

Today is Flag Day!

How many of you knew that today is officially Flag Day in America. Every June 14th is Flag Day by an official act of Congress that President Truman signed into law in 1949. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

Have you ever wondered what the flag symbolizes? The easy answer is our nation. Beyond that we know that the thirteen strips represent the original thirteen colonies. The fifty stars represent each state of our union.

Originally the flags colors did not have any meaning. However the Seal of the United States, designed a year before the flag, contains the same red, white and blue colors. Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress said this when he presented the seal that, "White signifies purity and innocence. Red, hardiness & valour, and Blue... signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice." So today we salute our flag and more importantly what it represents, freedom and for us specifically freedom of worship.

We post not only the American flag but the Christian flag as well. Share the following sentence if applicable. Each year in our VBS we have our students salute the American flag AND the Christian Flag. The Christian flags colors have meaning too. Wikipedia says of the Christian flag, "The flag has a white field, with a red Latin cross inside a blue canton. The shade of red on the cross symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary.^[3] The blue represents the waters of baptism as well as the faithfulness of Jesus.^[4] The white represents Jesus' purity.^[5] A white flag is linked to surrender, a reference to the Biblical description of Jesus' non-violence and surrender to God."

How does all this link to the offering we are about to take? When you give a portion of what you make to God you are surrendering that to Him. As such every time you give you are reminding yourself of whose you belong to and that everything you possess is really His. Ps. 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." That includes all of your salary. When you give you are surrendering all over again to Him.

So just as we salute our flags to honor what they represent, let's give today to honor our Lord and Savior!