Government would not establish a national or state church that citizens would be forced to join or pay taxes to.

Justice Joseph Story, appointed to the Supreme Court in 1811 by James Madison, stated in a speech at Harvard, "There never has been a period of history, in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundation." He later said the following about the purpose of the First Amendment: "We are not to attribute this prohibition of a national religious establishment (in the First Amendment) to an indifference to religion in general, and especially to Christianity (which none could hold in more reverence than the framers of the Constitution)..."

Probably, at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and of the Amendment to it now under consideration, the general, if not the universal, sentiment in America was, that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the State so far as was not incompatible with the private rights of conscience and the freedom of

religious worship.

Any attempt to level all religions, and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference, would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation."

In other words, the purpose of the First Amendment was to protect a religious people from the government, not to protect the government from a religious people. Under the First Amendment it is not wrong for the government to favor Christianity over other faiths, as long as other faiths are not persecuted by the government, and as long as the government does not try to establish a national church. The founders never in their wildest imagination thought that the First Amendment would someday be perverted to separate our country from its Christian heritage.

Through the years, there have been many noteworthy decisions by the Supreme Court concerning religion. Among them:

1844, *Vidal v. Girard's Executors*, Justice Joseph Story ruled: "... We cannot overlook the blessings, which such (lay) men by their conduct, as well as

their instructions, may, nay must, impart to their youthful pupils. Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in the (school) - its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained and its glorious principles of morality inculcated?..."

1892, *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*, the Supreme Court ruled: "Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian."

Famous attorney, Congressman, and orator Daniel Webster had this to say about the importance of the Christian faith in America: "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be;

If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; If the evangelical

volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will;

If the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

Does that sound like anything that is going on today? The further we have tried to distance ourselves and our nation from God, the worse mess we have made of things. Isn't it time we recognize that we would be nothing without God's guidance, love, and mercy? John Quincy Adams said, "Posterity: you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." May God forgive us for allowing such poor use of it to be made. Isn't it time; past time; that we repent as individuals and as a nation, and return to the God of our Founding Fathers?

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION  
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)**

To the registered voters of Robert Lee, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados Robert Lee, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 3, 2020, for voting in a general election to elect two school trustees.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de noviembre de 2020 para votar en la Elección General para elegir dos fideicomisarios escolares.)

**On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.**  
(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

| Location of Election Day Polling Places<br>Include Name of Building and Address<br>(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección)<br>(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección) | Precinct Number(s)<br>(Número de precinto) |
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| Coke County Clerk's Office   |  |
| 13 E 7th   |  |
| Robert Lee, Tx 76945   |  |
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**For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:**  
(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

| Locations for Early Voting Polling Places<br>Include Name of Building and Address<br>(Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada)<br>(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección) | Days and Hours of Operation<br>(Días y Horas Hábiles)    |
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| Coke County Clerk's Office   | Tuesday, October 13, 2020-Friday, October 30, 2020       |
| 13 E 7th   | martes, 13 de octubre, 2020-viernes, 30 de octubre, 2020 |
| Robert Lee, Tx 76945   | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday /lunes-jueves           |
|  | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday / viernes                        |

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

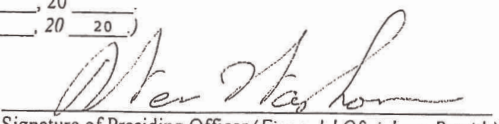
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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

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(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: Friday, October 23, 2020  
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: viernes 23 de octubre, 2020)

Issued this the 21 day of September, 2020  
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Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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