

Dear WCA Parents:

I am excited to announce that for the school year 2009-2010, the U.S. History class will be participating in an honors program. This will include an in-depth study of America's Christian history, the Founders of America, and the Presidents that have led our nation for over two hundred years. Honor students will be assigned a variety of research projects that they, "as an expert," will present to their classmates. This will provide them the opportunity to share with their classmates what they have learned as a result of their diligent studies.

In addition, a summer reading assignment will be required of the student. The book they will be assigned is titled, "*Building Godly Nations – Lessons from the Bible and America's Christian History*" by Stephen K. McDowell. Each student will be required to answer the following reflective questions after each chapter. Answers are to be written in a journal titled, "Lessons from America's Christian History." Each response needs to be thorough and must demonstrate that the student is interacting with the book.

- What did I learn from the chapter that I didn't know already?
- What example(s) found in the chapter point to America's Christian heritage?
- What are some difficult to understand topics addressed in the chapter?
- How can I apply the content of the chapter to my life?

The book can be purchased from Christian Book Distributors (Christianbook.com). The stock number is: WW456159. The cost is \$11.99.

The summer reading assignment is one of five required for the school year. Each one will be worth 20 points. Students will receive an honors credit with a weighted grade. Both student and parent signatures are required in order to participate.

I look forward to having your son/daughter in U.S History as an honor student!

Summer blessings!

Vince Monfreda