

## Morning Worship

November 4, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Al Shirley

Piano — Robert Brinkman

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People Hymn # 202 *All Hail*

*the Power of Jesus Name* Don/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 204

*Glorious Is Thy Name*

Don/People

Hymn # 203

*His Name Is Wonderful*

Don/People

Offering Prayer

John Lewis

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Children's Worship

(Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading

Allan/People

Message

*God Speaks Through Politics*

Allan Lane

Hymn # 321

*The Savior Is Waiting*

Don/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Hymn 205

*Jesus Is the Sweetest Name*

Don/People

## God Speaks through Politics

Matthew 22:15-22

*The original parchment of the Constitution begins "We the People" in big, bold letters. The bottom line: Our form of government requires our active involvement. How can we "give to Caesar what is Caesar's" in America today? Allow me to mention*

*5 things that every Christian ought to give his/her government, things that every Christian can do to have maximum patriotic impact as we think about what that meant then, what it means now, and what it means to you and me personally.*

## **1. Seek God for your government.**

Paul encourages this in 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Notice Paul says: "First of all," not secondly, thirdly, fourthly, but first of all we are to pray for everybody in general, but then specifically we are to pray for our elected leaders: our President, our Congressmen, our Senators, Judges, our Governors, our Mayors, our Councilmen, Commissioners, our Law Enforcement officials, etc.—for all who have a place of authority.

We don't pray that they would continue in their wickedness, but we do pray that God would give them wisdom--wisdom to lead our nation according to the Judeo-Christian principles this nation was founded upon (Proverbs 21:1). Above all we pray that they would come to know Christ and be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). That is really the only way our nation will be changed is through the Gospel. It is only through a relationship with Jesus as Lord that our elected officials will lead in such a way that we will be able to live "peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:2).

Bottom line: The future of America does not depend on the people in the State House, the Court House, the Houses of Congress or the White House, but on people in the Church House. It rests on you and on me. That is 2 Chronicles 7:14. We must pray.

Unfortunately, the times are desperate but the church is not. We need to cry out to the Lord on behalf of our nation and its leadership, and get desperate before the Lord. Not "now I lay me down to sleep" kind of prayer. Not "Good food, good meat, good Lord, let's eat" kind of prayer. But prayer that lines up with the will of God, prayer that reaches the heart of God, prayer that moves the hand of God. Pray like the future of the nation depends on it because it does.

Listen, if we do not pray for our nation and our leaders, not only will we continue to have little impact on the direction of America, but we are sinning against God. First of all, pray. Seek God for Your Government. Second...

## **2. Support your government.**

Now bear with me on this one. There are a couple of ways we can support our government:

**A. First, pay taxes to your government.** That brings us back to our text. When Jesus is asked about paying taxes, He commands that we are to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21), and He also leads by example (Matthew 17:24-27). Paul speaks of the government's responsibility to punish evildoers and instructed: "This is why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing" (Romans 13:6). Now be honest—this one hurts— especially around April 15th.

Admittedly, there is a lot of waste and questionable spending, especially in Washington. Like the Titanic, we have hit an iceberg, we are taking on water, we are still afloat, so some people are still having fun throwing snow balls on the deck, but we are about to drown under a sea of debt and rising taxes unless drastic measures are taken, and the first one is to stop the spending and borrowing against our children's future. The Bible says: "Let no debt remain outstanding..." (Romans 13:8), but we are amassing debt at an unsustainable rate. Now I know you are thinking it does no

good to complain because the politicians aren't listening, they don't care, and they are going to do it anyway. But the great thing about America is that if we don't like the way our public officials are spending our hard earned money, we can vote for change.

However, we actually do benefit from some of the goods and services provided by the government. We have the greatest military force in the world and the finest young men and women serving in it. We have law enforcement, roads, schools, libraries, and parks, etc. So pay your taxes but hold your elected officials accountable for how they spend them. Another way to support our government and make a positive patriotic impact is to:

**B. Take pride in your nation.** Paul says in Romans 13:7 that we should respect and honor our government. It's okay to take pride in your country. The Psalmist proclaimed the same (Psalm 137:5-6).

