



Wildwood Church of Christ

October 25, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Song: #382 Living By Faith

Song: #54 Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer

Song: #358 When My Love For Christ
Grows Weak

Lord's Supper

Song: #12 How Great Is Our God

Sermon: The Mirror of God's Word

Song: #856 There's A Fountain Free

Song: #5 Step By Step

To Vote or Not To Vote . . . That Is The Question

Many Christians, during this voting cycle, are fed up with the divisive politics and the political polarization in America. They are so fed up that many in our brotherhood are choosing not to vote for either candidate for President of our country, and have developed a hands-off approach to all local, state and federal government.

Some are taking this approach by not voting because they say it hurts the influence of the local church, and draws away the direction of the members from their purpose of transforming lives by the saving gospel of Christ. A very important question to ask these Christians and every follower of Jesus is this: Being involved politically in the voting process...is it wrong and sinful for a believer to do so? If you demonstrate a commitment by voting in the up-coming election on November 3rd, have you violated any New Testament passage? It is my belief that if a Christian decides to vote as a U.S. citizen on the 3rd, you have the freedom and obligation to search your conscious and vote for the candidate of your choosing. Every Christian must also remember that whether it is a national, state or local election, all political parties that are backing a certain candidate can stand for things that are right.

When my family and I lived in Santa Rosa county Florida, our county was a "dry" county. As a Christian and a member of our community, I joined with other people in the county and campaigned against our county voting to become "wet". I preached from the pulpit and urged my fellow Christian brethren to vote no against becoming a "wet" county and vote against those in local government that were for it. During that election season many other moral and political issues were being considered. Some of those political issues that were up for consideration were abortion, homosexuality and gambling. If God's Word condemns these issues, what should Christians do? Paul states in our scripture text for today . . . "finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose (reprove) them . . . but all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light" (Eph. 5:10-11,13). Paul tells us to expose and to reprove sin whether you are a Christian or a preacher.

One of the greatest needs in the church today is for preachers and all Christians to speak up against the immoral evils of the day, even those that are politically controversial, including the importance of saying something about how this might be done. I believe it is appropriate for Christians to avail themselves of every opportunity to elect officials who seem to be (who may be) more in tune with what is acceptable to the Lord (Eph.5:10), and biblical principles and to work against laws that are contrary to the expressed commands of God. Because we are walking in the light (Eph.5:8-14), we must speak the truth in love (Eph.4:15;5:9). When we oppose and reprove sin, we must never be unkind to those that disagree with us (Eph.4:32; Col.3:11-15; Gal.5:22-23; 5:6; Rom.10:19-21; 1Tim.2:1-3). In the end, who has the power to change people and the world around us? His name is Jesus (Eph.4:20-24). ~ David

Prayer List

Remember the family of our dear sister **Gloria Murphy** in her passing. There will be a fellowship meal for the family and friends after worship today.

Ila Jean Locke is doing well after her heart ablation. She is weak, but is home resting.

Marilyn French got a great report after her heart cath. She did have a reaction to the dye that was used and had to stay in ICU but she is home now.

Wyatt McKay is doing great after his accident last week. We praise God for this good news!

Remember brother **John da Silva** in your prayers as he deals with lung cancer in both lungs.

Linda Grove continues to struggle with her health issues.

John Yarborough is having a heart stent put in this Thursday, October 29th.

Lew Faulkner has a large brain mass. Since Lew has no symptoms, the doctor is going to wait and do another MRI a little later, then decide the best plan of treatment. **Sister Dorcas** is having problems with congestive heart failure. Their address is Merrill Gardens, 8400 Champions Gate Blvd., Apt.142, Champions Gate, FL. 33896 Home# 863-204-5601 Cell# 352-496-0325.

Levi Cook (former member's son) is dealing with some very serious and rare health issues.

Monroe Haltaman, Sarah Myers' brother-in-law, is back at Mayo. He is in liver failure.

Morgan Myers, David and Sarah's daughter-in-law is having some complications with her pregnancy and needs our prayers.

Also remember: Charlotte Martin; Martha Pope; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Peggy Murphy; Ken Scott; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Guy Grove; Teresa Broyle

Announcements

Sam and Mary Costa have a new phone number: (352) 207-8437. This is their only number now.

The **fellowship meal** is for the family of Gloria Murphy and friends, with social distancing practices in place, after worship service today for those who feel comfortable staying. We ask that everyone who joins us, to please wear your mask and have a seat at one of the tables as soon as you come in. We will call one table at a time to come up and get your plate, where the ladies will serve the food. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and being respectful and careful.

Please remember Central Florida Bible Camp: Because of the Coronavirus, the camp needs our financial help. We are collecting any money donations and will be sending them in the next 2 weeks. If you would like to help the camp, please give your money or check (earmarked CFBC) to David, Sarah or Larry Hyder. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat: This year we want to make our Trunk or Treat a community event on Oct. 31 from 2-4 pm. We need people to decorate their car & give out candy, fix food and games. If you cannot participate in these things, we will gladly take donations of candy and small prizes for the kids. I hope this will be a great day! If you have any questions, please ask Mike.

October Birthdays

Bud Byers-4; Mryna Human-4; Andy McKay-4; Linda Jones-6; Millie Tudor-6; Tara Strickland-8; Cali Thanyer-8; Jim Routzhan-11; Cheryl Botts-12; Zac Egner-12; Alex Chase-12; Waylon Hileman-13; Sam Blankenship-14; Gavin Pope-16; Jack Kyle-16; Melissa Young-28; Haylee Slaughter-29; Nathan Myers-31

October Anniversaries

Gabe & Kirsten Williams-6; Wayne & Joyce Freeman-11; Don & Millie Tudor-11; Kevin & Jennifer Freeman-13; Ernie & Mary Wise-16; Cherri & Eddie Gould-29

PANTRY Items needed: Applesauce - jars and also individual cups; Peaches; canned Sweet Potatoes (Yams); Instant Mashed Potatoes; Turkey Gravy - in jar & packets; canned meats
We are getting ready and restocking for our Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for all your help!