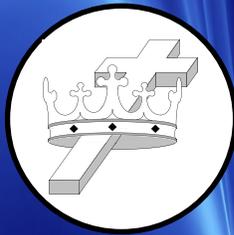




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Politics

By Pastor John Mochel

I should let you know from the outset that in our polarized political environment you may not agree with what I am about to write. That is fine. We will both survive. This article is a response to things I have been hearing in recent months:

"This is the most consequential election of our lifetime."

"This election is a choice between good and evil."

"If Trump wins again our country will be unsalvageable."

"If Biden wins, we are doomed to destruction."

Well, this election is consequential. It may be that our country is unsalvageable. We may be doomed to destruction. But I do not think that these things are riding on the winner of the upcoming election. I would like to urge Bible believing Christians toward a little Bible based sanity. We are in God's hands. After the election we will still be in God's hands.

Before I continue, I want to urge you to vote. It is important. It is your civic duty. Voting is how we maintain a constitutional democratic republic. So please vote. But never think that the future of the nation is dependent upon the winner of an election. And never speak that way. That is to sadly misunderstand the sovereign control of God.

People will say that the definition of marriage is at stake. People will say that the lives of unborn babies are on the ballot. People will say that we are in danger of becoming a socialist country. Maybe. But I am unconvinced that the election will make a great difference in these things. An increasingly conservative Supreme Court has, in recent years, been reluctant to strike down Roe vs. Wade. Even if that atrocious ruling is reversed it will probably have little real impact on the numbers of abortions that are performed. Homosexual marriage is probably going away no time soon. We are already moving in a socialist direction and have done so under both Democrat and Republican presidents.

All this to point out that the real problem in this nation is not what the government does, but how Americans are thinking and believing. The problem with our nation in recent days is what people want. Our government, president, congress and courts are mostly responding to the desires of those who vote.

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What is interesting in the Bible is that our prescribed response to government can be summed up in one word: submission. And this was to a Roman empire that was, by any measure, far more ungodly and oppressive than anything we live with currently.

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.” Romans 13:1-7

“Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people

who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.”
1 Peter 2:13-17

You might wonder; how could Paul and Peter encourage Christians to live humbly and peacefully and submissively in a society which was so ungodly? Should not our message be “Rise up and fight!?” What about injustice? What about truth? It is because they knew that we live in a world that is corrupted by the power of sin and Satan. Even if Christian people come to power and rule, or win an argument on social media, they can be corrupted by the world.

The Lord Christ taught us that God is in ultimate control and that His Kingdom is not of this world. Kingdom solutions will not come from this world. The power of prayer and the Gospel are greater than the power of the vote. So, we fight spiritual battles by spiritual means. Thus, we are instructed in the Bible:

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”
1 Timothy 2:1-2

“Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.” Titus 3:1-2 †



President Woodrow Wilson
in November of 1919
proclaimed November 11th
as the first commemoration
of Armistice Day
with the
words that follow:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."



Remember to honor those
who have given so sacrificially,
providing us with the freedom
we treasure today.



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

- Pastoral----- Pastor John Mochel
- Chairman & Agenda ----- Pete Fahlberg
- Deacon Board ----- Reid Jensen
- Treasury ----- Nancy Swanstrom
- Trustees ----- Dale, Dan, Ben
- CE Board & Financial Report -----Sandy Fahlberg
- Missions Board -----Doug Corwin
- Financial Secretaries -----Robin, Vicki, Allan
- 2021 Budget -----Pastor, Pete, Nancy

Your help in submitting your reports to the church office by NOVEMBER 16th will be greatly appreciated!

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Things Change

(like their address for instance)

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If you have a changed address, phone number, or email, please let Doreen in the church office know so your information can be updated!



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

Bring a crockpot of soup to share following worship, then we will commence with "decking the halls" in preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus!

**Please join us!
Your help is greatly appreciated!**



Children's Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 6:00PM

The Sunday School children in grades K-5 will be rehearsing at the times listed below...

- Sunday, Nov. 15 from 6-7pm**
- Sunday, Nov. 22 from 6-7pm**
- Sunday, Nov. 29 from 6-7pm**
- Sunday, Dec. 6 from 6-7pm**



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 DST ENDS 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 5:30p Prayer 6p Documentary	2	 6:30p Women's Study <i>Simeon Trust Workshop, Des Moines</i>	4 6:30p AIC Youth	5 9:30a Women's Study	6	7
8 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Documentary	9	10 8:00a CC 6:30p Women's Study 7p Deacon Board Meeting	11 VETERANS DAY 9:30a Mom's Playgroup 12p Midweek Study, Library 6:30 AIC Youth	12 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	13	14
15 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship SHOEBOXES DUE 6p Documentary Program Practice	16 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	17 8a Homeschool 6:30p Women's Study	18 12p Midweek Study, Library 6:30p AIC Youth	19 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	20	21
22 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Documentary Program Practice	23	24 8a Homeschool 6:30p Women's Study <i>Pastor & Nancy on Vacation</i>	25 9:30a Mom's Playgroup	 <small>PLAY</small>	27	28
29 ADVENT 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a Soup/Decorate 6p Practice	30					

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 Ron Swanson
- 3 Sharon Sorenson
- 4 Terry Hagen
- 5 Thure Swanson

- 6 Ethan Bovill
- 9 Isaac Bovill
- 9 Matthew Hoffman
- 13 Pastor Mochel
- 13 Vicki Fader

- 13 Cassie Booth
- 14 Abigail Wergin
- 19 Rafael Mendoza
- 30 Sydney DeLay

Happy Anniversary to:

- 8 Ber & Hilda Krommendyk
- 9 Randy & Connie Schmidt

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP

November 1

AM: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
 Living Worthy of Your Calling
 PM: Prayer, *American Gospel Documentary 1

November 8

AM: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
 The Mystery of Lawlessness
 PM: *American Gospel Documentary 2

November 15

AM: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
 Chosen for Salvation
 PM: *American Gospel Documentary 3
 Program Practice

November 22

AM: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
 Word of God Run
 PM: *American Gospel Documentary 4
 Program Practice

November 29

AM: Guest Speaker
 Soup/Church Decorating
 PM: Program Practice

* Childcare will be provided. Please call Nancy Mochel at 605-929-4974 if you will be bringing children.

Date	Music/Missions	Scripture Reader	Storytime	Storytime Helper
11/1	Testimony	Lindsay Zylstra	Nancy Mochel	Jon DeLay
11/8	Abigail Wergin	Karen Erickson	Rachel Smith	Isabel DeLay
11/15	Missions Moment	Sandy Fahlberg	Sarah Wergin	Payden Hoffman
11/22	Lindsay Zylstra	Renae Hoffman	Sandy Fahlberg	Andrew Bovill
11/29	Testimony	Marilyn Jensen	Lindsay Zylstra	Ethan Bovill
12/6	Communion	Reid Jensen	Marilyn Jensen	Owen Bovill
12/13	Hannah Bird	Barb Koth	Nancy Mochel	Dakota Buss
12/20	Missions Moment	Robin Leikvold	Rachel Smith	Jon DeLay
12/27	John Fahlberg	Allen Sveeggen	Sarah Wergin	Isabel DeLay

November Worship Leader: John Fahlberg
Sound: Ben Fahlberg
Keyboard: Connie Twedt

December Worship Leader: Pete Fahlberg
Sound: Chris Smith
Keyboard: Doreen Fahlberg

“FOR EVERYTHING GOD CREATED IS GOOD, AND NOTHING IS TO BE REJECTED IF IT IS RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING, BECAUSE IT IS CONSECRATED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:4-5