Listen, it's alright to be patriotic. Don't let anybody tell you that as a Christian you can no longer be a red-blooded American, that you shouldn't express appreciation for men and women in uniform, that you shouldn't get a lump in your throat when you see the Stars and Stripes waving, that you shouldn't stand and sing with a lump in your throat or a tear in your eye: "God bless America, land that I love." America is not a god to be worshipped, but it is perfectly all right to be patriotic and give honor when honor is due. You can take pride in your country as well as pay taxes to your country and in that way support your government. Third...

### **3. Submit to your government.**

Note Peter's instructions in 1 Peter 2:13-14 (cf. Romans 13:2-5). The Greek word for "submit" means to fall in rank under an authority. Government exists to keep order, and we must submit to the rule of law. Christians of all citizens ought to be model citizens. We ought to obey the laws of the land. If we rebel against the rule of law, we are in fact rebelling against the God who ordained it (Romans 13:1-2).

Then Peter says in 1 Peter 2:17 that we are to show these authorities respect. Now sometimes respecting our government is a tall order. Just think about who was in charge when Peter wrote this: Nero. Nero wasn't exactly an Eagle Scout. Indeed, Nero was a brutal, wicked ruler, responsible for the deaths of both Peter and Paul. Ever noticed that we name our sons "Peter" and "Paul" and our dogs "Nero?" Yet, God's word says that we are to respect the governmental authority. We may not have much respect for the man of the office, but we must respect the office of the man. Submit to your government. That is the Scriptural ideal. However, sometimes you must...

### **4. Stand Up to your government.**

George Washington is credited with saying that "Government... is a troublesome servant and a fearful Master." Sometimes, we must stand up to our government. Now there's a time and place for civil disobedience, but it should come only as a last resort, especially in America, which was founded upon Judeo-Christian principles and Biblical laws. However, if the government commands what God condemns, then you are obligated to disobey.

The midwives disobeyed Pharaoh's command to kill all the Hebrew baby boys (Exodus 2:15-21). Daniel disobeyed King Darius' order not to pray to His God (Daniel 6:1-23). The same Peter who wrote that we should submit to the government's authority and respect the King (1 Peter 2:13-17) is the same Peter who boldly told the religious rulers who ordered him to stop preaching about Jesus: "We must obey God rather than men!" (Acts 5:29). Christians in Asia Minor disobeyed the Imperial edict to

swear: "Caesar is Lord," threw their incense to the ground in defiance, and declared: Christ is Lord!" (Revelation 2:8-10; 2:13). They were all blessed by God for their civil disobedience.

As Citizen Christians, we need to use our freedom to defend our freedom or we may lose our freedom. In many ways, that time has come. Decisions are being made by our government and courts on the great moral issues of our day and on our rights as Christians, so we cannot afford to be silent. But when we do speak out, have you noticed how the critics cry foul, claiming "Separation of Church and State," and saying: "You don't have a right to speak about public policy and law! Go cower in your church, lock yourself in your little stained glass prison, and stay there!" And that's exactly what the devil wants—the salt shackled in the sanctuary and the light locked up in the church house.

But the last time I checked Christians are not second class citizens of America. Your voice needs to be heard. In fact, the Bible commands it. Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth... the light of the world!" (Matthew 5:13-16). The Bible says "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" (Psalm 107:2). That's you and that's me. God urged his people: "Shout it aloud! Do not hold back! Raise your voice like a trumpet! Declare to my people their rebellion, and to the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). You find examples throughout the Bible. Here are some more examples:

- ☐ Moses petitioned Pharaoh for the liberty of God's people.
- ☐ Nathan confronted King David for his sinful actions as a leader.
- ☐ Elijah faced off against King Ahab who promoted idolatry and immorality.
- ☐ Isaiah condemned moral decay in the culture.
- ☐ Amos inveighed against injustice in society. Daniel pronounced judgment on King Nebuchadnezzar for promoting idolatry.
- ☐ John the Baptist pointed out the adultery of King Herod, etc.

We must stand up and let our voices be heard in the same way and persuade our government of the eternal and infallible truths of God's word and how these principles apply to the policies and laws of our nation and to the character of its leaders.

We need to stand up with righteous indignation and say: "Killing babies in a mother's womb is wrong!" We need to speak out with moral outrage and say: "Redefining marriage to include homosexuals is wrong!" We need to remind those black robed tyrants masquerading as judges about America's Judeo-Christian foundations, and with holy fury shout: "Taking away our religious heritage is wrong!" Sometimes we must stand up to our government and say: "That is enough. STOP!" Yes, you need to seek God for your government, support your government, and submit to your government, but sometimes you need to stand up to your government! And that time has come. But finally, you need to...

