

We Be People

The South Norfolk Baptist Church in the
United States of America

EXPERIENCE A CELEBRATION
OF HOPE

July 4, 1976

Eleven O'Clock

Prelude.....Organist

Call To Worship:

Leader: In a time of celebrating national freedom,

People: We have come to celebrate the freedom and values we
have found in Christ.

Leader: In a time of historical review and national pride,

People: We have come to clarify our vision and dreams that
we can, in our time, honor God in the directions we
choose to walk.

Leader: In a time of confusion, victories, and defeats,

People: We come asking for wisdom, patience, and strength.
All: In this hour, we come seeking the light of God's truth
that can make us free indeed.

Leader: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; happy
are the people he has chosen for his own!" (Ps. 33:12,
TEV).

Flag Processional

Hymn No. 487 "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee".....Anonymous

The People

(From The Declaration of Independence): "We hold these truths
to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are
endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that
among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.
That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among
Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed
....."

The People

(From The Preamble of the Constitution of the United States):
"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more

perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, pro-
vide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and
secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do
ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of
America."

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 No. 486 "The Star-Spangled Banner".....Smith

Pledge To The Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for
whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting all Christians
in service and love.

Pledge To The Holy Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and will make
it a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path, and hide its words
in my heart that I may not sin against God.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving For Our Heritage

..... Hammond Coates

Hymn No. 54 "God of Our Fathers".....Warren

Sharing Together What Freedom Means To Me:

1. What freedom means in my life..... E. A. Briggs, Jr.

2. Where I am going over the next five years..... Cheryl Todd

3. What I think God wants me to be..... Diane Harrell

Prayer For The Nation..... Will Parsons, Chairman of Deacons

Hymn No. 488 "The Battle Hymn"..... Steffe

Offering..... Pastor

Choral Music.....Choir

MESSAGE: "BIRTHDAY OF THE NATION" -- Psalm 33:12 Pastor

Hymn No. 463 "Forward Through The ages".....Sullivan

The Lord's Supper.....Congregation

Hymn No. 366 "Bless Be The Tie".....Mason

Lunch Served....."Big Top"