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## **Who Should You Vote For?**

At the Midwest ILDA conference in August, there were many questions about the upcoming election, especially for president. I think it is worth taking some time here to discuss this.

What should Christians do this election? Vote for Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, third party, or stay home? As Christians, we want to know what God wants us to do. God’s word tells us several things about government.

1. Government exists to punish people who do evil and reward people who do good (Romans 13:3-4). We need a government that allows people to do good and right. That government should punish people who do wrong.

What if the government allows people to do wrong? This is one example. Abortion ends a human life, and many babies die every year because of abortion. Many women now secretly cry and feel much guilt because they had abortions. Our culture doesn’t value life as much as it should. The government should not allow abortion. Is there a candidate who will protect life?

2. Our leaders should have certain personal qualities. Our leaders should not play favorites, should be honest, not look for personal riches, should seek God’s wisdom, and should defend poor and needy people (Proverbs 31:8-9). Can we find a candidate like that?

3. The constitution guarantees we have freedom of religion. We want to keep and protect that freedom, so we want a president who truly understands what freedom of religion means and protect it. But we also know as Christians that the Bible tells us the world will usually not respect the Christian faith, so we should not be surprised if the government someday limits that freedom.

4. This command from God is very important. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 says we should pray for all people including kings and all in authority. Why? So we can live as Christians and our lives will be a witness that lead people to Jesus. Is there a candidate for president who will do all the right things? Maybe not. Choose the leader you think will do those things the best and pray for them. As American citizens, we can vote for who we want. As Christians, we will vote for the person who most agrees with God’s values. Remember that as you vote this November.

Pastor Eckert

# Dive Into God's Word

King David has always been considered the greatest of the kings of Israel. While we are thinking about the election and what kind of leaders we need, it would be good for us to look at David and his life and his faith. Learning about David helps us see what kind of faith and character a leader should have.

We will study four parts of David's life.

1. David in his youth. A good leader will have a heart for God. 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

- God sent Samuel to go do what? (verses 1, 13)
- Samuel was looking for the next king. What kind of person was he looking for? (verses 6-7)
- God was choosing the next king. Did He choose based on what the man looked like, or his heart?

2. David was running from King Saul. David did nothing wrong, but Saul was jealous and wanted to kill him. Read what David did. A good leader is respectful of God and others. 1 Samuel 26:1-26

- What did Abishai (one of David's soldiers) want to do to King Saul? (verses 6-8)
- David refused to hurt Saul. Why? (verses 9-10)
- What did David do to Saul? (verses 11-12)
- David refused to hurt Saul and that showed great kindness to Saul. David had wisdom and showed respect for Saul. Great leaders will be like that. David's kindness led Saul to admit what? (verse 21)

3. David as king. The most important job of the king of Israel was to remind the people to worship and follow the true God. 2 Samuel 6:11-19

- What did David bring into the City of David (Jerusalem)? (verse 12)
- How did David show he was happy to worship God? (verses 13-15)

4. David the sinner. No person is perfect, including all kings and rulers. But notice what David did after Nathan confronted David. Good leaders will be humble and repent of their sin. 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14

- What was David's first big sin? (11:2-4)
- What was his second big sin? (11:14-15)
- The prophet Nathan told David that God knew his sin. What did David do next? (12:13)
- What did God do for David? (12:13)

# Women in the Bible

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## Word List

Women had many important roles in the Bible, both to do good and evil. Abigail was a wise woman who knew how to protect her family. Jezebel was a foolish and wicked woman who ruined her family and the nation of Israel. You can use a Bible dictionary to look up these women and see what they did and why they are important.

ABIGAIL  
BATHSHEBA  
HAGAR  
DEBORAH  
RUTH  
LYDIA  
DORCAS  
VASHTI  
MARY

EVE  
(Mary) MAGDELINE  
RACHEL  
JEZEBEL  
DELILAH  
SARAH  
MARTHA  
ESTHER  
ZIPPORAH

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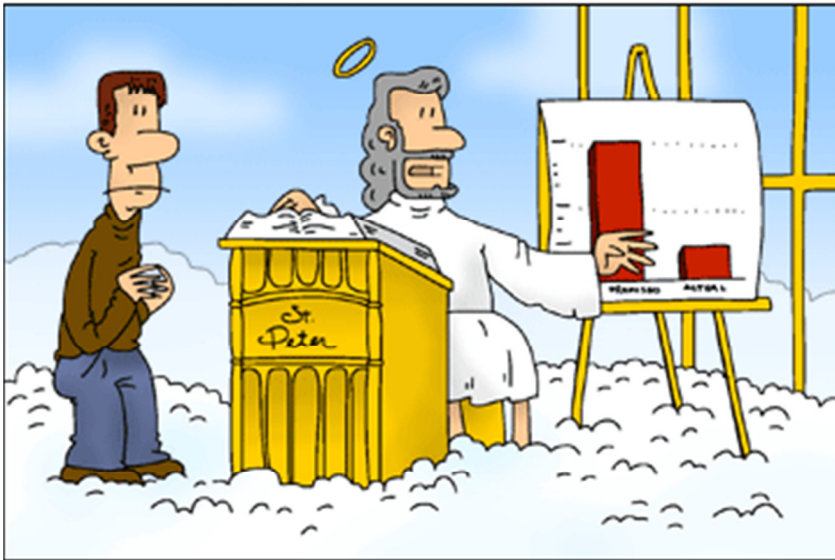
## **Prayers**

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Mollie Schmitz, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Bill and Barbara Zimmerman, Mae Hanson, Joan Mass, Gerald Mitchell, Rosie Glime, Neita Dommer, Harold Kinkade, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Henry Daggett, Janet Weber, Vicki Hoover's daughter Cleta, Terry Ann Check, Paula Slavin, Ricky Moore and Chris Moore with their ongoing physical difficulties.
- ✦ As we get closer to Nov. 8, pray that God will lead our nation to choose the right leaders, both local and national. Remember – don't just pray about the election. Also pray for the leaders themselves, that they will do what is right and good, so all Christians can worship God without fear or concern about the government.
- ✦ Pray for Christians around the world who do suffer serious persecution. Ask God to make them strong in faith and not give up.
- ✦ Pray for the church in Kenya, that they will eagerly work with the deaf so the deaf there can learn sign language and come to faith in their Savior Jesus.
- ✦ Thank God for Andy Petajan starting his studies to become a pastor. Pray for more students to enroll next year!
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



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**IN THIS CHART WE CAN SEE YOUR  
PROMISED GOOD DEEDS COMPARED TO YOUR  
ACTUAL FOLLOW THROUGH**

For we are his creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we may walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (Lexham English Bible) When the Bible talks about how we walk, it means our way of life, how we live. Good works are not something we try to do once in a while. When we live in faith and God's grace, then our whole life in Jesus is full of good deeds. That's just the way Christians live!

# September 2016

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<b>4</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>5</b>  Labor Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30 QC – Bible study	<b>10</b>  10:00 DU – Bible Study
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<b>25</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  7:00 WL – Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:30 QC – Bible study	

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 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 29<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Worship at 1:00 p.m.  
 WL – Waterloo. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls.  
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