## **5. Select your government.**

There are many ways we can participate in our government, such as helping with a voter registration drive, commenting on legislation and public policy, speaking out on moral and social issues, writing editorials, holding public office, volunteering for the election commission, etc. Perhaps the most basic form of participation is voting—selecting our government. Exodus 18:21 says: "But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials..."

Voting is a simple act with a significant impact. When we vote, we help determine who will lead our nation, make our laws, and protect our freedoms. Founding Father Samuel Adams said: "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his

vote... that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." Let me give you three practical actions steps on voting:

**Step 1:** Register to Vote. I realize this is a no-brainer, but you can't vote unless you're registered. And there are a lot of eligible Americans are not even registered to vote. According to the U.S. Census Bureau 35% of Americans who are voting-age are not registered. That translates to as many as 65 million Americans. What's worse is that less than half of the voting age population actually votes in any given election.

Some might say: "What's the difference, my one vote doesn't really count." Yes, it does! All I need to say is "Florida recount" and you get my point.

**Step 2:** Register a Friend. Take your friend a Voter Registration Form and help them fill it out. Point your friends to [www.i votevalues.org](http://www.i votevalues.org), a voter registration, education, and mobilization website where they can fill out their form online, print it, and mail it in or take it to their election commission office. Help organize a Voter Registration Drive at a Christian Bookstore, your service club, your college, place of business, etc.

**Step 3:** Vote Your Values. Make the commitment to vote in the upcoming primary and in the general election. Did you know that in 2000, a little over half (51.3%) of eligible Americans voted. In 2002's mid-term elections, the numbers were even worse when only 37% of eligible Americans voted. In 2004, 55.1% voted, but the number fell back to 37.1% for 2006. In 2008, the number rose to 56.8%. Of self-described evangelical Christians, numbering around 60 million, the percentages are worse. In 2000, only 25% voted. While nearly 50% voted in 2004, the number fell back to about 33% in 2006. The number climbed to 50% in 2008. Consequently, over the last 4 elections, slightly less than 40% of evangelicals voted. But that is not enough.

Here's an old proverb that is still true today: "Bad politicians are elected by good people who don't vote." Certainly, the Bible says: "When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan" (Proverbs 29:2). And if you don't vote, you have no right to groan. So voter-apathy is indefensible, especially among Christians, who have been commanded by Christ to penetrate our culture as salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16) and participate in government as engaged citizens (Matthew 22:21). So go against the rising tide of apathy in America—Vote!

But hold on because I am not done. Don't just vote for the sake of voting. Take it one step further and vote your values. Think about this: Every candidate has his or her own set of values and positions on important issues. Don't you think that where a candidate stands on the issues is far more important than the party he or she belongs to? Shouldn't we vote for candidates who share our values? John Jay, our nation's first Supreme Court Justice and one of the 3 authors of the Federalist Papers explaining our U.S. Constitution said: "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation... to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Unfortunately, many Christians don't even consider Biblical values when voting, often choosing candidates whose positions on moral issues are at odds with their own beliefs, convictions, and values. A recent study by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life shows that nearly 2/3rds of Americans say their faith has little to do with their voting decisions. That's tragic because Jesus expects us to let our faith influence every part of our decision making—including the democratic process. You need to get informed on the issues, study the party platform statements, know what the candidates stand for, read what they say about the issues, check out their websites, find out who are their enemies and who are their friends, then weigh the candidates'

values against Biblical values, and prayerfully consider voting for the ones who are the best match with your values.

One Caution: Don't align yourself too closely with a political party or a politician. That is unwise because we need to be free to call all political parties and politicians to repentance when they step outside of biblical morality and principle. Founding Father Benjamin Rush is quoted as saying: "I have been alternately called an Aristocrat and a Democrat. I am neither. I am a Christocrat." Our loyalty needs to be first, last, and always with the Lord Jesus Christ. And look for statesmen to support, not mere politicians. Politicians think about the next election; statesmen think about the next generation. And strongly consider voting for candidates who believe like you do. Don't just vote to be voting—vote your values!

Allow me mention three values that I believe rank higher than others: Life, Family, and Freedom.

