

For The Church



Politics #6 of 7:

Last week we talked about how being salt and light in the world calls us to be fearless. It also calls us to not call down fire on our enemies, but to love them. In Luke 9:52-55, Jesus rebuked his disciples for desiring destruction of their enemies. “And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.”

Christians must learn to live with and respect our neighbors even as we practice winsome persuasion. In rejecting a mass casualty event on those who rejected him, Jesus shows us that we must continue to allow space for people to reject him without threat of punishment. God alone is Judge who will righteously sort our hearts in the Final Judgment.

Also, a Christian’s list of key political issues should be extensive. Christians should be concerned about a myriad of issues that pertain to all of life including poverty, greed, family, sexuality, our common life with neighbors, questions of war, the production of weapons of mass destruction, the trafficking of human beings, exploitation, clean water, healthcare, and so on. Political policies do matter. Consider that in 1954, Brown v Board of Education ruled racial segregation in schools unconstitutional.

The character and integrity of our political leaders matter. We should expect our politicians to tell the truth, be trustworthy, and not simply flip-flop their opinions based on a poll. This doesn’t negate the prospect that their minds can be changed. Encourage good people to run for office but understand that everyone is human and will make mistakes.

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
Margarita Kent (Lupe’s Sister)
Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)

Enrique Lira
Shelton family
Ethan Lanterman
Linda Guthrie
Audi Thornburg

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 meet tonight at 5 PM at the Stafford Church of Christ. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

VBS [Wednesday]

Our VBS went well on Wednesday and we have one more night this Wednesday starting at 5:30 PM. Come out and join the fun or come help!

Save the Date:

September 5 & 6 - Praise & Harmony with Keith Lancaster (Eastwood Church of Christ)
September 14 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
September 26 - SMC Ladies Retreat
October 2 - SMC Crafter's Retreat
October 5-7 - SMC Men's Retreat
October 12 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
November 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
November 14-16 - SMC Teen Retreat

Birthdays

Janet Feril - August 12
Kari Smith - August 12
Clara-Jean Huffman - August 15

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #435 - Come into His Presence

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Matthew 7:24-27)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #147 - I Stand Amazed

Song: #315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion: Chris Mansel (Landon Marks, JW Like, Stan Aldrich)

Song: #416 - Footsteps of Jesus

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (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