

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV 6, 2016

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Bettye Henderson, Jill Roden

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, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "SOMETIMES THE POLITICAL INVOLVES THE SPIRITUAL"

PM - PATRICK MORRISON

OUR GOSPEL MEETING STARTS TODAY. SPEAKERS AND TOPICS ARE:

PATRICK MORRISON - THE POWER OF PRAYER

BYRON LONGCRIER - THE POWER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREG LOWERY - PLAIN BIBLE STUDY BENEFITS US

JAMIE LONG - THE PROBLEM OF TRUSTING GOD

THERE WILL BE NO 1ST SUNDAY SINGING TODAY

HALLOWEEN GET-TOGETHER AT DAVID & MARGARET'S OCT 31. PLEASE BRING DESSERTS, DRINKS, AND CANDY

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 7: Chris Robbins

10: Gene McDonald

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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:

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SOMETIMES THE POLITICAL INVOLVES THE SPIRITUAL
(2 Chronicles 11:13-16)

I. _____.

A. I never foresee a time when the court decision made in Roe Vs. Wade will be _____.

1. However, I do see a time when it can be _____.

2. If those who are for abortion gain control of the White House and are able to appoint Supreme Court Justices who share their _____ ideology, such will be the case.

B. God still _____ hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17).

C. This topic must _____ our political decision about the one for whom we cast our ballot.

II. _____.

A. We've already had our highest court take on a role that is _____ its parameters.

1. Hearing a case involving the right of homosexuals and lesbians to _____ people of the same sex brought this about.

2. What the court did was not rule on the basis of law, but _____ marriage, which it has no authority to do.

B. Homosexuality is _____ and I don't believe anyone in this room believes that it isn't.

1. Romans 1:26 refers to it as a _____ affection.

2. Romans 1:27 calls it _____ and an _____.

3. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 tells us that those who engage in such will not _____ the kingdom of God.

C. This lifestyle choice is one that is sinful and abhorrent and needs to be _____ not mainstreamed.

III. Gender _____ issues.

A. I do not doubt there are a few who _____ emotionally or psychologically with gender identity.

B. Biologically speaking, if you are born with an x and y chromosome, you are _____ and if you are born with two x chromosomes, you are _____.

C. While some may struggle with this _____ issue, there is no doubt _____ as to what they are.

D. The Supreme Court is about to hear a case involving whether or not gender identity should be a factor in laws protecting against sex _____.

1. This does _____ to help them.

2. What it really does is help sexual _____.

The Christian and His Vote

Sam Willcut

We have a luxurious privilege and blessing that many citizens of other countries do not possess—we have a voice! Yes, even Christians have a voice when it comes to the election of our political leaders! Totalitarian governments do not allow people to express their choices at the polls, but countless individuals in the past literally have given their lives to make this freedom possible. God has blessed us to have a “government of the people, by the people and for the people” (as President Lincoln addressed at Gettysburg). Inherent within this privilege is a responsibility as citizens—to inform ourselves of the issues and the candidates. Thus, voting is a choice of people who enjoy civil freedom!

How to deal with the government has always been a problem for the people of God. When the Pharisees attempted to trap Jesus regarding the subject of taxes—a quite sensitive issue among people both then and now—he asked for a coin and responded, “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s, and unto God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:15-21). Unfortunately, it seems that there has been, and will always be, tension between our obligation to God and our obligation to our country. While we are citizens of a heavenly country (Phil. 3:20), and the kingdom of God is not of this world (John 18:36), we are still to view our governmental rulers with respect (Rom. 13:1-7). Regrettably, some Christians do not exercise their right to vote. From a civic perspective, they become apathetic.

How tragic that very few Christians have undertaken the duty of serving in a public office! Many Christians are crestfallen when it comes to seeking civic leadership positions, because they believe the corruption within would quite literally choke any godly influence out from the good-hearted child of God. Yet, the quandary lies in the fact that while the general attitude among Christians is negative toward politics and politicians, it is equally true that our democratic nations need men and women of faith in leadership positions now more than ever! We need good people who will exercise godly wisdom to bring about reformation (Prov. 14:34). How will we ever reach this point if we choose never to voice our opinion or cast our vote? If God could act through human kings of days gone by (often influenced by godly men, such as Daniel and Nehemiah), why could He not act through His own people today when they serve in leadership positions?

William James (1842-1910), a renowned philosopher and spokesperson, once said, “There is but one unconditional commandment, which is that we should seek incessantly, with fear and trembling, so to vote and to act as to bring about the very largest total universe of good we can see” (“The Moral Philosopher and the Moral Life”). (“Memories and Studies”)

Therefore, Christians ought to desire to be good citizens and exercise their freedom to vote according to principles of character and morality. Indifference and apathy are truly the worst enemies in the civic arena—may they never be demonstrated by the people of God! It is time to stand boldly against the sins of our nation and the issues that affect morality! May every Christian exercise his or her right and privilege to vote, and accompany such with fervent prayers (1 Tim. 2:1-2)!

(Edited for space - BW)