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A note from our Pastor

As we all know too well, this month marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11. There have been numerous documentaries on television reflecting on the worst enemy attack that America has seen on its own soil. I will be honest and admit that I did not watch but only a couple of short segments about 9/11. It just seemed to me like watching a repeat episode of a bad nightmare. You know the kind that you wake up from and then when you go back to sleep it picks up where it left off. Not that I will ever forget what happened 10 years ago, but I chose to try to focus on what and who got us through this great and evil act of terror and tragedy. We certainly all need to remember and pray for the families of all those who were killed. We most definitely will not forget the courage of those who helped in the aftermath. We will continue to shed tears for all of the individuals and families that were affected, directly or indirectly. However, I chose, as I mentioned this past Sunday, to reflect more on and remember what happened on 9/12, the day after. The way people from all over rallied and worked together was amazing. People were praying and uniting in love to ask our almighty God to help the surviving victims, their families, and this great nation to stand tall and true. 9/11/01 was a wake up call for America. We answered the call back then, but I can't help but to wonder if we as a nation have "hung" up the "royal" telephone to God once again? I certainly hope and pray not. Peace is a word we will always ponder.. Peace is difficult to define and sometimes seems like it is too far too reach. Yet, it is still something we all desire. It is something that we need. In John 14:27, Jesus speaks and says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus never promised us worldly peace, but he did promise us that we could have a personal and inner peace through him. If we want there to be peace on earth, then it must begin with each of us. We must walk together in peace and harmony, but without compromising God's law and Word. As we reflect back on 9/11, many people tell of how their faith grew that day. Many talk about how they learned to trust God. There is not any time to slack up concerning our faith and our trust. We are still a nation that is vulnerable and that is why it is so important we remember 9/12 and keep a close and personal relationship with God. I came across this statement that someone once said, "Anyone can cause destruction, but only God can create the love and beauty of such a grand magnitude.." Pray for the sick and afflicted. Pray for our nation. Pray for one another!

God Bless America and each of you!

In Christ's Love,
Randy