

For The Church



Politics #4 of 7:

We have been discussing six principles toward a Kingdom-approach to earthly politics: earthly kingdoms fall, Jesus resisted establishing an earthly kingdom, Jesus inaugurated an eternal, universal kingdom, and Jesus is creating Kingdom people (us). Principle #5 – the Church exists to bear witness to the reign of Christ.

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gave the Church it's great commission. "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Our first political priority as a Church is to bear witness to the reign of Christ. Sometimes Christians have been caught in the temptation of idolizing an earthly leader as the solution for life's most enduring challenges. Earthly leaders can serve the common good but they can never take the place of our ultimate king.

Principle #6 – The Church is called to be salt and light in the present age. Jesus tells us, in the Sermon on the Mount, that Christians are supposed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The followers of Jesus can and should be a force for good in this present age. Salt brings out the best flavors, so Christians should strive to bring out the best in people, their families, communities, and this includes politically. Salt preserves so Christians can act as a restraint against corruption.

Light pierces the darkness and helps us see. Light exposes the dark. In a world of darkness, Christians can act as light that helps us see a way forward. Winning politically at all costs is not an option for the Christian. Our posture and tone matter because we are called to represent King Jesus. I would prefer that if Christians decide to be nasty, hyper-partisan, swear, or call names, they would not do that under the banner of the name "Christian" because it defames the Name of Jesus and gives the Church a bad reputation.

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

Crystal Emery (Gloria'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 Prep [Wednesday and Saturday]

Our first VBS prep night is Wednesday beginning at 6 PM here at the church building. We will also meet on Saturday starting at 9 AM. There will be many tasks to complete so come if you are able to assist.

VBS [August 6 and 13]

Our VBS is fast approaching. If you are willing to help with VBS on August 6 and/or August 13, please see Zeb or Pam.

Save the Date:

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

Maxxamus Gunter - August 1

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #577 - We Bow Down

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jerry Kinnamon (Luke 8:4-8)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #555 - Seek Ye First

Song: #365 - How Beautiful

Communion: Richard Brensing (Chris Stott, Chris Mansel, Darrel Bauer)

Song: #60 - He is Exalted

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free

Closing Prayer: JW Like



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