

For The Church



Politics #5 of 7:

Christians need to be salt and light in the world, but how can we do that? First, being salt and light requires a fearless posture. Romans 1:16-17 says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “the righteous will live by faith.”

King Jesus loves righteousness and hates wickedness. There are times when we must fearlessly exercise our duty to be salt and light. Hebrews 1:8-9 reminds us about the reign of Jesus, “Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever, a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore, God your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

Kingdom politics has a righteousness-promoting and wickedness-resisting-ethic that certainly extends to earthly politics. Righteousness is right, holy, moral living (what godly people do). It is personal and social. Wickedness is the opposite of righteousness. It is also personal and social evil. Justice is confronting wickedness. As such, Christians have much to say and do.

Proverbs 14:34 tells us that “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” This call to Kingdom-first political engagement is not some kind of wimpy, neutral peacekeeping. It promotes human righteousness that leads to flourishing and resists the corrupting and exploitative powers of wickedness. We must be fearless in preaching the gospel, but we also must do it in a way that promotes God and his greatness, we do this with kindness, compassion, understanding, but boldness (this includes how we respond on social media too).

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)
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.

Potluck [Today]

Please join us following services today for our monthly potluck fellowship meal.

VBS [Next 2 Wednesdays]

Our VBS will be the next two Wednesdays from 5:30-8:00 each night. We could still use some help so let Zeb or Pam know if you can help - or just show up Wednesday and we will find a place for you to serve!

The Angels are Rejoicing!

Congratulations to Cami, Burke, Gentri, Hadley, Dawsyn, Deeann, and Egg on being baptized last Sunday! Welcome them to the family!

Save the Date:

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)



Giving Link

Birthdays

Craig Smith - August 3

Vanessa Marks - August 4

Kapri Like - August 6

Jerriko Gunter - August 7

Burke Long - August 9

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Zach Marks (Matthew 13:44-46)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #71 - As the Deer

Song: #364 - Come Share the Lord

Communion: Chris Stott (Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Darrel Bauer)

Song: #273 - More Precious than Silver

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #881 - Mansion over the Hilltop

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

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