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THIS IS YOUR VOICE. LET IT BE HEARD!
 2022/2024

YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that U.S. citizens have. Nobody can force a citizen to vote but voting lets us, the people, tell the government what they want it to do. Voting was designed to maximize the power of the people, that's its true power. In times of racial, social and institutional inflection, we have the power to choose our leaders. Voting lets us tell the government what we want it to do. If citizens want change, more services, lower taxes, racial equality, etc. We can vote for someone who will promise to spend funds the way you want. Presidents, Governors, Sheriffs, our Police Chiefs, our District Attorneys, our Mayors and our Judges are people we put in powerful spaces, facilitate the change we demand, or block the future we deserve and they are on the ballot every year, which is why voting is much bigger than the just the Presidency.

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How You Can Make a Difference!

- By choosing our leaders and changing our laws by voting.
 - If you're 18 or older, vote in every federal, state, and local election.
 - Learn about the candidates and issues before you vote in any election.
 - Know what's going on in your country and community.
 - Respect your right to vote!
- It's a privilege that many people in the world don't have.

Reasons to Vote

- **Did you know that the turn out in most communities is under 50%?**
- **Every vote matters!**
- **It's YOUR constitutional right and a privilege.** Every citizen of the United States has right to vote. Let your voice be heard.
- **If you don't vote for your own interests, who will?**
- **"Elections belong to the people.** It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the people and burn their behinds, then they will have to sit on their blisters" - Abraham Lincoln
- **Young voters account for half of the voting population,** making them a powerful political force. Young people need to vote to directly influence issues that might affect their lives for years to come.
- **It is easier than ever to be an educated voter.**
- **You may not care now but you will in the near future.**
- **Voting is a right that generations of Americans have struggled to win.**
- Everyone has a voice and wants to be heard in one way or another.

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confession. It was central for the early church and needs to again become central to us. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not—nor any other political ruler since. If Jesus is Lord, no other authority is absolute. Jesus Christ, and the kingdom of God he announced, is the Christian's first loyalty, above all others. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth. The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us to day? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? We believe it is time to renew our theology of public discipleship and witness. Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches. What we believe leads us to what we must reject. Our "Yes" is the foundation for our "No." What we confess as our faith leads to what we confront. Therefore, we offer the following six affirmations of what we believe, and the resulting rejections of practices and policies by political leaders which dangerously corrode the soul of the nation and deeply threaten the public integrity of our faith. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

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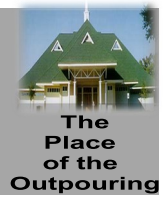
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Then It Came To Me...

"Rest - Not A Good Nation, But A Godly Necessity."
 There is so much to do. The work never seems to end. It is fulfilling; it is rewarding; it is challenging; it is needful. It is also plentiful, painstaking, and a pressing reality. It needs to be done, does it not? Yes, it does, however, all of it does not need to be done this moment. After expending a great amount of energy to accomplish a certain mission, our Lord directs us to be refreshed and replenished. My great and godly Mother said, "Do some, and rest some!"
 Often, we let the urgency of getting it all done lead us into unhealthy, unholy habits. We over-extend ourselves. We must realize and acknowledge this continual abuse will render us less qualified for the next mission. Then, unholy, unwholesome compulsions to compete can suck us into reckless obsessions with doing it faster, bigger, or better than anyone else. This certainly is not our Lord's method for expansion. So, what are we to do?
 Well, we must know that our work portions, our assignments, are meted out by the Holy Spirit. In matters of kingdom building, He is our construction manager. He decides who, what, when, where, how, and why. So, to be in the will of God regarding Christian work, we must be attuned to His Holy Spirit. Then, when assignments are given, go to work. Work earnestly and passionately. Work joyfully, without grumbling or complaining. Be committed. Finish the work. Now, when that portion of work is done, obey the model taught by our Lord. Mark 6:7-13 tells of the instruction, commission, and labor of "the twelve" for a particular mission. They are called to him and sent in two's having been given power over unclean spirits (v. 7). Verses twelve and thirteen reveal that they went forth in obedience, preaching repentance, casting out devils, and ministering healing to

