



Founders' Faith & Freedom Timeline

Celebrating Independence Through a Christian Lens

July 2, 1776 – The Continental Congress votes for independence from Britain.

"It is done." – John Adams

July 4, 1776 – The Declaration of Independence is adopted.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this great nation was founded... by Christians." – Patrick Henry

July 8, 1776 – First public reading of the Declaration in Philadelphia.

"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." – Leviticus 25:10

July 1777 – Congress establishes July 4 as a national day of celebration. "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God..." – George Washington

July 4, 1826 – John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both die on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

"Thomas Jefferson survives." – John Adams

"God who gave us life gave us liberty." – Thomas Jefferson

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." – Psalm 33:12