

CHURCH FOCUS

November 2024



Pastor's Message:

PRAY, VOTE, PRAY, AND TRUST THE LORD

The 2024 General Election is here! Here are the non-negotiable issues for a Christian to examine. First, what does the candidate believe about the protection of the lives of unborn children? God "formed my inward parts... in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13-15). It is very important for Christians to understand that children, no matter how small, whether in the womb still or already born, are created in the image of God. Therefore, deserving of protection, deserving of the right to life! It is God Himself who created life, and therefore, only God can take away life, not the mother; not the doctor; not the politician. Reagan said, "I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born."

It is also important to discern that those who are for abortion have re-named abortion to be called reproductive health, or women's right to choose. This is very deceptive. It is very dishonest. They are assuming that the baby is only part of their physical health. They are assuming that the baby doesn't have rights of his/her own. They are denying that the unborn baby is a person created in the image of God!

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This Month at RBC

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| 3 | Women's Sunday
Bible Study 9am
Communion 10am |
| 9 | Youth Conference
8am-2:45pm |
| 10 | Leaders Meeting 5pm |
| 11 | Veterans Day
(Church office closed) |
| 16 | Outreach 10am |
| 24 | Harvest of Praise 5:30 pm |
| 28 | Happy Thanksgiving! |

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM | BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3RD



PLEASE SEE BRITTANY TORRES FOR MORE INFORMATION

Women's Bible Study

Attention RBC Ladies! Join us for Sunday morning Bible Study at 9am under the direction of Brittany Torres. Hope to see you there!



Veterans Day

On November 11th we honor those for serving our country and protecting our freedom. The church office will be closed.

HARVEST OF PRAISE

FEATURING THE HAROLD FAMILY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24th 5:30PM

CHILI SUPPER & PIE FELLOWSHIP

ALWAYS READY

Southern California 2024 Youth Conference

Saturday November 9th 8:00AM to 2:45 PM

COMPASS BIBLE CHURCH



Gospel Outreach

Join your church family Saturday, November 16th at 10am as we share the "Good News" with our community!



FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3rd

Time to Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends November 3rd. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.



Discipleship Class

Come grow in your faith! Under the direction of Jose Duran, the Discipleship Class meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the DC.



Men's Prayer

Come be a part of this very special time of prayer and fellowship every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30pm.

Regular Schedule

Sundays:

- Discipleship Class 9am
- Women's Bible Study 9am
- Morning Worship Service 10am
- Children's Discipleship (2nd & 4th Sunday)
- Choir Practice TBA
- Evening Worship Service 6pm

Tuesdays & Fridays:

- Men's Prayer 4:30pm

Wednesdays:

- Adventure Club 6:30pm
- Youth Discipleship 7pm
- Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 7pm

Thursdays:

- Women's 10am
- Men's 7pm

Three Ways to Give



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CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP
2nd & 4th Sundays
Ages 3-11

HOMEBUILDERS

Hungry For Jesus

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus' free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, "He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away"(Luke 1:53, KJV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

At Bible.org, pastor Steven J. Cole writes, "Starving people aren't interested in new smart phones or computers, unless they can somehow sell them to buy food. Hungry people have one focus — where to find food. It consumes their whole existence. ... That's how we should hunger for God!"

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God's blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let's share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

A Sainly Prayer

Seminary professor Thomas S. Kepler (1897-1963) was known for his spiritual depth and total dedication to God. At Kepler's funeral, Oberlin College president Robert Carr read these words that the professor had once penned while traveling:

"This night ... I pledge myself, O God, to take upon myself all saintly disciplines with renewed vigor and purity of intent. May every thought, word and action from here on portray in my life thy joyous fruits in my Christian living and example! My great desire and goal is to be a real saint in the world — an example of Christ in all that I do. May thy grace, power and wisdom uphold, guide and support me in this renewed dedication.

"Only thou, O God, art my witness of this pledge. Others will know of this pledge between thee and me as my life shows the fruits of this pledge. So help me God. Your child, Tom Kepler"

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Secondly, what is the candidate's position on manhood and womanhood? "From the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female'" (Mark 10:6; see also Romans 1:26-27). Christians need to uphold this Biblical position on manhood and womanhood. Both are created equal but different. Both man and woman have distinct roles and responsibilities. God did not make a mistake to give you the biological sex that you have!

Thirdly, what is the candidate's position on marriage? "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Again, the Christian must uphold Christ's authority and position on marriage. It is the union of one man and one woman; not same sex; not LGBTQ+. It is the union of one man and one woman 'til death do they part. The confusion of the above issues which the world is suffering can really be un-confused simply by just going back to the Scriptures—believing and upholding what it says!

Now, here are some general principles for voting:

- Vote for the candidate who best promotes Biblical values.
- Vote for the party that best advances Biblical values.
- Vote to protect and advance morality.
- Vote to protect and advance individual rights and responsibilities.
- Vote according to policies, not personalities.
- Vote first according to Biblical principles, not your finances.

Christian, when you adhere to the advise given here, you can be sure that you are trusting in the Lord. His Word has been graciously granted to us for such a time as this. Peter said, "His divine power has granted to us all things that [are necessary] to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). General elections are part of life. God has given us His instructions. Let's heed His Word.

With Sincere Love In Christ,


Christian Torres
Pastor-Teacher