

THE WORD OF GOD

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"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."

***HYMN # 688**.....*The Star Spangled Banner*.....Congregation

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**..... Congregation

Father, we say a corporate confession for ourselves and everyone in our nation. We, as citizens have sinned against You and our neighbor. We have not always treated one another fairly, nor have we always administered justice equally to all our citizens. Forgive us for not loving all people as You love, and forgiving those who have wronged us as You have forgiven us. Heal our native land, and heal us of our sins of omission and commission. Please, O God, stand beside us and guide us, in Jesus' name. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**.....Rev. Vernon McDaniel

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATIONRev. Vernon McDaniel

***APOSTLES' CREED**..... Congregation
(Located inside front cover of hymnal)

ANTHEM - FRANCISCO ROAD "**Help Me To Trust**" *

CHILDREN'S SERMONRev. Vernon McDaniel

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN # 690.....*America, the Beautiful*.....Congregation

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon McDaniel

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE PEOPLE

SERMON....."**THE WINDOW OF FREEDOM**.....Rev. Vernon McDaniel

FRANCISCO ROAD "**Copies and Shadows**" *
(Hebrews 8:5)

BENEDICTION

* Members of Francisco Road wrote the music and the words to the Anthem, "Help Me To Trust" and "Copies and Shadows." We thank them for making this holiday service special. May God Bless your unique ministry is our prayer.

Hebrews 8:5 (RSV) They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary; for when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountains."

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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A VERY WARM WELCOM TO MRS. LORETTA NEAL.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER AT GPC

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HAVE A SAFE & FUN
JULY 4TH

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS will meet on Monday, July 11 at 7:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Ginger Kota will have the Bible Study and Ruth Watts will be furnishing refreshments. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to come.



A very special thanks to all the workers who gave their time for Vacation Bible School, and for the blessing that it was for all the children who attended.

Panda Mania – Where God is Wild About You!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER PRINCIPLE:

When a prayer is prayed for the total glory of God, stand back and see the hand of God go to work! II Kings 19:19 "Now therefore, O Lord, our God, save us from the hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone!" This verse relates to the story of Sennacherib's invasion of Judah and it is found in several places:

II Kings 18-19; II Chronicles 32, and Isaiah 37 (therefore, having so many accounts, it was no little thing.) The verses for this principle, II Kings 19:19 shows the level to which the Assyrians had stooped. In the II Chronicles account, in 32: 7-8, Hezekiah has encouraging words to the people saying, in part, "...with him is the arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles." Jerusalem was surrounded by her enemies. Sennacherib's desire was to snuff out the last flickering light of witness to Jehovah's greatness. Hezekiah perceived this and thus prayed this prayer. Hezekiah was not so naive as to believe that all the Jews would hereafter follow God with total devotion. He perceived the testimony of God was at stake, something much more valuable than him or his people! When you and I come to that level of commitment, watch out! The hand of God will move faster than you've ever seen before! It is so difficult to empty self and this is why most of us have never even approached the level of Hezekiah's commitment.