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The Blairsville event started off with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by local World War II veterans Anceberry Burnette, Joel Hatchell and Al Bryant. Pledges to the Christian flag and to the Bible followed.

"Our first and greatest love is God," said Richard Morrison in opening. "We should love all that God loves and hate what God hates."

"We don't worship our country, or even trust in our country. Our trust is in God - God Almighty - but we can love our country, because our country loves God."

"In their writings, the founders confirmed their love and trust in God. God wants us to freely come to Him. Our Constitution assures us that we would not be forced to believe in God, but we would be free to worship and proclaim God without persecution. This is what causes me to love my country."

America has in recent years come close to turning its back on God, said Morrison.

"But now it seems that there is hope," he said. "So, it is important that we pray for revival in this land. Revival to bring our country, our land, back into the love of God."

Each of 10 pastors from churches in and around Union County gave testimonies and

prayed for 10 ways through which Americans can love one another.

Pastor George Cline of Antioch Baptist Church offered a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Pastor Tim Mason of Shining Light Baptist Church offered a prayer for national, state and local officials.

"Part of the downfall, I'm afraid, of our nation is because we're not remembering the great stories and truths of old, and we're not telling it to the next generation," he said.

Mason told of a story about George Washington fighting alongside the English in the French and Indian War at the Battle of Monongahela before the American Revolution that was in public school textbooks until 1934, before it was removed.

"I'm thankful for stories that are a part of our American heritage that need to be passed down," said Mason, before praying for the nation's leaders on all levels to be guided by God's Word and by true American history.

Continued Mason, "Lord, I fear for our nation, that we're headed in the wrong direction, down the wrong road, Father. We're calling good evil and evil good in today's America. As the Bible says, and the Prophet Isaiah said, 'Truth is fallen in



Fellowship of the Hills Pastor Marty Duncan offering a prayer for first responders on May 2. Photo by Mark Smith the street.

"And Lord, tonight, I would ask that you would forgive us our national sins."

Pastor Don Parmely of New Life Family Church prayed for American armed forces.

"Before we go to the Lord in prayer, I'd like for us to honor those who have served in the military," he said before recognizing all past and present military veterans.

Pastor Marty Duncan of Fellowship of the Hills Church sang an inspiring solo of "God Bless the USA" after praying for law enforcement, the fire department, EMTs and all medical first responders.

Pastor Terry Stuart of Blairsville Church of Christ recognized the educators that were attending the event and thanked the teachers that "poured faith into our lives."

"Thank God that somebody taught us about Christ and disciplined us to where we are right now," he said, before praying for all educators and the kids in the schools.

Pastor Dave Wesche of All Saints Lutheran Church prayed for God's hand in business and media.

"When I preach and when I stand, it's not about being a Christian nation," said Wesche. "I stand in one kingdom, and there's one kingdom alone. And that kingdom is ruled by One alone, and that's our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Pastor John Davis of Blairsville Church of God prayed for families.

"In the beginning, God created man, and from man, He made woman," said Davis. "And from this creation, he made marriage. One man and



World War II veterans Anceberry Burnette, Al Bryant and Joel "Hatch" Hatchell in attendance for the May 2 National Day of Prayer event at First Baptist Blairsville. Photo by Mark Smith

one woman. Male and female He made them. And from their union, he made families."

Pastor Gary Rogers of Liberty Baptist Church prayed for American youth and read from Malachi that fathers and mothers provide knowledge and training and spiritual leadership in the home for their offspring.

Pastor Bill Schakat of Redeemer Baptist Church prayed for world missions, that Christians be unabashed disciples of God for the redemption of their brothers and sisters the world over.

Pastor Fred Lodge of First Baptist Church of Blairsville prayed for pastors and the

body of Christ - that is, the Christians of the world - that they find strength and wisdom and understanding through God's Word.

Finally, the pastors, as a group, stepped up to the choir and led the congregants in song.

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