

## Notable Leaders

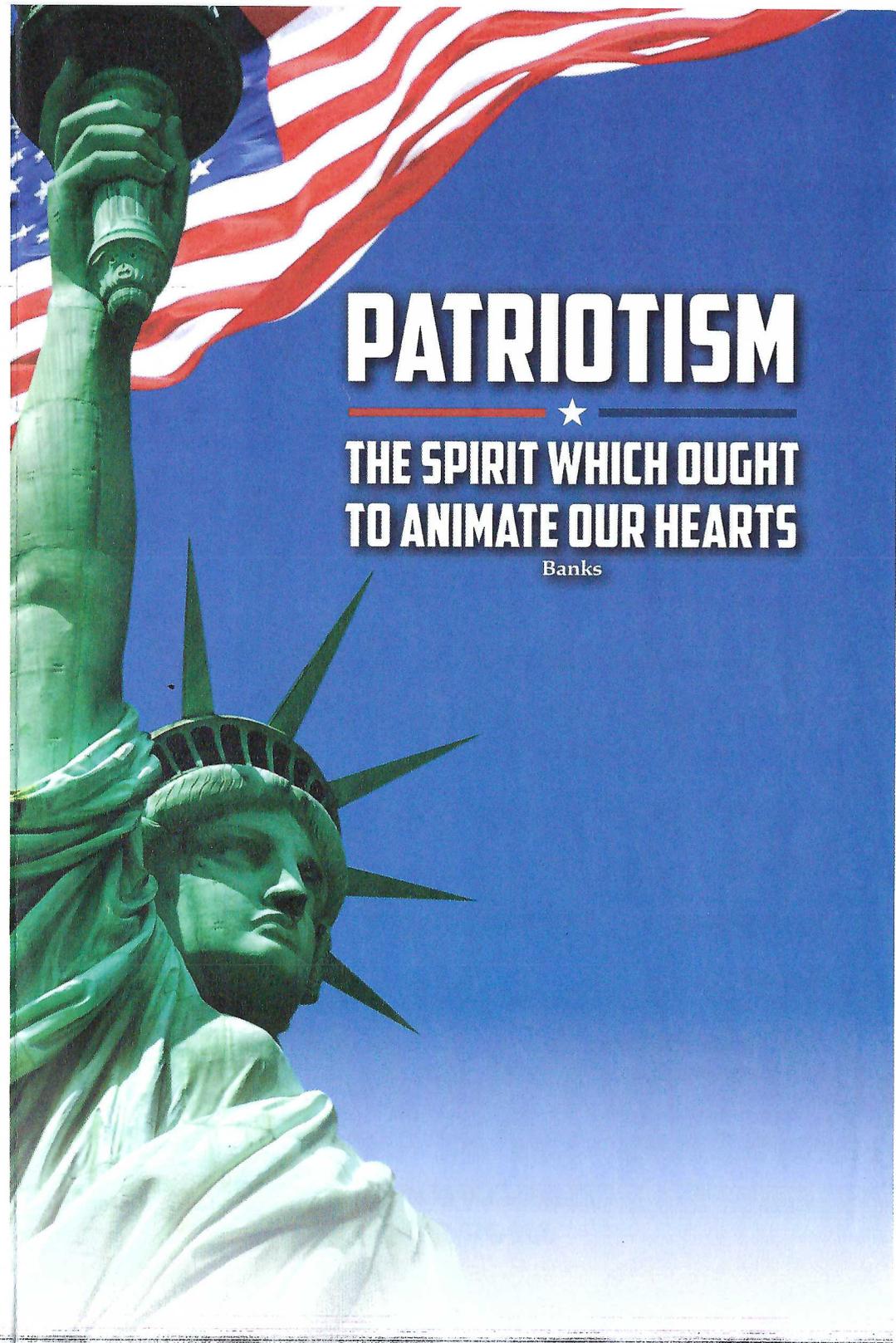
Four massive sixty-foot heads rise majestically in granite in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The faces of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt were carved on Mount Rushmore by sculptor Gutzon Borglum and 400 workmen. About thirty men at a time hung from sling-like harnesses from the mountain's top. They were equipped with dynamite, jackhammers, hammers and chisels. Started in 1927, the memorial took fourteen years to complete at the cost of \$990,000. The men earned \$8 a day. They blasted away eight-hundred-million pounds of rock. Amazingly, no one was killed during the process.

Those presidents were chosen because of the way they led our country and the decisions made that shaped the future of the United States. Jefferson once said he believed the teachings of Jesus provided "the most sublime and benevolent code of morals which has ever been offered to man." Theodore Roosevelt stressed the Bible was essential to Christianity and good citizenship. Abraham Lincoln often mentioned God and principles from the Bible in his speeches and letters. George Washington stated, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

As we remember the influence of great leaders from the past, let us strive to be great leaders to those around us, leading by example in biblical truths. We may never be memorialized in stone and impact over two million visitors each year. But we can strive to "... be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:15-16a).

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**Call to Worship**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Invocation**

*Don Mauldin*

**Sing Unto the Lord**

Hymn #799 America, the Beautiful

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Recognition of Guests**

**Mission Moment**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Worship in Song**

Hymn # 807 My Country Tis of Thee

**Offertory Prayer**

*Craig Alexander*

**Offertory**

*Rose Morgan*

**Special Music**

**Sermon**

*Reverend Don Mauldin*

**Hymn of Benediction**

God Bless America

***Pastor Don Mauldin***  
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## ***Covenant News***

This month's Covenant ministry is Food for Kids Backpack Program. We also have 5 Sundays in July so we will be collecting paper products and toiletries for Pine Grove.



**We Are the Colors**

By: Robert Longley

We are more than the elegance  
Of the mighty red, white, and blue  
We are made of many  
That show our colors true

Many use a broad brush  
To paint us all the same  
But there is more to seeing us  
When you know us all by name

Each color has a purpose  
To fill the canvas space  
And together creates a picture  
That time cannot erase

We share a common purpose  
To paint a future day  
Where hate and fear are absent  
It's us that will guide the way