

# **“God Bless America”**

**A Special Message for America’s 231st Birthday**

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**Romans 13:1-3; James 1:17**

## **Some things to be thankful for:**

**1. Our country’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Psalms 65:9*

**2. Our founding \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. That government gets its \_\_\_\_\_ from God.**

**B. The government is \_\_\_\_\_ to the people.**

**C. Government is capable of \_\_\_\_\_ and must be restrained.**

**3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ who defend freedom.**

**4. The generous \_\_\_\_\_ of life in America.**

*Deut. 8:17F; Luke 16:9*

**5. The influence that \_\_\_\_\_ has been allowed to have in our nation.**

## **How Should we respond?**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ for our country’s leaders (1 Tim. 2:1, 2).**

**2. We need to show \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 13:5-7).**

**3. We need to uphold \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in our land. (Isa. 26:2-5).**

**Dalton Gardens Community Picnic**  
**Dalton Gardens City Park**  
**July 22, 2007—6 pm**



***“It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors!”***

We'll provide the hot dogs, drinks and the entertainment\*, you'll need to bring your lawn chairs and whatever else you want to eat. Enjoy an evening of fun, good neighbors and music.

\*Sponsored as a community service by the Dalton Gardens Church of Christ. Music provided by “**Leo Loves Lenette**,” from Cascade College’s **Shifted Image Tour**. Don’t miss the fun.

**LIFE Group Discussion Guide**  
**For Week of July 1, 2007**

**Read: Romans 13: 1-7; Mark 12:17; Acts 5:29**

- 1. When you reflect on living in America, what blessings do you count?**
- 2. How many in the group have traveled abroad? What has traveling to other countries taught you about the United States?**
- 3. Is it right for a Christian to be patriotic? Explain why you feel the way you do.**
- 4. While our citizens are free to express dissenting opinions and even protest for various causes, when does a person (especially Christians) become disrespectful for their country?**
- 5. Should Christians always obey the laws, pay their taxes, be available for jury duty and vote in elections? Are there exceptions to your answer?**
- 6. We are living in times when Christians and “Christian organizations” are becoming more and more active as political lobbying groups. What role should churches play in politics?**
- 7. Should Christians be told there is a right way and a wrong way to vote in an election? Explain.**
- 8. How do Christians uphold their values and speak for righteousness, without creating a poor impression of the church in a community?**