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Chase Grubb *Missions Pastor*

If you were asked to describe the upcoming election in 3 words, what would those words be? Even now as you've just read that question, what were the first 3 words that came to your mind? Though answers vary, in the current political and social climate, it's safe to assume few if any responses were positive in nature.

Now, ask yourself the question, how would God describe the election in three words? Consider how your answers changed? By simply remembering God's words, sadness and frustration are replaced by hope and peace. The one who knows all things about all situations is not discouraged or dismayed. Instead, God is the constant encourager of those who love

and trust Him.

Three of the words God has given to guide and encourage us are "rejoice", "pray", and "thanksgiving". 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

To "rejoice always" requires us to consciously and continually look to Christ. When the world's brokenness tries to arrest your heart and mind, sing praise to God for his perfect goodness, all mighty power, never ending promises, and sacrificial love. Rejoice in the truth that Christ has overcome sin, death, and all the fallen powers of this world. Continually worship The One who can redeem and restore any and every possible future.

Along with our "rejoicing" we are to never stop lifting "prayers" of "thanksgiving" to God. We do so because we know that God works all things for the greatest good for those who belong to Him (Rom 8:28).



We do so because we know The Lord will never leave us nor forsake us (Matt 28:20). We do so because we know that not even the greatest powers of hell can stop the victory of God's Kingdom (Matt 6:10). We also know that even though the person who leads a nation is important, The Lord is the true source of our hope and salvation. Jesus remains the same regardless of who sits in the Oval Office. The gospel will be proclaimed before, on, and after November 5th. And God's kingdom will advance through any and every outcome.

The 2024 election is an important moment for our country and we should be thankful for the ability to participate in

it. As you do, allow the Word of God to rule and reign in our hearts and minds.

-Pastor Chase

Recent Giving

August 25	September 1	September 8	September 15
Budget \$38,192.11 Annie Armstrong Offering \$80.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$25.00 Memorial Gifts \$50.00	Budget \$41,051.64 Annie Armstrong Offering \$2.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$100.00 Media Ministry \$840.00 Missions Support \$2,550.00 RENEW \$1,923.00	Budget \$42,352.00 Annie Armstrong Offering \$82.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$728.01 World Hunger \$400.00 Memorial Gifts \$100.00 Student Ministry \$100.00 RENEW \$2,120.07	Budget \$23,870.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$200.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$87.00 RENEW \$11,327.00
TOTAL: \$38,347.11	TOTAL: \$46,466.64	TOTAL: \$45,882.40	TOTAL: \$35,485.00
Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$34,615.00	\$37,904.00	\$37,904.00	\$37,904.00
Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget
\$1,800,000.00	\$37,904.00	\$75,808.00	\$113,712.00
Received to Date	Received to Date	Received to Date	Received to Date
\$1,821,376.00	\$41,052.00	\$83,404.00	\$102,274.44
Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget
\$21,376.00	\$3,148.00	\$7,596.00	(\$6,437.00)



COSOS BIRTHDAYS



October 1
Joshua Whisenant

October 3 Brian Green

October 4
Julie Coffman
Dan Williams

October 5 Deborah Claypool Barbara Reynolds Kathy Baumbusch Marilyn Shaffer

October 6
Sandy Duffy

October 7 Ella Coffman Scarlett Eatherly Jonathan Heffley

October 9
Dominic D'Ettorre
Allison Haley

October 10
Danny Ensminger
Adalyn Gowans
Michael Bates

October 11 Nathan Baird

October 12
Josh Arthur
Miriam Whisenant

October 15
Jackson Salyers
Paul McGalliard
Caedmon McGalliard
Seth Smith

October 16

Mandi Patterson-Alford

October 17 Vickie Monroe Harriett Hutcherson Christine Price October 18
Greg Barnes

October 19 Hallye Oliver Mary Grace

October 20 Matt Williams Carolyn Svoboda

October 21
Wayne Milligan
Nate Eatherly
Douglas Claypool
Chelsey Coleman
Josh Baker
Luke Tavelli

October 22 Merynn Butler Brian McChesney Linda Gibbs

October 23 Isabella Aguiar October 24
Fely Rogers

October 25 Nannette Hooker

October 28
Quaid Leverett

October 29 Kevin Miller Susie Toler Rachel Nations

October 30 Simon Whisenant Hannah Baker

October 31 Margaret Blankenbaker Emmaline Reynolds Whitney Bruce







