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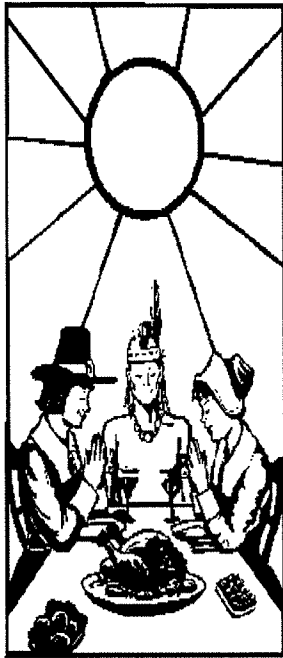
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Pastor's Perspective: "Christians Responsibility To Vote"



As elections draw near, it is important for the Christian to perform their civic duty and vote their conscience on what would be best for our country.

Remember that regardless of outcome, our citizenship goes beyond this present world to Christ's Lordship. Philippians 3:20 states, "For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." II Corinthians 5:20 declares, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ..."

Regardless of who wins the election, Romans 13:1 directs us to be in submission to those in authority, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." This includes noble rulers as well as the mediocre. Daniel 4:17 declares, "...the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

The Bible gives Christians several responsibilities

toward those serving in our Government:

1. Pray for elected officials, police, fire fighters, and other servants. I Timothy 2:1-2 instructs us, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

2. Pay taxes, honor officials, obey the law, unless doing so requires

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From The Pastor's Desk...

When God Says, "No".

Balaam had a very special gift from God. Whatsoever he prophesied, it came to pass. When Balak, king of Moab saw Israel

needed to pass through his land on their journey to the Promised Land, he was afraid. He sought out Balaam in order to curse Israel.

In Numbers 22:12 God

speaks to Balaam, after King Balak's messengers arrive, "Thou shalt not go with them: thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed."

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you to violate God’s commandments. I Peter 2:13-14, “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.” Acts 5:29, “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”

3. Pursue peace. Hebrews 12:14, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:”

4. Proclaim God’s word. II Timothy 2:2, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Sometimes elections look like a contest between two, uninspiring contestants. This does not dismiss the Christians responsibility to vote for the one who best

represents Christian values such as protecting places of worship, life in general, law and order, and personal property. Christian do your duty and vote for Bible principles.

Memory Verse:

Colossians 3:17, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

September Finances

General Fund	\$3,881.90
Designated	\$ 350.24
Total	\$4,232.14

Designated Accounts

Miscellaneous	\$1,195.93
D.C. Trip	\$ 774.44

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After much prayer, God allowed Hezekiah to live and recovered from his sickness. Fifteen years were added to his life. Unfortunately, three years after his recovery, Hezekiah had a son named Manasseh who assumed the throne at the age of twelve, II Kings 21:1. He ruled fifty-five years and did evil in God’s sight. He turned the nation away from God. Manasseh worshipped false gods, sacrificed his sons to them, used enchantments, familiar spirits and wizards. He also shed innocent blood. The kingdom of Judah would have been better off if Manasseh had never been born.

When God says, “No,” He means it. You may not understand it. It may be hard to do. Persuading God to have your own way never ends well. God does know what He is doing. Trust Him.



The Pastor’s Desk Continued...

The prophet Balaam told the messengers that God forbids him to go with them. King Balak sends more honorable princes to Balaam with greater promises of riches.

Balaam, knowing God’s will, attempts to persuade God to let

him go. God relents but doesn’t allow Balaam to curse Israel. Still, Balaam attempt to help the Moabites defeat Israel. His end comes in Numbers 31:8 when he is killed in battle with a sword.

Good King Hezekiah laid sick with a

fever, II King’s 20. The Assyrians were outside the gates of Jerusalem with a large army. Things looked hopeless. God sent Amoz the prophet who told him, “Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.” V1.

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Poetry Corner

Three Little Words

Just three little words—
But, oh how much they say.
“I love you,” “hold me tight,”
“Stay by me,” “let us pray.”

Learning words in childhood
At my mother’s knee
Was, oh, so very simple
As they were taught to me.

These words have
never left me—
I use them o’er and o’er;
And as life is slipping by me
I use them even more.

And there are many others
I’ve learned along the way—
“Take my hand,” “I need you,”
And “never go away.”

God hears these words—
Each simple little line.
Now I wait for Him to say,
“Come...you’re mine.”

—Erma Fajen MacFarlane

Autumn’s bounty

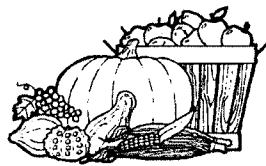
When Summer packs her bag
and goes
South to other lands;
Autumn moves in swiftly,
Bearing gifts in both her hands;

Baskets full of pumpkins,
Crisp red apples, too—
Everything that’s needed
For a fresh-baked pie or two

To warm you after dinner
On a crisp clear autumn night—
Or set a festive table
For a holiday delight.

I always welcome Autumn,
Decked out in leaves of gold—
She brings the season’s treas-
ures,
Her bounty to behold!

—Micki Dolan



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is loved ones
Who come miles and miles
To be greeted with kisses
And welcoming smiles.

Thanksgiving is turkey
And all of the rest
Of the fruits of the harvest
With which we’ve been blessed.

Thanksgiving is praise
For our Father above,
For His bountiful goodness
And the gift of His love.

—Virginia Blanck Moore

Psalms 107:1, “O Give thanks unto
the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy
endureth for ever.”

I Thessalonians 5:16-19, “Rejoice
evermore. Pray without ceasing. In
every thing give thanks: for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus concern-
ing you. Quench not the Spirit.”

Happy Thanksgiving

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Announcement

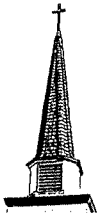
Beginning Sunday, November
8, 2020 our service times will
be:

Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.
Evening Service—6:00 p.m.

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*Searching the Scriptures for
Life's Answers - Acts 17:11*

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Welcome To Our Church

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Bible Study & Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
King's Kids.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Daytime Visitation Program10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1st, Lord's Supper, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 3rd, Men's Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 7, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 8, Advisory Council, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14th, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 21st, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 28th, Bible Reading, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 29th, Birthday Sunday, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 28th, Finance Committee, 5:15 p.m.