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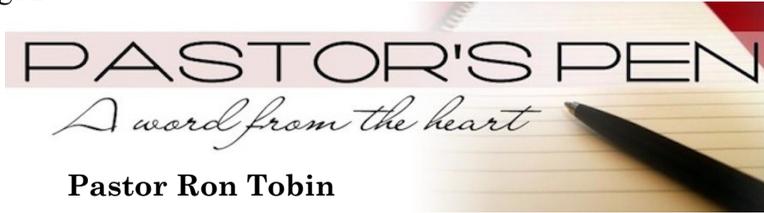
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## Theme for 2020

**FOCUS**  
**20/20**

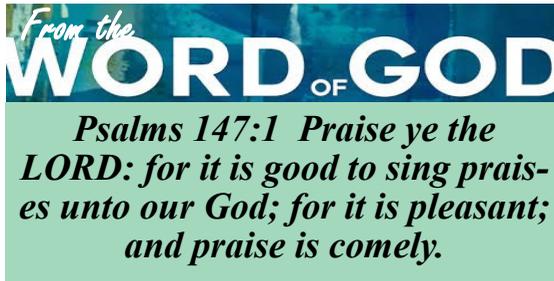
**Philippians 4:8**



**Pastor Ron Tobin**

***HALLELUIA!***

Why Halleluiah? What's there to Halleluiah about anyway lately? There is this Corona Virus stuff, you have social distancing, the people infected with almost 125,000 deaths, then there is all the ignorance and conspiracy theories, not to mention government and bureaucracies have tanked our businesses and some of our freedoms. Where is the Halleluiah in that?



Add to all the previous stuff, you have more killing of people being arrested, the protestors and worse...now there are rioters, revolutionary thugs, and murderers who are trying to destroy the very foundation of America and our churches. Worst of all "they" took away all sports!! Well, except for broom hockey...or something like that. Where's the Halleluiah in that?

Alright! For all you Christians Eeyores, let me share just a few reasons why we should say or shout *Halleluiah*. First and foremost; is not our Lord God King and absolute sovereign over His universe? Did He not know this or any pandemic was going to occur?

How big is your God anyway? Is He only the absolute sovereign in good times? Does He not allow or ordain things to happen for an eternally good purpose? We have the privilege to live in these time and serve Him. Halleluiah!



These days, as I've been saying, are great times to be a soul winner and communicator for Jesus. Halleluiah! If we are not, it is not simply that we do not get it; it's that we don't want to get it. We are just disobedient children. Our theme song isn't "Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"; it is "You Take Jesus and Give Me the World." That is also why some folks can go to the large social gatherings of family and others, or beaches or play but not attend church. (That was free.) Here are a few more reasons for Halleluiah. Our church is fully open and operational. Halleluiah! Our children can go to camp and we are going to have some sort of VBS. Halleluiah! Families are spending more time together and TBA will be starting back up. Halleluiah!

Let all God's people say Praise the Lord! (Halleluiah!)

### Alexander Hamilton

*Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution*

"I have carefully examined the evidences of the Christian religion, and if I was sitting as a juror upon its authenticity I would unhesitatingly give my verdict in its favor."

### Patrick Henry

*Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution*

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

### John Adams

*Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Signer of the Bill of Rights, 2nd President of the United States*

Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited. . . . What a Eutopia – what a Paradise would this region be!

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

### Thomas Jefferson

*Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Signer of the Bill of Rights, 3rd President of the United States*

The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend all to the happiness of man.

The practice of morality being necessary for the well being of society, He [God] has taken care to impress its precepts so indelibly on our hearts that they shall not be effaced by the subtleties of our brain. We all agree in the obligation of the moral principles of Jesus and nowhere will they be found delivered in greater purity than in His discourses.

I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished anyone to be: sincerely attached to His doctrines in preference to all others.

I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.

### George Washington

*1st President of the United States*

It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.



# LIVING WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

I enjoy following professional sports - football, basketball, and golf in particular. They provide a diversion from the busyness of normal life. I enjoy the beauty of the athletic talent on display, the strategy of the games, and the competitive banter with other fans. As of this writing, the NBA season is on hold, the golf season has started with some bumps along the way, baseball is planning a shortened season, and the NFL is still deciding how this Fall will work. I have not missed any of them.

