

October 2024



The Messenger

A Little Perspective on the Election - Pastor Mike Mirakian

I should begin by asking for your forgiveness as I feel led to share a few words about the Presidential election. It's just a month away, people have already begun voting and our nation is divided in discouraging ways. So, let me share a few thoughts that I hope will be encouraging and helpful.

First, I will not publicly endorse a candidate in this election. I believe it is always unwise for a church or pastor to tell others who to vote for. Endorsing political candidates compromises our ability to share the Gospel and is almost always based on worldly concerns not Biblical truth.

Along the same lines, I don't believe God endorses political candidates either. If the person you vote for wins, it's not a sign of God's blessing over our nation. If your candidate loses, it's not a sign that God is punishing us. God established government authority to promote public order and justice (Romans 13:1-7). That was just as true for ancient believers in the Roman Empire as it is for us today in America. Government has a God-given role to fulfill, but that doesn't mean God chooses who sits in the White House.

We are grateful to live in a free, democratic society, but we know the church can thrive even under oppressive political systems. Our values as followers of Jesus should transcend partisan divisions. So, vote for your preferred candidate and encourage others to cast their ballots. Whatever happens in November, it will be okay and we will continue to share Jesus' love and message, just as the church has done for 2,000 years in nations all over the world.

The last Sunday of October I plan to preach from 1 Timothy 2:1-4 on "Praying for Leaders and Living in Peace." I hope what I share that morning will encourage us in the days leading up to the election, and while my words will only reach a few dozen people in our church, our attitudes and actions can impact many more as we interact with family, friends and neighbors.

In the meantime, I would like to set before us a set of values followers of Jesus should pursue in our public lives.

Let us promote and display civility. It's okay to disagree over political issues and to hold firmly to your views, but let's not allow partisan differences to make us ugly and angry. Civility means listening to others and affording them the same freedoms we want for ourselves. It means disagreeing with kindness and good humor. It means treating others the way we would like to be treated (Luke 6:31).

Let us hold our political views with humility. Again, it's not wrong to feel passionately about a social issue, but don't let your passion turn into arrogant words or judgmental attitudes. Respect those who hold opposing viewpoints, and share your own ideas graciously.

Let us love our neighbors, even when they support candidates and ideas we reject. Life is more than politics. The needs of people around us matter more than which candidate wins the election. No matter what happens on November 5, our neighbors will still be the same people Jesus has asked us to treat with compassion and kindness.

Let us cling to faith in God's goodness, remembering that He is our Provider, Jesus is our Savior and the Holy Spirit is our Comforter, regardless of how the election turns out. God will not change, His word will not disappear, the mission of the church will not end, and the promise of faith will not be affected in any way.

So, vote your conscience and pray for our leaders. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).



Birthdays

6	Kim Schweitzer
7	Becky Bamberger
9	Steve Bamberger Beth Pasch
10	Lorna Bjurstrom
11	Ron Burwell Ron Carlson
12	Randy Price
17	Keith Holmertz
18	Janet Patterson
22	Carolyn Augenson Barbara Rehnberg
23	David Mirakian
24	Catherine Johnson Emmy Miller
27	Gene Felts
28	Sue Warren
29	Steve Schweitzer
31	Toni Cooper



Anniversaries

3	Todd & Elena Cultra
19	Donald & Wyone Leather
22	Daniel & Aina Hitchcock
25	Steven & Kim Schweitzer
26	Ron & Emmy Miller

Serving in October

Counters:

Steve Schweitzer & Dan Hitchcock

Head Usher:

David Holmertz

Remember in Prayer

The family of **Joan Suski (Jonathon Brown and Judy Prather)** who passed away last month.

The family of **Albert Damrose** who passed away in September.

On-line Giving

Our new on-line giving platform is up and running. When you click on the "Donate Now" button on the church's website you will be connected to the Servant Keeper's system. Just follow the prompts to sign up. Contact Carolyn Augenson with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

60 Plus

Join 60 Plus for lunch on Tuesday, October 15th, at 11:30 AM at Gerry's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 7403 Argus Drive. Please call Sue at church 815-399-9296 or give Karen Holmertz your reservation by Sunday, October 13th. Also let her know if you need a ride. Remember to invite others to join us.

Sunday School

The Sunday School class in October will be taught by Ron and Barb Burwell. They will be looking at four characters from the Old Testament who are not as well known. You are invited to come to the class and learn more about Deborah, Naaman, Gideon and Jehoshebah. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mike leads this interactive and challenging Bible study. The group is currently exploring the Gospel of Luke. Join us for warm fellowship, thoughtful conversation and spiritual encouragement.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will continue studying, "Jesus and Women" by Kristi McLelland. Following that series, we will study Season 4 of **The Chosen**. Join us for a time of prayer, study and fellowship.

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Mission Report

This month please pray for **KICY Radio Station** located in Nome Alaska. "KICY is owned by Artic Broadcasting Association, which is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, affiliated corporation of The Evangelical Covenant Church. KICY serves native Alaskan villages throughout the Seward Peninsula, Yukon and Kuskokwim Deltas and the Russian regions of Chukotka, Kamchatka and Siberia. Their staff is comprised of full-time and part-time volunteers. KICY first signed on Easter Sunday April 17, 1960, and has continued to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ throughout western Alaska and Russian Far East. After almost 65 years and multiple changes in both staff and equipment needs their studio building needs some major work. Over the next three to five years, they plan to implement a two-phase project to more efficiently conduct radio operations and better house their volunteers. Phase one is to construct a small triplex adjacent to the studio building to house their volunteers. Phase two will be the renovation and reorganization of the studio building." Please pray for their staffing needs and for the revitalization project needs, both financial and material. For more information see www.kicy.org.

Peter & Anna - Asia Pray that as their lives get busier they can totally rely on the Living Water which is within them for their family and ministries.