**Life:** Life is precious. Miraculous. Delicate. Created by a loving God who makes every human being unique (Ps. 139:15-16). Life made in the image of God is a fundamental, God-given right. According to the Declaration of Independence, "All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The order is significant. Life is the first God-given right of every human being. If you don't have life, you certainly can't enjoy liberty or pursue happiness.

**Family:** Family is essential. Basic. Necessary. The family is the basic building block of society, and the first institution created by God (Genesis 1:27, 2:24). Study after study has shown that every child needs the influence of a father who is male and a mother who is female. Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage between a man and a woman. The welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of traditional marriage. When this God-given pattern is undermined, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Any deviation from the divine pattern invites disaster.

Heterosexuality is the divine pattern; homosexuality is a deceptive perversion. Today the sacred institution of marriage is under attack by radical homosexuals and their allies in the courts, who are seeking to redefine it. Consequently, where a candidate stands on the value of traditional marriage and particularly on a Marriage Protection Amendment is absolutely critical. Because as goes the family, so goes the nation. Christians ought to fight for the Biblical definition of marriage. We value family.

**Freedom:** Freedom is priceless. Cherished. Fragile. Galatians 5:1 says: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Freedom must be nurtured. Defended. Protected. That is the intention of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court has ignored the original intent of the Founding Fathers, trashed four centuries of America's Judeo-Christian heritage, and turned a statement in one of Jefferson's private letters on its head in declaring a two-way "Wall of Separation" between church and state.

The Result: Black robed tyrants feel compelled to remove all religious influences from public institutions. The High Court outlawed public prayer in the schools in 1962, out went public Bible reading in 1963, and in 1980, down came the Ten Commandments from school house walls! This agenda of radical secularization has not only been zealously prosecuted by the activist courts, but by extension, the various public entities, school boards, educators, and teachers.

If we don't use our freedom to defend our freedom we will lose our freedom. George Washington in his Farewell Address said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens." Nobody ought to claim to be a good citizen, a patriot who takes Christianity out of culture, God out of government.

Find out where the candidates stand on the value of religious liberty. Find out which candidates are aligned with groups like the ACLU and Americans for Separation of Church and State, who seek to remove all public expressions of religion. Find out which candidates are in favor of protecting and even restoring America's Judeo-Christian heritage. Find out where the candidates stand on our First Amendment right to religious freedom. We value Life, we value Family, and we value Freedom!

How can Christians obey the command of Christ to render to Caesar, how should believers relate to our civil government, how can we make maximum impact? Five things: Seek God for your government, support your government, submit to your government, stand up to your government, and select your government.

## **Conclusion**

After our Founding Fathers unanimously approved the Declaration of Independence, and it was later signed, there was a call to celebrate—to fire cannons, to fill the sky with fireworks, and to ring the bells in celebration. The very first bell they rang was in the belfry of the very hall where they approved the Declaration of Independence as they summoned the people to hear the first public reading of America's founding document. They rang that bell—we know it as the "Liberty Bell." Where did it get its name? Was it from July the fourth? The Declaration of Independence? No. The name comes from the Scripture that was imprinted on that bell years earlier - Leviticus 25:10 - which says: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof!"

And that is the mission of every believer. During this election season, let's proclaim liberty throughout the land and "Let Freedom Ring!" Freedom will ring louder, freedom will ring clearer, if Christians all across America will do these 5 things and "give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Just imagine the impact Christians could have on the direction of our government, the character of its leadership, and the moral health of our nation if we all simply applied Biblical principles to every aspect of our lives—including our patriotic duty as Citizen Christians.

The cornerstone of our efforts must be prayer. Pray for this broken nation full of broken families full of broken people who have broken God's laws and broken God's heart. Pray for a radical return to God in America so that we can truthfully be one nation under God again. For some of you, there is a more basic prayer to pray. The greatest need is to give your heart to Jesus and place your life under God's rule as Lord. More important than being a citizen of the greatest nation on earth is to become a citizen of the Kingdom of God. America will one day be no more, but the Kingdom of God will endure forever. Will you become a citizen of the Kingdom by bowing before Jesus and pledging your allegiance to Him?

