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Upcoming Events

L2L VISION
For all the men in our
The Holy Scriptures can alone secure to society, order, peace, and to our courts of justice and constitutions of government, purity, stability, and usefulness.”

James McHenry
signer of the U.S. Constitution

LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

In 1776, fifty men signed the Declaration of Independence and one of the lines we
memorized in middle school was:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Those rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—carried great meaning. Our founding fathers understood that true life, liberty and happiness can only be found in Jesus. Today our nation understands those rights in a very different way than our forefathers. So as we celebrate the birth of our nation it might be time to take a look at the original meaning of those rights.

The first of the inalienable rights is LIFE. Jesus said “I am the way and the truth and the LIFE; no one comes to the Father except through me.” So, true LIFE is not found in this world but only through Jesus Christ. In another verse near and dear tome, He said, “I have come that they may have LIFE, and that they may have it more abundantly.” For over thirty-five years of my own life, “abundant life” was defined by Madison Avenue and not the Word of God.

Obviously without Christ we have no LIFE apart from our years here on earth. Our founding fathers understood this and lived life accordingly. This was their motivation in life and led in part to the birth of our nation.

The second of the inalienable rights is LIBERTY, which can also be expressed as freedom. Jesus said, “He has sent me to proclaim LIBERTY(freedom) to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” His mission was to set us free from the slavery of sin and the sentence of spiritual death. Perfectly stated by Paul in Romans, “For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Similar words were spoken by Patrick Henry in 1775. “Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not
what course others may take, but as for me, give me LIBERTY or give me death!”

The founding fathers knew true freedom was to be found in Christ. Their cry for freedom was the impetus for the American Revolution. The declaration of independence was coupled with an even greater cry for dependence on God. A cry that we who know Jesus have made in our own lives.

The third of the inalienable rights is the pursuit of HAPPINESS. This, of the three, seems to be the most elusive in our lives because happiness is like a roller coaster. We are up one day and down the next because worldly circumstances are either the accelerator or the brake on our HAPPINESS.

HAPPINESS as defined in the Bible also means blessed or joyful. So once again as followers of Christ we are to do as James tells us. “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.” And read Jesus’s own words in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5) substituting the word “blessed” with HAPPY.

Along with the founding fathers of our country, those of us who profess a belief in Jesus know our HAPPINESS should not be dependent on situations in this life but the next. “In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you.” In Jesus alone can we find true and unshakable HAPPINESS, blessing and joy.

As we celebrate the birth of our nation pray that our nation’s independence from God returns to, as it was for our forefathers, an even greater dependence upon Him.

Terry
2018 Golf Tournament

Country Club of Roswell

Exciting new changes!
This year we are planning to host a southern style buffet breakfast and lunch at the turn to get you on and off the course much earlier this year.

Featured Speaker

Wally Armstrong III

Wally Armstrong competed in more than 300 PGA Tour events, including numerous US & British Opens, Masters, PGA and Tournament Player’s Championships. In his first Master's tournament, Wally finished fifth, setting a rookie scoring record of eight under par at Augusta. He is a Lifetime Member of the PGA Tour and holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from the University of Florida, where he also achieved All-American Honors in Golf.
Though Wally’s success as a pro was remarkable, his impact on the game through teaching has been even more far reaching. Legendary golfer Gary Player called Wally Armstrong “The true master of teaching the feel of the game.” Wally has conducted clinics and seminars throughout the world, and his classic video series, “Maximizing Your Game” sold over 400,000 videos (1992-4), making it one of the most popular series in history. His junior strategies have also revolutionized the teaching of golf to young people.

**Schedule**

7:30 Check-in

8:45 Breakfast & Speaker

10:00 Tee Off

Hot Dogs & Burgers at the turn

All inclusive: **$125 per player**

**Sponsorships**

(Tax Deductible)

**Platinum**  **$1000** includes 4 players, hole & host signs

**Gold**  **$500** includes 2 players, hole & host signs

**Silver**  **$250** includes 1 players, hole & host signs

This year's raffle prizes will be incredible this year, including: (1) a **TaylorMade M3 Driver** ($500 value), (2) a **TaylorMade M4 Rescue** club ($220 value), (3) a **TaylorMade Milled Grind Hi-Toe 60 degree wedge** ($170 value), and (4) a **TaylorMade Spider Tour putter** ($300 value).

Finally, we will have a **$5,000 prize** for any hole-in-one on the designated par-3 on the course.
Save the date and start putting your foursomes together today!

Testimony Workshop

1 Peter 3:15  But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

We know there are many of you out there hard at work (or would like to be) preparing your testimonies and need a little help. Well, we would like to offer you the chance to gather with others going through the same labor of love and experiencing similar difficulties. We plan on hosting a workshop to help you. Men, women and couples are invited to join as we help one another in this endeavor. The workshop is scheduled for the following Monday evenings:

Mondays

August 27

September 10, 17

Wrap-Up Session TBA

7:00-9:00 @

L2L Resource Center

6111 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd A202

Atlanta

Sign Up Today!