

For The Church



Politics #3 of 7:

Last week we talked about the first two principles of a Kingdom-first approach to earthly politics: earthly kingdoms rise and fall, and Jesus resisted efforts to establish a typical earthly kingdom. Principle #3 – Jesus inaugurated the eternal, universal Kingdom of God. In Mark 1:15-16, Jesus announced the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. “The time has come, he said. “The kingdom of God has come near.” Repent and believe the good news!” Jesus established this kingdom, not by earthly political force, but in his life, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Jesus Christ is reigning today! His kingdom is bringing life, salvation, and healing to all who would enter it by faith.

Principle #4 – Jesus is creating Kingdom people. Christians are citizens of another Kingdom. The apostle Paul outlined this in Philippians 3:18-20 saying, “Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things, but our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Kingdom people are a multi-national, diverse, and united family. Revelation 7 gives us a beautiful picture of this diverse family where it says “every nation, tribe, people, and language” are standing before God and worshipping him. Jesus calls his Kingdom people to a kind of unity that confounds earthly political division.

Paul writes in Ephesians 2:14-16, “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.” In a political age full of tendencies toward racial division and nationalism, the Church should exercise extreme caution about engaging in political practices that destroy our unity.

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
Terry Sallee
Bryce Richardson
Margarita Kent (Lupe’s Sister)
Danielle Harmon

SMC 3rd Session (Starts Today)
Crystal Emery (Glora’s mom)
Katelyn & Cole Kinnamon
Enrique Lira
Shelton family
Ethan Lanterman

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

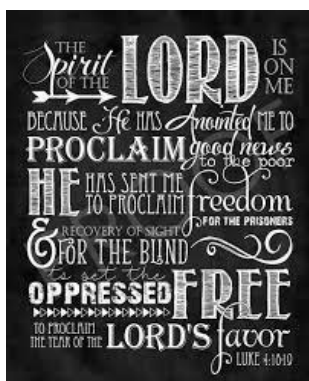
The Youth Group will meet tonight at 7 PM at Carl and Janet's house.

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 30 - VBS Prep Night 6 PM
August 2 - VBS Prep Day 9 AM
August 5 - VBS Prep Night 6 PM
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: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Hunter Marks (Luke 4:18-19)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #578 - We Will Glorify

Song: #354 - I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion: Orrin Feril (Landon Marks, Jerry Kinnamon, Darrel Willinger)

Song: #167 - Hosanna

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #470 - Victory in Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell



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