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Thoughts on Voting and Political Freedom

Quotes from different sources on Sermon Central



On Election Day, citizens of our country participate in the greatest honor and responsibility we have — voting for those whom we want to lead our local, state, and national governments. As Christians, we have a greater responsibility to ensure that Jesus is honored in our vote.
Duane Wentz, Nov. 1, 2020

As a Christian, I am a citizen of the United States, but first and foremost, I am a citizen of heaven. Philippians 3:20 "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." My allegiance to my heavenly country comes first, and it directs my behavior as a citizen of this country we call America. However, my heavenly allegiance will make me a responsible and conscientious citizen of my earthly nation. Let's not put our trust in a modern political system, party politics, or weapons. If we remain faithful to God, we are blessed, regardless of what else is going on in the world.
Steve Klein, October 21, 2016

A recent writer on Facebook, in trying to encourage Christians to serve in whatever capacities they can in elected office said, "Government cannot be a minister of God for good, if good men refuse to serve."
Greg Ebie, April 27, 2006

And, so on Tuesday, we, the citizens of the United States of America are afforded opportunity and responsibility to vote for those who hold public offices — a privilege is given to us by God. After all, you must agree that it was God who raised this form of government in our country through our Founding Fathers. Many of them had a reverent fear of the Lord. George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."
Duane Wentz, Nov. 1, 2020

Float Sunday



Join us on Sunday, August 14th, following worship as we revive one of our previous traditions – the Float Sunday. Thanks to the Fellowship committee for suggesting we do this and agreeing to revive this fun activity. There'll be different flavors of soda to provide a delicious summer treat. See you there.

Election Day

August 2nd is primary election day. St. Andrews is a voting facility, so the fellowship hall will be in use from 6:00 a.m. 'til 8:00 p.m. Exercise your right to vote. Check the Election Commission website for your voting place.



Doorstep



We would like to thank everyone who donated items for Christmas in July, and money for our 3rd Summer Cash Bash this past July! With the cost of everything going up, our services are busy, and we continue to help our neighbors in need the best ways we can!

Sign Up for Doorstep's 5th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run!

Sunday, October 2nd is the date for this year's fundraiser! We are planning to have an in-person event this year! And, we hope the beautiful fall weather we've had the past two COVID years, continues in 2022!!

You can sign up to participate yourself for \$30 including a t-shirt (deadline September 14th to guarantee a shirt) or sponsor a walker/runner! Those getting sponsors will get a free t-shirt with pledges of \$100 or more. All proceeds will benefit Doorstep, Inc.

This is our only fundraiser this year!!! So, get your family, friends, youth & community groups together, and join us this October!

We are excited about this event! It will start/end from shelter houses 1 & 2 at Lake Shawnee. The Walk/Run will start at 2:00pm with our friend & celebrity starter, Chris Fisher from WIBW-TV 13 joining us again this year! We will have some entertainment prior to the start, and afterwards return to shelter house#1 for snacks & drinks!

You can sign up on our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org after August 8th. Sign-up and sponsor forms are also available from the website or congregations.

August 2022 LECTINARY READINGS

Sunday, August 7 (Proper 14) Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 Luke 12:32–40

Sunday, August 14 (Proper 15) Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Hebrews 11:29–12:2 Luke 12:49–56

Sunday, August 21 (Proper 16) Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1–6 Hebrews 12:18–29 Luke 13:10–17

Sunday, August 28 (Proper 17) Jeremiah 2:14-13 Psalm 81:1, 10–16 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 Luke 14:1, 7–14



Communion will be celebrated on August 7th.

August Birthdays



Zackary Brown, August 1st

Jan Rice, August 30th



Tom and Jeannette Luedke, August 4, 1984

Caring for our Members and Friends

Keep these folks in your prayers:

Judy Morton, Richmond McDaniels, Fred Diaz, Safe travel for Pastor Stacey, Martin, AJ and Alex

Continue to keep in your prayers:

Dolores Wilmers , Kathy Fuller, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, AJ Jones.

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel who continue to work to keep us safe, the hungry and the homeless.

Pray for peace for our community, nation and the world. Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine as the war goes on there.

Lift up in prayer those victims of the continuing tragedies in this country. Pray for God's peace in the midst of so much turmoil.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders that they may govern to serve the people and not be self-serving, and lead with wisdom and compassion.





Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-July 17, 2022

[P] '24 Sharon McDaniels	[P] '23 Betty DeShazer	[P] '22 Dean Robinson
[P] '24 Linda Ozaki	[P] '23 Bill DeShazer	[A] '22 Matthew Reynolds
[P] '24 Stephanie Reynolds	[P] '23 Charles Franks	[P] '22 Jan Rice

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

May financial figures; June not fully processed. Amount in checking-\$20,062.38.
Memorial Fund - \$552.30.

These amounts are year-to-date: \$11,702.75-general fund pledge; \$13,295.12-general fund non pledge; \$27,968.02-current income; \$28,578.14-total current expenses.

Stephanie Reynolds to be contact person to receive information on Matthew 25 program.

Approved FCCLA meeting here on September 28th.

Approved applying the Rev. Mike Kuner Memorial Funds received to the Cornerstone house to be built in his honor.

Jan Rice took flowers to and visited with Rita Kelly and Mary Jane and Junior Elder.

Discussion of AC system. Upgrading would involve major changes to duct work, vents, etc.

New trash pick-up service is LRS who bought out Ditch service.

Members will take over the trimming (after mowing), bushes, trees, etc. Was previously done by a lawn service.

Floor work and carpet installed in pastor's office. Ready for furniture to be moved back in.

Float Sunday to be August 14th. Different flavors of ice-cream floats to be served.

Communion will be observed on August 7th .

August 2022						
◀ July						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Zack Brown B'day	2 Primary Election	3	4 Tom Jeannette Luedke Anniv.	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Float Sunday	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Session	22	23 Presbytery Junction City	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Jan Rice B'day	31			

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Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