While I have enjoyed them all in the past, I have always set boundaries for myself (as an adult) so as to not get too wrapped up in them. Of course, I have not allowed them to cause me to miss a church service or ministry obligation, or even show up late. I do have some licensed apparel in my collection, but only one item has been obtained with my own money (they are way overpriced). I have certain players I have admired, but you won't ever see me wearing a jersey with anyone's name or number on it. Sooner or later most of them disappoint with an arrest, open immorality, foul language in an interview, publicly expressing religious or political views that I object to, or numerous other ways. The teams themselves increasingly align themselves with people and movements that I can't abide by.

The Apostle Paul often made reference to sporting events in his writings (running a race, wrestling, etc.) so I suspect he had an interest himself. Yet, it is obvious by his life that he kept it in its proper place. Even when his writings included athletic references he always balanced them with a spiritual emphasis. For example, in Philippians 2:16 he references running as he reflects on the day he faces Christ. In I Corinthians 9:24-27 he again refers to running a race, but relates it to personal discipline in the Christian life and seeking a reward. That is a balance and focus I want in my life.

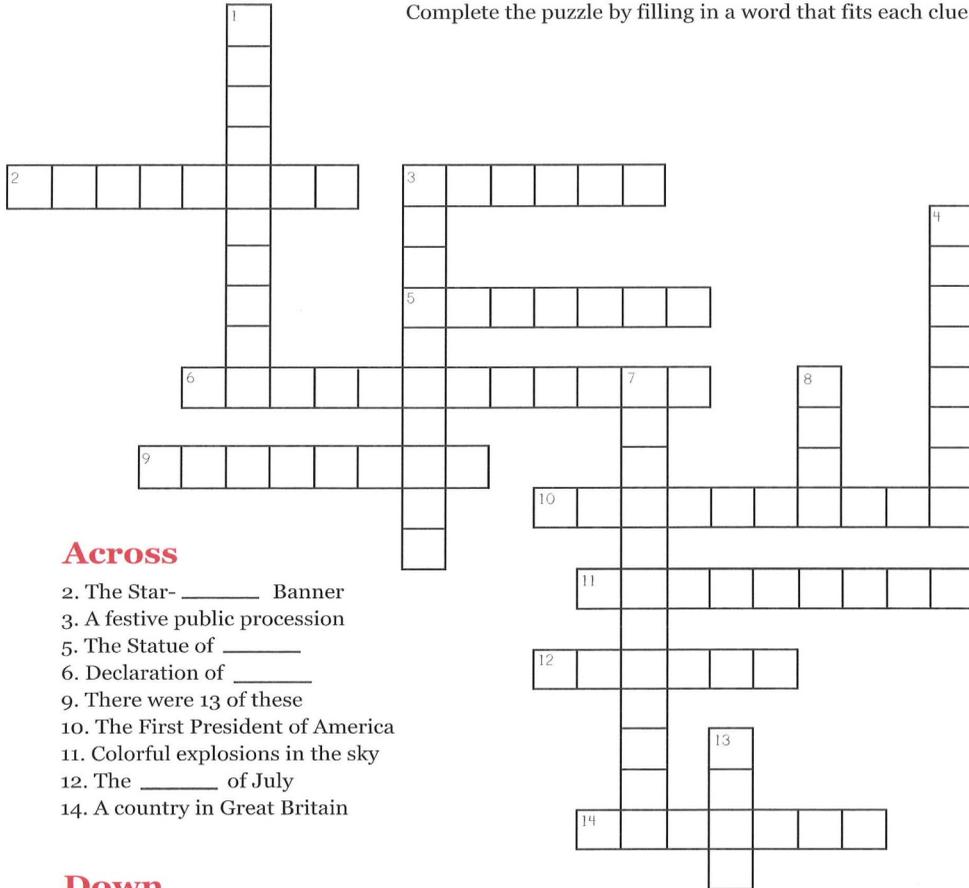
Whenever professional sports return I will probably enjoy them again, although with less enthusiasm. Over the past few months, the words and actions of most players and teams have left a bad taste in my mouth. I suspect that is an aspect of following sports that will never return to what it was before all this. I do know this. If it gets to where I have to decide to make a complete break from following them, I can live without them. And, I am sure they can live without me!

*Pastor Don Root*



## Fourth of July Crossword

Complete the puzzle by filling in a word that fits each clue.



