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We are here today, on the 12th anniversary of 9/11/01, to dedicate this Tabernacle of Prayer for our nation. Let us consider the reasons for making this Tabernacle available to Chattooga County residents.

Our church membership sincerely believes that our country was blessed by God and founded on Christian principles. We also believe that America has, in many regards, turned away from God and should strive to reverse this.

America is now on the verge of yet another war. Our culture has changed significantly over the past 60 years. When we examine our daily activity, we see deeply flawed entertainment, a lack of respect for each other and family, and a lack of trust in business people and marital relationships.

We all share these concerns, regardless of political views. Many people state “What can we do?” The answer is to rely upon God and pray. Pray for our nation, pray for our military, pray for our leaders to do God's will, pray for the sick and infirm, pray for the unemployed, pray for the downtrodden, and pray for each other. God is the answer to all our needs.

National polls report that some 75% of Americans purport to be Christian. According to local statistics, Chattooga County is 80% unchurched. Therefore, many local Christians, as well as non-Christians, have no formal site in which to pray.

So we dedicate this tabernacle to be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for the public to use for prayer. We hope to see this Tabernacle used extensively, but that is up to God. Our hopes also are that this can serve as a spark for other churches, local, state-wide, and regionally, if not nationally, to take the same step.

Our collective prayer is that the people of America will resolve to elect national and state leaders who will be exemplary models, filled with the Holy Spirit, and take action to lead us out of this wilderness, regardless of any party affiliation, be they Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, or Independents.

God loves us all, but we believe that America has not returned that love lately. We pray that it is not too late for our nation to turn back to Him. If He hears prayers from us, He can set our nation back on a righteous path. We offer to Chattooga County residents God's charge in 2 Chronicles 7:14 - “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

May God bless the U.S.A and use this Tabernacle to further His Kingdom.