

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT 2, 2016

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Wilma Brown

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Courtney Riddick, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHAT TO DO WHEN GOVERNMENT LET'S US DOWN"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "APPLYING DOCTRINE TO OBTAIN BETTER RESULTS"

DEVOTIONAL TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES AT KEVIN & BRANDI'S HOUSE - ALL ARE INVITED

OCT 16 WILL BE MISSION EMPHASIS DAY AND B.J. CLARKE WILL BE WITH US

GOSPEL MEETING AT BURLESON, OCT 2-5

GOSPEL MEETING AT SIXTH AVENUE OCT 2-6

OUR 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN

BIRTHDAYS:

Oct 3: Shelia Windham

5: Wilma Brown

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827

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Danny Busby 387-0213

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Ben Wright 522-8004

**WHAT TO DO WHEN GOVERNMENT LET'S US DOWN
(Romans 13:1-7)**

I. _____.

A.1 _____ 2:1-2.

B.Paul is very straightforward in that we need to be _____ for our leaders.

1.This is not a _____ he is giving either.

2.It is a _____ to do this.

C.He uses four words that have some _____ in their meanings.

D.The reason for the prayers of these types for our leaders is so that we, Christians, may lead _____ and _____ lives.

1.Quiet means _____, and free from oppression is the idea.

2.Peaceable means making no _____ or _____.

E.These prayers are flow out of lives that are _____ and _____.

F.Remember that Paul wrote while under _____ rule.

1.The caesars did not make things _____ on Christians and were very ungodly.

2.However, prayers were still to be _____ up for them.

II. _____.

A.We all receive _____ from our government through police, military, fire, and other first responder type services.

B.Other government jobs are needed for the _____ of the infrastructure of our nation.

C.All of those who do these vital works deserve to be _____.

D.We derive benefits from the government so we should pay our _____.

1.Romans 13:6-7.

2._____ commanded this as well (Mark 12:17).

E.There is no way to justify _____ to pay taxes.

III. _____.

A.Notice again what _____ wrote to the Romans (Romans 13:1, 5).

1.We are to _____ our will to that of the government.

2.Notice that he wrote that it is to avoid wrath from the government but also to keep a good _____.

B.You and I are to be _____ to the laws of the land.

C.Notice again Peter's _____ in 1 Peter 2:13-17.

1.He tells us, by inspiration, that it is God's will for us to be in _____ to the governmental authorities.

2.Notice the purpose for doing it: that we might put to silence the ignorant claims of those attacking us that we are not _____ citizens.

“HE THAT RULETH MUST BE JUST”

Dave Rogers

In our great land, we enjoy a rare privilege in choosing our leaders. In exercising this privilege, we should use judgement tempered by biblical values, trying to select those whose values most nearly reflect the standards of Christ. Because people who do NOT hold Christian values also have a say in picking our leaders, we sometimes end up with leaders who are antagonistic to godly, holy principles. Thus it falls to us as Christians to do at least three things in dealing with our leaders:

First, let us PRAY for them (1 Tim. 2:1 -2). It is NOT inappropriate for us to pray that our leaders will have the courage to "betray" those who elected them, IF they were elected to do things which are wrong in the sight of God! (This is otherwise known as repentance and conversion.) Offering rich sacrifices taken from the flocks of the Amalekites may have been popular for Saul, but the prophet Samuel's words of rebuke still ring clear through the ages; "to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:21-22). Just so, abortion, homosexual conduct, gambling, and a host of other sins may be popular with the electorate, but we need to pray that our leaders will rule "justly" in GOD'S sight instead!

A second thing we can do, as children of light, is to ENCOURAGE our elected officials to make decisions based on biblical standards of morality. Since we have the privilege of a voice in our own governance, we also have the RESPONSIBILITY to speak up for GOD! Challenging our civil leaders (to do right) is not unholy behavior, but a legitimate opposition and outcry against unrighteous rulership. Consider the good effect saints could have on the governing of our nation if we spoke out as persistently and loudly FOR God and good as do the "lobbies for licentiousness!" In seeking to "lead the leaders" to righteous decisions, we may also lead them to the salvation of their own souls, as well; such was certainly the aim of Paul in Acts 24:25 and 26:28-29!

A third thing Christians can do to help our rulers rule justly (in ways which please GOD) is to PRAISE them when they make godly decisions! Everyone appreciates praise (Proverbs 25:11), and our civil leaders will surely be more inclined toward doing what is right in God's sight when they know they will be supported and encouraged in it.

We can have a profound effect on the world about us, if we will do what it takes; our leaders can be "as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds" with the help, encouragement, and guidance of God's people to aid them in the right way. Let's follow the Lord's instruction in Matthew 5:16, and MAKE OURSELVES FELT (in a good way)!