

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

It's now July and we should take some time to learn all about our national bird. It's a bird that speaks USA in its beauty and is so majestic. In 1782, the Congress proclaimed the bald eagle as our national bird. You can find this bird on money, both coin and bills and of course it's on flags.

The bald eagle is not really bald. "Bald" is from an obsolete English word meaning white. Bald eagles don't attain their white heads and tail feathers until their fifth year of age. You can never mistake any other bird for a bald eagle. It has a beautiful dark colored body with a stunning white head and tail. The bald eagle spends most of its time up north, but during the colder winter months it will fly down to Southern Oregon. You can see them all over the state, but to find the highest number of bald eagles you must go to Klamath Falls. During the months of January and February the birds will hunt around the lake.

Take a day drive out and drive

around the lake and watch them hunt fish and water fowl. Cheryl and I stopped to watch two bald eagles fight over a duck one had caught. What they didn't see was a third eagle coming down talons first, ready to take it away from both. It was amazing. I'll never forget that.

I can remember the first time I saw a bald eagle up close and personal and the first word I said was, "Wow." They can weigh up to 10-12 pounds and have a wingspan of 75 to 90 inches. Trust me, that's a, "Wow" in my book.

They have huge nest. The nest can weigh around 1 ton. That's right 2,000 pounds. One nest found in Florida was 3 tons. They can be as large as 13 feet deep and 8 feet wide. You'll find their nest high up in the tallest trees or rock outcrop. They love to have an unobstructed view of their surroundings.

On June 28, 2007 the Department of Interior took the American bald eagle off the endangered species list. The bald eagles numbers in the U.S. were

estimated to be 300,000 - 500,000 in the 1700s. Their numbers were once as low as 500 nesting pairs. Today, there are an estimated 9,789 breeding pairs. There are 70,000 eagles in the whole of North America and that includes Alaska and Canada.

The bald eagle can fly to an altitude of 10,000 feet. During level flight, they can achieve speeds of about 30-35 mph.

The average bald eagle in the wild may live as long as 30 years.

Once eagles pair up, they remain together until one dies.

They sit at the top of the food chain, making them more vulnerable to toxic chemicals in the environment. Since each link in the food chain tends to concentrate chemicals from lower links.

The information above is from Bird Watchers Digest and Harry Johnson. You can contact me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.



American bald eagle



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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Who would have thought that we would even know the name of a Muslim holiday, let alone have it affect our lives. But apparently Ramadan affects us all.

ISIS made it clear that they wanted to make a big splash during their holy month and they have: pulling off attacks in Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Turkey, Israel, Bangladesh and Orlando, Florida. It's enough to make us all feel a little uneasy.

Especially since their new targets of choice are so-called 'soft targets' like night clubs, entertainment venues and restaurants; anyplace where people gather. We used to fear getting on airplanes so we've installed security measures designed to prevent terrorists from bringing down planes. But now instead of trying to bring planes down, they settle for killing innocents at the bottlenecks in airports created by our own security measures.

Like a virus, these villains have learned to mutate in order to take advantage of current conditions. The problem is that we can't

adapt fast enough to their mutation in order to stop them.

So what's the answer? It's the same answer we're always left with when human measures aren't equal to a challenge: TAKE IT TO GOD.

I know that sometimes we think that's a trite answer. But the truth is, it's the RIGHT answer.

I am struck by the Gospel lesson for July 3 from the Gospel of Luke. It's all about the 70 who were commissioned to go forth and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now those men faced hatred, and demons and the opposition of the Devil himself. But they still succeeded. Why? Because they were equipped with the power of Jesus Christ.

In fact that's all they were equipped with, because Jesus told them to leave everything else behind and set out in the belief that he would provide them with everything they needed.

Are we that strong in our belief? Are we so strong in faith

that we'd be willing to face opposition and criticism and, yes, physical danger armed only with the Word of God and the Good News of His Son Jesus Christ? That's a pretty tall order and that's probably why Jesus was only able to find 70 who were willing to do it.

That's why in *Luke 10:2* Jesus says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." He was setting us a challenge, just as he set a challenge for the 70.

"Trust me, and I will provide you with everything you need. All I need from you is your willingness to obey my command and try."

God can solve this problem. All we have to do is ask Him and be willing to do whatever he asks of us. The first part is easy. The second part...not so much. But when we're willing to try and to obey his command we can be victorious.

Community Bible Church

Separation of Church and State

Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV) 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

Sometimes I wonder what our founding fathers would think of our current political situation. They wrote many things presenting their beliefs, hopes, and fears for our nation. We just celebrated Independence Day (the Fourth of July) Monday, and I wonder if we, as a nation, don't face a whole new attack of tyranny. Here are quotes from some of our founding fathers regarding separation of church and state.

Thomas Jefferson said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds

of the people that these liberties are a gift from God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever." In his second inaugural address in 1805, Thomas Jefferson stated the following: "In matters of religion I have considered that its free exercise is placed by the constitution independent of the powers of the General (i.e. National) Government."

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

James Madison stated, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We've staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity ...to sustain

ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

John Jay, the first chief justice of the US Supreme Court, said, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Benjamin Rush said, "The only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible."

Noah Webster said, "Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children under a free government ought to be instructed. No truth is more evident than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."

There are many, many more statements

in the same vein made by these men and their contemporaries. You should read the quotes on the monuments in our national capital. May the Lord cause you to value your freedom while it still exists.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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