***Let Freedom Ring!***

**Vote Your Christian Conscience**

The following is from an email I received from Rev. Pierre Bynum, Chaplain & National Prayer Director for the Family Research Council. Use it for meditation while preparing to vote this week. Elizur Goodrich held a higher view or esteem for our nation and government than most Americans do today. He saw praying for godly leaders as the essential duty of believers (1 Tim 2:1-8). He saw that God's people, with God's view, would be grateful for our free government and would work to elect, support, and influence those we elect to serve and to bring them correction if necessary. He saw believers as eager to fulfill their role as active citizens who would pray and work to insure that our government was held to this high vision, and that we would pass on the incredible liberty that we have enjoyed in "our Jerusalem," to our children. He saw that the election of men with reverence for God and of godly character, and a people who likewise remained godly, could maintain this liberty and happiness. As followers of Christ, may we not dismiss the importance of government and our vote, as so many Christians do, but understand the importance of the institution which has so much power over our lives.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan ☺

*Elizur Goodrich (1734-1797) was a Yale graduate, Bible scholar, able preacher, and a stalwart among the New England patriot preachers. Goodrich pastored the Congregational Church in Durham, Connecticut from his ordination in 1756 until his death. He preached his highly acclaimed election sermon, "Jerusalem is builded as a City that is compact together" (Psalm 122:3) before Gov. Samuel Huntington and the Connecticut Legislature in Hartford on May 10, 1787, just days before the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia began. Here are some excerpts:*

*Jerusalem was a city, defended with strong walls, the metropolis of the kingdom of Israel, and the capital seat of the Hebrew empire... We have also a Jerusalem, adorned with brighter glories of divine grace, and with greater beauties of holiness... [and a] more excellent means of religion and virtue, peace and happiness [through Christ] than ever called the attention of the assembled tribes of Israel. We enjoy all the privileges of a free government, the blessings of the gospel of peace, and the honors of the church of God. This is our Jerusalem.*

*The safety and preservation of it depend, under God, on the friendly agreement of its citizens in all those things, necessary for its honour and defense, happiness and glory. Without this agreement, it cannot be "builded as a city, that is compact together." There will be no peace within its walls, nor prosperity within its palaces: It can have neither strength or beauty, nor administer protection to its inhabitants; but it will be as a city broken down, and without walls... The importance of a good, public administration... and the necessity of the joint exertions of subjects, with their rulers, in promoting the public peace and happiness. [Here are] some of the great principles and maxims, which are the foundation and cement of civil union and society.*

*The principles of society are the laws, which Almighty God has established in the moral world, and made necessary to be observed by mankind; in order to promote their true happiness, in their transactions and relationships... They are as fixed and unchangeable as the laws which operate in the natural world...*

*The end therefore, and nature of civil government imply that it must have for its foundation, the principles and laws of truth, justice and righteousness, mercy and the fear of God; or it can never advance the happiness of mankind... The meer politician, who has no fear of God before his eyes, may consider them; but to the enlightened and religious mind, they are moral laws, in a higher sense -- laws of our creator... The same virtue and integrity, truth, justice and honour, which we venerate in a private character, must be found in the public administration, and generally prevailing among a people, or a state cannot be united, peaceful and happy in itself, and respectable in the world...*

*A constitution of government, which gives a people the liberty of choosing their own rulers, and of being governed by laws, established by common consent, while they make a wise use of it, is a privilege more valuable, than the gold of Ophir, and of greater importance to public happiness, than the rich mountains of Peru. What shall you do to render this privilege a blessing to the present age, and hand down the joys of it to future generations? Make it your constant aim to choose able and faithful men, who fear God and hate covetousness, to be your rulers; honour and encourage them in all their endeavours to make you a virtuous, prosperous and happy people, and apply yourselves with diligence to your own business, that in your several stations, you may contribute to the public good.*

*The burden of government at all times, and especially at the present, is very great. We may so behave as to render it far greater and more difficult, by our misconduct and disorderly practices;*



*and prevent the best fruits of the most wise and righteous administration. We may discourage the hearts and slacken the hands of the most worthy magistrates, by an unruly and discontented spirit, and by an opposition to all their designs for the public good. How many endeavor to enervate and avoid the force of the most wholesome laws of society; and use every art to make the people discontented, and to promote factions in the state. I think it my duty on this solemn occasion, to warn my fellow citizens, against all such vile and wicked practices, which tend to the ruin of magistracy, and the destruction of peace and order. I wish, my fellow-citizens, all had a due sense of the high importance of civil government, and the protection afforded us by the laws of our country. Whatever security and peace, we enjoy by day or night, at home or abroad, in the house, in the field, or by the way, are by means of civil union and society. Without this bond, and the restraint of civil institutions, no one would be safe in his person or property. The weak would be continually exposed to the oppression and injustice of a more powerful neighbor. Civil government therefore, well constituted, and impartially administered, is one of the most important blessings, a gracious God has bestowed upon a guilty world; and the laws and constitution of our country are our best inheritance, which we should defend at the hazard of our lives and fortunes.*