### Across

2. The Star- \_\_\_\_\_ Banner
3. A festive public procession
5. The Statue of \_\_\_\_\_
6. Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_
9. There were 13 of these
10. The First President of America
11. Colorful explosions in the sky
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of July
14. A country in Great Britain

### Down

1. The war against the British was called the American \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Made the famous Midnight Ride
4. A Citizen of the USA
7. Document that begins with "We the People"
8. Historic item sewn by Betsy Ross
13. America's birth month

# Love One Another



A teacher asked a class to list the things that they did not like about people. At the top of the list were:

Complainers, Conceited People, Braggers  
Hypocritical People,  
Loud Attention Getters, Gossipers  
Those who give Criticism but can't take it,  
Liars, Those that Steal & Cheat,  
Bullies, Tattletales, Bigots, Racists

What a list of difficult People! The next week the teacher asked the students to list their own faults and found that none of the bad people were in the room. Instead, they had a group of people with insignificant little weaknesses:

Inferiority Complex, Over Eater,  
Withdrawn, Bad Voice,  
Not Natural Enough, Poor Will Power,  
Procrastinator, Lazy, Preoccupied,  
Day Dreamer,  
Hides from people they do not like.

Isn't it amazing that other people have serious faults like bragging and complaining while we giggle and daydream? Other people are always more difficult to deal with than we see ourselves. In the 70's we went through the "me" generation. We were told that we must think of ourselves, do our own thing. Be the best we can be. We were told to throw out old fashioned morals and principles and develop our own potential. We have spent years learning to look out for #1 and all we have come up with is people who no longer make an effort to get

along with anyone else. It is always the other persons fault.

What happened to the numerous Bible verses that tell us how wrong this attitude is:

**Proverbs 16:18-19** Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**Matthew 7:12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

**Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Philippians 2:4-5** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

**Proverbs 28:27** He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

**1 Corinthians 10:24** Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth. And many more!!

Times may have changed but the Word or God says 3 times in Matthew 24:35, Matthew 13:31 & Luke 21:33 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School- 9:30 Morning Service-10:30 Evening Service-6:00			1	2	3	4
			Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Missionary Lang- Nigeria PM	Camp Joy—Jrs		Business Mtg Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Week- ly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Print Ministry 3-6	Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Missionary BCPM PM	Camp Joy—Teens					
The Lord's Supper		Print Ministry 3-6	Print Ministry 10-2 6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	



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**Independent Fundamental Church Ministries:**

Tomah Baptist Academy K-12

Tomah Baptist Institute

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Mid-Week Children & Youth Ministries

Christian Counseling

Light-Bearing Print Ministry

Discipleship Program

Victorious Overcomers Addiction Ministry

**July Birthdays**

- 1st Karen Miller
- 6th Caleb Voshell
- 8th Jon Motschenbacher
- 8th Bella Boots
- 12th Madison Kingsbury
- 12th Elsje Chase
- 15th Shannon James
- 16th Illyannna Jewison
- 18th David Brueggeman
- 18th James Peterson
- 22nd Todd Derkez
- 23rd Daniel Buehner
- 23rd Colleen Springman
- 24th Isaac Babalola
- 25th Brooke Mathes
- 25th Debbie Root
- 26th Kate Buehner
- 27th Joe Bauer
- 27th Michael Oyefeso
- 29th Temperance Pries
- 31st David Boots

**Anniversaries**

- 2nd Tom & Diana Arrowsmith
- 7th Colden & Heather Hershey
- 7th Jake & Danille Eldridge
- 9th Dave & Cori Blaschke
- 18th Roger & Kathy Friday
- 30th Scott & Grace Gordon

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel



*July Missionaries*

**Caleb & Echo Stein** missionaries to Peru. They have 4 children and live in Trujillo. They desire to reach people for Christ and see them discipled, to assist in the church planting effort in the region, and to train future pastors and Christian leaders in the Baptist Seminary of Peru.

Web-Site: [www.steinsinperu.com](http://www.steinsinperu.com)

**Prayer Requests:**

- Students-Wisdom
- Testimonies
- Attendance

**Agape Pregnancy Center's** goal is to provide whatever support is necessary to help a woman carry her baby to term. Our desire is to give her hope to face the future, with information and assistance to help her plan constructively for herself and her baby. We are committed to sharing the love of God with all who need God's help and direction.

Web-Site: [www.lacrossepregnancy.com](http://www.lacrossepregnancy.com)

**Prayer Requests:**

- Volunteers
- Donations
- Mothers