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the sick. Please note that verse thirty has the twelve returning to Jesus with reports of "all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught." Remember accountability. A report is due. Finally, we are at verse thirty-one (31). This is the most salient point. Hear the Word of the Lord: "And He said unto them, 'Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while:' for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

Saints, let us be wise, and do likewise.
Shalom, my Friends,
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

As children of God, we must understand that our heavenly Father is good. His chief goal in our lives is to make us the best people we can possibly be. Everything He does as He deals with us in our Christian lives is to develop our potential to the greatest degree possible. On the other hand, Satan is totally evil. Jesus gave us Satan's job description in John 10:10, when He said, "The thief cometh. not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." To better understand who God is, let's look at the attributes and characteristics of God, which He has revealed about Himself in His Word.
Attributes of GOD
GOD Is:
 1. Spirit
 2. Holy ~ He has never been touched by sin.
 3. Eternal ~ He has always existed.
 4. Infinite ~ Without limits, except when He has limited Himself by His Word.
 5. Omnipresent ~ Everywhere at once.
 6. Omniscient ~ All knowing.
 7. Omnipotent ~ All mighty.
 8. Truth- ~ He never, ever lies.
 9. Just ~ 100 percent fair in His actions with us.
 10. Righteous ~ Totally good.
 11. Life ~ He isn't just alive, He is Life.

- 12. Unchangeable ~ "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).
- 13. Sovereign ~ Absolute supreme ruler. But His sovereignty is in complete harmony with His other attributes. God never, ever steps out of character in anyone of His attributes.
- 14. Love ~ He is the most loving personality in the universe.
- 15. Faithful ~ Absolutely trustworthy.
- 16. Merciful ~ Beyond human comprehension.
- 17. Provident ~ Watches over and cares for His creation.

God's attributes never get out of balance with each other. GOD never acts out of character.

Reminder
Beaufort County Youth Conference
 September 24, 2022
 10 am – 1 pm
R.O.A.R

Redefining **O**ur **A**ctions & **R**esponsibilities. R.O.A.R. is a Virtual Youth Conference planned for teens by teens. We welcome all Middle & High School students. The conference is organized through a planning session that involves teamwork and leadership skills. During this session, teen volunteers work together brainstorming problems they feel impede the success of their peers. They select from among the list of problems the 3 that they consider the most serious. From this experience, workshop topics, a theme, and a t-shirt logo are created. On the fourth Saturday in September, the conference is held at the Technical College of the Lowcountry. Included in the conference are workshops, lunch, t-shirts and entertainment, all free for the participants. To Pre-Register/ a Registration link is blow or for more information call: Carrie: 843-812-4399 Janie: 843-592-0013 <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSckOYIEI3hTQH.../viewform>

Ovarian Cancer

At present, there is no known method to prevent **ovarian cancer**, but some things appear to reduce a woman's risk of developing the disease. They include:

- **Oral contraception:** Birth control pills reduce the risk of ovarian cancer especially among women who use them for several years. Compared with women who never used oral contraceptive, those who used oral contraceptives for 3 years or more have about a 30%-50% lower risk of developing ovarian cancer.
- **Breast feeding and pregnancy:** Having one or more children, particularly if the first is born before age 25, and breast feeding may decrease a woman's risk.
- **Tubal ligation:** This is a surgical procedure in which the fallopian tubes are tied to prevent pregnancy. This procedure reduces the relative risk of developing ovarian cancer. Its use as a risk reduction strategy may be appropriate for high risk individuals and should be discussed with your physician.
- **Hysterectomy:** A Hysterectomy has been demonstrated to reduce the relative risk of ovarian cancer. A woman should not have a hysterectomy exclusively to avoid the risk of ovarian cancer, but if one is being performed for valid medical reasons and she has a family history of ovarian or breast cancer or is over age forty, she should discuss concurrent ovary removal with her physician.

Prophylactic oophorectomy: Oophorectomy is the surgical removal of one or both ovaries. Only recommended for certain high-risk patients, the operation eliminates the risk for ovarian cancer, but not the risk for a less common cancer called Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma. This cancer is similar to ovarian cancer in spread, presentation and treatment. Discussion with your physician is necessary to determine your individual risk and options for prophylactic surgery.

Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, and the second leading killer of men, behind lung cancer. Prostate cancer is generally very slow growing and most men die with prostate cancer (meaning that they die of some other cause) rather than from it. Still, it kills approximately 30,000 men each year. But detected early, it can be cured.

In its early stages, prostate cancer usually doesn't cause symptoms. However, as the disease progresses, the patient may develop symptoms that are the same as for prostatitis and/or BPH (see above). Additional symptoms include:

- Chronic pain in the hips, thighs, or lower back
 - Blood in the urine or semen
- The lack of early symptoms and the overlap of symptoms with non-cancerous conditions makes prostate cancer difficult to diagnose. That's why it's essential that you get screened regularly.

Prevention

- Get your prostate checked yearly after age 40
- Eat right. Studies show that people who eat a high fat diet have a greater risk of developing prostate cancer. On the other hand, fiber, soy protein, fruits, and cooked tomatoes have all been shown to reduce risk.
- Watch your weight. Obesity may be a contributing factor to a number of cancers, including prostate.
- Exercise regularly
- Don't smoke
- Limit alcohol and avoid caffeine.
- Drink a lot of water. This can help flush out your bladder. Urine should be almost clear
- Consult your doctor about other prevention tips.

Continue to Wear Face Covering

Cloth face coverings helps prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in Schools, stores, restaurants and large gatherings.)

"A Seniors' Perspective"



Growing In Grace !!!

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2nd Peter 3:18

Right now, we are doing just that, we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior. Those around us see this growth and realize that the Master artist is at work. They honor Him as a result. Someday soon, when this life ends the paintbrush and palette will be put away. The last stitch will have been added, the tools will go back in the sculptor's tool kit. We will be at last what our creator intended from the first. Others will see that, and for all eternity they will praise His artistry.

Submitted by,
Sis C. Bennett

Church Information



September 10, 2022
Bethesda Christian Fellowship

Parent Information Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.
All interested persons and parents are REQUIRED to attend.

Youth Choir rehearsal will be held every Saturday before the Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm unless you receive a message indicating that rehearsal will be cancelled.

If you are in grades Sixth (6th) to Twelfth (12th) and you're interested in becoming a member of the Youth Choir Ministry please join us during those rehearsal times.

Thank you,
Youth Choir Director
Sister Gwen Smith

Bethesda Christian Fellowship Livestreaming



Join Us on Sunday Mornings
For Our Teaching and Learning Experiences

Sunday Worship Services can be accessed via livestreaming on Sundays at 10 AM on:

- Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - Home | Facebook](#)
- Bethesda Christian Fellowship live stream on YouTube [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - YouTube](#)
- Our webpage [Bethesda Christian Fellowship \(revmediatv.com\)](#)

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Access the broadcast by phone at
1(848)777-1500 - Conference ID
8438384410 - Access Code



Please join us for "Just A Word" segment that's livestreamed every Wednesday at 1:00 pm on Facebook.

Sermons can be found on our Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page. Edited versions can be found on YouTube at Bethesda Christian Fellowship St. Helena Island, as well as, under Sermons on our webpage.

Bethesda Herald Newsletter

We would like to place all Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations and Special Achievements and church information in the Newsletter, but we need your help. Please submit to church email:

bethesdachristianfellowship36@gmail.com

Sister Barbara Jean Holmes

August Sermon Recap

August 7th

GOD Said, I Believe It, That Settles It

Luke 23:39-43

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

August 14th

Trusting The GOD of All My Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

August 21st

Long Enough

Deuteronomy 2:3

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

August 28th

Let Me Introduce You To Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:8

Prophetsess Carrie Major

Reclaiming Jesus

We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.

A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis. It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus' words in us. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace, rewarding good behavior while restraining bad behavior (Romans 13). When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state." It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

This letter comes from a retreat on Ash Wednesday, 2018. In this season of Lent, we feel deep lamentations for the state of our nation, and our own hearts are filled with confession for the sins we feel called to address. The true meaning of the word repentance is to turn around. It is time to lament, confess, repent, and turn. In times of crisis, the church has historically learned to return to Jesus Christ. Jesus is Lord. That is our foundational