



Worship Services

Bible Class 9am

Sunday School & Worship 10:30 am

Contemporary 4:30 pm

Upcoming:

Why Christians Must Vote

by Timothy S. Goeglein

In his letter to the church in Rome, the Apostle Paul writes, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God” (Rom. 13:1-2).

With that statement, Paul defines the relationship between Christians and government. Throughout the Book of Acts, Paul invokes his Roman citizenship to make a passionate defense of the Gospel. Instead of shying away from engagement with the governing authorities, he engages them by proclaiming truth. However, he also puts his trust in God's sovereignty because he knows that the ultimate authority and judge is the Lord, who has allowed those to be in authority so God's purposes can be accomplished.

One of the ways God's purposes are accomplished is through the faithfulness of believers who use their influence, in a proper and respectful manner, to influence secular governments and to hold government officials accountable for their actions. In his book *Politics According to the Bible*, respected theologian Dr. Wayne Grudem shares numerous examples such as Daniel's influence on King Nebuchadnezzar and John the Baptist boldly speaking biblical truth to King Herod and the other officials of the Roman Empire.

Additionally, Chuck Colson, the founder of Prison Fellowship, once noted that, “Christ, not politics, is our hope. He's called us to engage, to discern, and to the best of our abilities, uphold good and lessen evil.” He also reminds us that, “It's our duty as citizens of the kingdom of God to be the best citizens of the society we live in. To do that, we must vote.”

Not all of us are able to boldly stand before the government officials to speak the truth. But what we can do is use our God-given right to exert significant influence through exercising our right to be involved in the political process by voting. That is what we Christians are to do: to utilize the authority the Lord has given us to influence those God has placed in authority over us and hold them accountable for their actions. It is critical that we do so if we want to live in a nation that honors God and His truth while keeping our trust in the Lord and His plan for our nation and world.

Preschool Happenings

Hello church, and happy fall! We are in full swing at preschool, learning all about ourselves and one another, making friends, and having lots of fun. Toward the end of September we are focusing on healthy habits in how we care for ourselves and our classmates. This ranges from simple things like washing our hands, to learning how to manage our feelings moment to moment. We are a class family, and like a family, we work together as a team and show love and respect for one another. Each of our classes are so sweet. It is really fun to get to know the different personalities and strengths these kiddos have to offer!

As we celebrate the change of seasons we'll be turning our attention to nature. We will visit HomeFarm for a special pumpkin patch experience and each student will get to pick out a pumpkin! We'll also have our harvest parties in the last week of October.

Thank you so much for partnering in prayer with us as we teach, shepherd, and enjoy these little image bearers. We are so grateful for the support of this church family!

Ms. Sandy

Pastors appreciate your prayers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers.

Servants	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMM.	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda
SCRIPTURE READERS	Sandie Miller	April Mouw	Joan Gregory	Caeden
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
COMM. ASST.	Jon Huffman		Steve Roe	
USHERS	Jay Pukaluk Dick Johnson	Jim Higby	Jon Huffman Dan Persse	Dick Johnson
FLOWERS	Joan Gregory			



OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Secretary out of office	4 Secretary out of office	5
6 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion & Sunday School 4:30 Contemporary Council Mtg. 11:30	7 MEN'S Bible Study 4:30pm Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 4:30 Contemporary Family Dinner	14	15	16 17 Pastor at Conference		18	19
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BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ann Johnson | 8 Joan Gregory |
| 2 Ryan Thompson | 10 Kellie Faulkner |
| 3 Hannah Phelps-McDonald | 13 Gavin MacArthur |
| 4 Anabelle Terris | 20 Kyle Thompson |
| 5 Daizy Dehnke | 22 Svenna Hrutfiord |
| 7 James Aguirre | 23 Lisa Berg |
| Marilyn Mitchell | 27 Linda Thompson |
| Sophia Delong | 29 Stirling MacArthur |
| | 30 Christie Rector |
| | Aubrey Matta |

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2024 Actual Jan—Aug	2024 Budget
Income	157,862	161,900
Expenses	168,039	172,669
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	(10,177)	(10,769)

