

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV 13, 2016

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "NOW THAT THE ELECTION IS OVER"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE BOOK OF A GREATLY BELOVED MAN"

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

SPECIAL 3RD SUNDAY MEAL FOLLOWING EVENING SERVICES. OUR YOUTH WILL BE HOSTING OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL SUNDAY NIGHT AND PROVIDING THE FOOD FOR EVERYONE

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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

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NOW THAT THE ELECTION IS OVER
(1 Peter 2:13-17)

I. _____ that God is in control.

A. It doesn't really _____ to us as Christians who won the election.

B. God is in control and _____ has been.

C. There was a _____ who found this out the hard way (Daniel 4:17, 25, 32).

D. God has always _____ nations and _____ nations.

1. When you read Exodus 3-12, you see He did this with _____.

2. God used the _____ nations to punish the Israelites, about which we read in the book of Judges.

E. God is still at work _____ (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

II. _____ of God His blessings.

A. I hope we have been praying for our _____.

B. Why pray for our leaders?

1. Number one is so that we can _____ quiet and peaceable lives.

2. Number two is to bring about the _____ for our leaders to learn and obey the gospel.

C. Our desire to _____ souls should be the foremost thought in our prayers for our leaders.

1. The souls of our _____ with whom we can share the gospel.

2. The souls of our leaders who make _____ that have both moral and spiritual repercussions.

III. _____ God's plan for man.

A. You and I have been tasked with _____ out the Great Commission.

B. As mentioned earlier, this election has caused _____.

1. Some of this division has been among _____.

2. Some have divided over the _____ for whom they should vote.

3. Some have divided over the _____ to vote at all.

C. The fact of the matter is, whether or not there is _____, we need to be revealing God's saving message to man because it is man's only hope.

IV. _____ to be God's example to man.

A. In this divisive time, we have to show _____.

1. We need to be united as _____.

2. This is something for which Jesus _____ (John 17:20-21).

B. We need to be those who seek to _____ no matter the race or creed of the person in need.

C. We are the _____ of the world and we need to be such (Matthew 5:14).

D. Show people what it truly means to be a _____.

NOW WHAT **Jack Wilkie**

What happens over the next 4 years will happen almost entirely without any further involvement from us. So what do we do from here?

We pray.

The thought of praying for the nation is one we dwell on a lot more when the president is one who is openly hostile to Christian beliefs, but we should be in constant prayer for whoever is elected (1 Timothy 2:1-2). With such a great opportunity to accomplish good set before him, we should be praying for Mr. Trump to embrace that opportunity. He's a man with a long history of immorality in word and deed, so he needs our prayers that he would seek God's guidance for both his life and his presidency.

We pay attention.

The political game has become such a team sport that most Americans simply stick with their team/party regardless of what happens. We're quick to criticize officials from other parties and quick to defend our party's leaders. But no party is entitled to the Christian's vote. They have to earn it by submitting themselves to God's guidance in their governing. And if the Republicans fail to use this historic majority to do good, Christians need to take note and rethink whatever allegiance to that party they may have. (No, that doesn't mean switching to Democrat, either.) The way many Christians will vote in 2018 and 2020 may already be decided by party affiliation. Instead, we should take our responsibility seriously and notice how we're being represented by the officials we've elected and take that knowledge with us the next time we vote.

We avoid division.

We can stand for biblical principles politically, but we should never, ever drive people away from the Gospel through political debates. Our nation is incredibly divided right now, with the two largest factions pointing fingers at each other and accusing each other of being terrible people in a number of different ways. We need to rise above the name calling and accusations and connect with people. May we never exacerbate this problem.

Somewhat related, we must be careful how we share our reaction. I know many Christians are happy with the result, but be certain to emphasize principle rather than person. Putting ourselves in the shoes of non-Christian Facebook friends or Twitter followers, consider what it would look like to see people who champion God's moral code celebrating a man who has lived a life filled with immorality. Don't let your political posts be a stumbling block to your potential Christian outreach.

We let our lights shine.

We have so much more to do, and with all of that division noted above, it's a great time to let Christ's love shine as we get involved in our communities and invest in people. No matter how the currently elected officials rule, we still have a duty to carry out.

Who knows how President-Elect Trump will govern? It's impossible to say. And that's why we have to control what's in our power. That's why we strive to live as Christians should in such a strange and chaotic time.

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