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Genesis ~ Exodus ~ Leviticus ~ Numbers ~ **Deuteronomy** ~ Joshua ~ Judges ~ Ruth ~ 1 Samuel

¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews: 13: 16 (NKJV)



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Jim's Journal



I find myself in a most unusual predicament as we face another Presidential election. I’ve watched debates, read position documents, and the more I study, the more frustrated I become. My frustration varies from the stands of the candidates (which do not align with my values), to the tone of campaigning (and THIS was just the primaries among the parties).

My dad was a die-hard Democrat and taught me the importance of being engaged as a citizen of this great country and as a follower of Christ and I have voted in virtually every election since I was eligible. In our system of government, citizen is an office; we bear responsibility for the actions of the government. In previous elections, I have felt at times that I chose the lesser of two evils. Today, I have never been more uncertain for whom I am going to vote. Russell Moore from the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention wrote recently, “Unless Jesus of Nazareth is on the ballot, any election forces us to choose the lesser of evils.” While that is humorous and true, it does not necessarily give me more clarity... unless I choose to examine my conundrum from another perspective.

As I prayed recently, it occurred to me that I was spending a lot of my time frustrated by and at the candidates...being disappointed with my choices rather than praying “for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (I Timothy 2:2 NKJV). My role as a follower of Jesus is to acknowledge a higher authority and a higher calling. My role is TO PRAY for earthly authorities no matter who is elected or when worry seems to be an easier option (it actually never is). Dr. Tony Evans has written in The Kingdom Agenda that, “God rules over all, and the political realm must be held accountable for straying from the authority of God and be brought back into submission to HIM. But this is not done by unrighteous political revolution (from outside), but by social transformation based on spiritual principles (from the inside).”


I’ve been talking and preaching a lot from II Chronicles 7:14 lately, “If MY PEOPLE, who are called by MY NAME, will HUMBLE THEMSELVES and PRAY, and SEEK MY FACE, and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN and FORGIVE THEIR SIN and HEAL THEIR LAND.” I believe healing begins in the church house, not the White House. Healing begins with God’s people, not the government. And God will not heal our lands until we allow Him to heal our hearts.” If we want to see REAL change, a revival, a spiritual awakening in our nation, then it begins in PRAYER!

Engage in the process! VOTE! Let your voice be heard! Stand for the truth of God’s Holy Word. DO be sure you speak from a foundation of compassion and not condemnation. There is only one who can sit in the judgment seat and it’s not you (or me). There is no sense in wasting your time or energy on worrying or fretting about the election or spending time in needless doubt-GOD IS IN CONTROL. Pastor Ron Edmondson wrote recently, “God is no less upon His Throne today than He was yesterday-or will He be tomorrow.” AMEN?

For now...I WILL FALL TO MY KNEES AND PRAY and I encourage you to do the same. Pray daily. Pray with urgency. Pray for the candidates. Pray for those who are lost and far from God. Put feet on your prayers and show people the LOVE of Jesus as you speak His Truth. May prayer never be seen as a lesser or a weaker response, and may silence not be our greatest sin.

Following Him,

JIM

<div><div>Director of SonLight Preschool of Erlanger Baptist Church</div><div>Erlanger Baptist Church is seeking a Director for SonLight Preschool. The director is an educational leader, passionate and dedicated to the ministry of preschool children. The director leads a part-time daily preschool with a current enrollment of 150 children in a Bible-based curriculum to educate and develop children in both an academic and spiritual setting. The director works in collaboration with the church ministerial staff and will be expected to become a member of Erlanger Baptist Church. SonLight Preschool is a STARS program and follows Kentucky Early Childhood Standards. For a full Job description or to submit a resume you may e-mail the SonLight Ministry Team at ebcsonlightministry@gmail.com.</div></div>	
<div><div>Part-Time Director of Children’s Ministry</div><div>Union Baptist Church, in Northern Kentucky is seeking a part-time Director of Children's Ministry to be responsible for maintaining, developing, implementing and promoting a comprehensive Gospel-based ministry program for the training, evangelism and discipleship of children birth through entry into the youth ministry. The director is responsible for building relationships with children and parents/guardians of UBC and our community. There is also responsibility for providing leadership and training to leaders and volunteers working in children’s ministry. Please submit resumes with references to ubcchildresearch@gmail.com or Union Baptist Church, P.O. Box 194 Union KY 41091.</div></div>	
<div><div>Executive Board Summer Meeting</div><div>Join us Monday, July 11, at 7 p.m. for the NKBA Summer Meeting. This meeting will be held at Union Baptist Church, 1985 Mt. Zion Road, Union, KY. Join your fellow Northern Kentucky Baptists for a time of worship and fellowship.</div></div>	<div><div>Reach Into the State of Kentucky (RISK)</div><div>The purpose of RISK is to leave an evangelical footprint in Northern Kentucky during the KBC Annual meeting in Florence. Those interested in this outreach program should attend the meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at 10:30 AM, at Florence Baptist Church Mt. Zion.</div></div>
<div><div>Free Organ</div><div>Licking Valley Baptist Church has an organ to give away. For information, call Eddie Adkins at 859-250-6240.</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>Youth Pastor Needed</div><div>Anchor Church, Erlanger, is seeking a part-time youth pastor. Contact Dr. Gary Wilson at 859-322-0687. Or mail resume to: Anchor Church, 3126 Riggs Avenue, Erlanger, Kentucky, 41018.</div></div> <div><div>Pianist Needed</div><div>First Baptist Church of Covington, Fourth Street, is in need of a volunteer piano player one Sunday a month. If you would be interested in assisting this congregation in worship of the Lord, please contact the church at 859-261-5810.</div></div>

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**Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Events**

- June 8—10:30 a.m. RISK Meeting, Florence Baptist Church Mt. Zion**
- June 9—Golf Outing, Hickory Sticks Golf Course**
- June 14-15—SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis**
- July 4—Holiday—Office Closed**
- July 11—7 p.m. NKBA Executive Board Summer Meeting, Union Baptist Church**