*Encourage your rulers in building up our Jerusalem, on the strong foundations of truth and righteousness -- maintain in your hearts and conduct, those principles and maxims of love, benevolence and goodness, which will render you a united, happy and prosperous people. Let God be honored, and the grace of the Redeemer exalted; the sabbath sanctified; the worship and ordinances of the Lord's house, maintained: The pious and virtuous education of the rising generation, religiously regarded; and a firm and inviolable adherence to the laws and institutions of Christ, manifested by all orders and ranks of men. Then virtue and peace, righteousness, mercy and the fear of God, will flourish; and every member of the community, will be found fixed in his proper place, and discharging the duties of it.*

May God's people rise to the vision Goodrich outlined in this 1787 Election Sermon and by God's mercy and grace may we elect men and women of the highest moral and spiritual caliber in America next Tuesday, who will work together to "rebuild us a city that is compact together" under God! (Ps 75:6)

## **Opportunities For Service**

### **Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

#### **Sunday, November 4, 2018**

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ????, Gary Yarbrough,

John Lewis, Joseph Coats

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

#### **Monday, November 5**

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, November 7**

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

## **Sunday, November 11, 2018**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel,

Ken Kirkpatrick, ? ? ? ?

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

## **Wednesday, November 14**

Prayer Warriors .....10:00 am

Prayer / Bible Study ...6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

## **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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## **Sunday Night**

We *will* have Sunday night service tonight. Please join us. Don't miss it!

## **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

Prayer is such a vital part of everything a church does. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

Also, we have been viewing a study on **Spiritual Gifts** by Ken Hemphill. See you this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

## ***Food Kitchen***

*We will serve Monday, November 5, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.*

## ***Prayer Warriors***

Wednesday,  
November 14  
at 10:00 am

## **THANKSGIVING DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING**

We will have our  
Thanksgiving Dinner and  
regular business meeting  
immediately following the  
morning worship service  
Sunday, November 18.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Day— Sunday, November 11.**

There are a few boxes on the front pew .  
The suggested shipping price for this year is \$9.00.

### ***For the Record***

#### **Attendance: October 28, 2018**

Sunday School.....	22
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	23
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	50
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship .....	N/A

Wednesday Night .....9

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,286.39  
Offering Received ... \$ 2,157.41  
Long Family –Oct. .... \$ 80.00

**Offering Received by Mail:**

**November Counting Team:**

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

**November Van Driver:**

George Burgess  
Remember to call 232-3747  
**before 8 am** if you need a ride.

**November Birthdays:**

07...Alva Lou Schottel  
13...Shirley Wilson  
14...Ann Riddle  
16...Nancy McCamy  
22...Linda Dotson  
23...Floetta Conard  
27...Linda Kerns

**November Anniversaries**

Bill and Donna Dunn  
November 3, 1995  
Jack and Flo Conard  
November 4, 1956  
John and Dottie Wildberger  
November 23, 1962  
Jim and Brigida Winans  
November 28, 1975

***Prayer Requests ...***

Doris Richardson  
Sandy and Stanley Wilson  
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery  
Mike Green—surgery November 23rd  
Brendan Conner—Swymeler's Grandson  
Ruth Anne Bush—healing  
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia  
Linda Huff—cancer treatment  
Jim Winans—recuperation  
June Fritchle—recovery  
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Donna and Bill Dunn—health  
Jack and Flo Conard

Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy’s health  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard’s sister  
Mary Sharp’s brother-in-law Jim  
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae’s son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo’s daughter  
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson’s sister  
The Waters Family    Betty Campbell  
George Ferbert        Kevin Duty  
Nellie Reynolds       Ann Riddle  
Don Beavers           Tim Izer  
Kathryn Beavers       Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans            Kenny Duty  
Pat Means               Buddy Means  
Bill & Juanita          Debbie Sands  
Pat Puckett             Curtis Conard  
Brenda Burgess        Roscoe Lane  
Carolyn Houts  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace

**Today’s Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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