

For The Church



Politics #2 of 7:

Jesus told us that we should seek His kingdom first – this statement basically tells us, as Christians, that we should look to Kingdom politics and make them our priority. There is certainly a connection between Kingdom politics and earthly ones, but we must first understand the contours of Kingdom politics before we can apply them to earthly politics. We will look at six key principles to help us define Kingdom-first politics. Principle #1 – Earthly kingdoms rise and fall. Daniel 2:44 says, “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.”

Daniel was shown a vision of toppling kingdoms: Assyrian, Babylonian, Medes, and Persians. The Greek kingdom would rise and fall and so would the Roman Empire. Every earthly kingdom will come to an end (including the U.S.A.) Only the kingdom of Christ endures forever.

Principle #2 – Jesus resisted efforts to establish a typical earthly kingdom when he was here on the earth. On numerous occasions in his earthly life, Jesus resisted becoming a typical, earthly king. John 6:15 says, “Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.” Mark 8:33 (when Peter rebuked Jesus for announcing his pending death), “But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter, “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Jesus consistently rejected earthly power grabs to build a kingdom. It must have been confusing for his Jewish followers who longed to throw off the yoke of the Roman Empire. But Jesus knew his Kingdom goals could not be accomplished through earthly politics. Jesus’s perspective on earthly power should temper our own.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)
Tim Taylor
Linda Fry
Pam Aldrich
Terry Nash

Vance Wendelburg
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams
Orvalee Aldrich
Terry Sallee
Bryce Richardson
Margarita Kent (Lupe’s Sister)

Danielle Harmon
SMC 2nd Session (Starts Today)
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)
Katelyn & Cole Kinnamon
Enrique Lira

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

The Youth Group will meet tonight at 7 PM at Carl and Janet's house.

Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

The Young Family Ministry will be tonight here at the church building. It starts at 5 PM - dinner and childcare will be provided.

VBS Signup

Our VBS this year will be held on two Wednesday nights (August 6 and 13). We will serve dinner each night and start at 5:30. We plan to be done by 8 each night. Our theme is Epic Australian Adventure. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to sign up for tasks. We will have work nights/days on Wednesday, July 30 (starting at 6 PM), Saturday, August 2 (starting at 9 AM), and Tuesday, August 5 (starting at 6 PM - if needed).

Save the Date:

July 19 - Ladies' Day at Lyons Church of Christ

July 20-26 - SMC Third Session

August 9 - Garden City Church of Christ Back to School Bash (Teens)

August 10 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

September 5 & 6 - Praise & Harmony with Keith Lancaster (Eastwood Church of Christ)

September 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #449 - Thy Word

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Luke 1:46-55)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #679 Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Song: #464 - Because He Lives

Communion: Carl Feril (Chris Stott, Zach Marks, Joe Cornwell)

Song: #414 - Anywhere With Jesus (vs. 1-3)

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #915 - Trust and Obey (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrel Bauer



Giving Link

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril, Zachary Marks
Minister: Zeborah Carter