



Church Connection October 2016

Now THAT'S Exciting!

*Strengthening,
Preserving
& Promoting
Marriage,
Family, Life &
Liberty*

*When the righteous
are in authority, the
people rejoice: but
when the wicked
beareth rule, the
people mourn...*

*Scornful men bring a
city into a snare: but
wise men turn away
wrath.*

Proverbs 29:2 & 8

Mark Your Calendar!

WFC presents

"The Time Is Now,"

Julaine Appling, speaker

Tues., Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m.,
Eau Claire Pizza Ranch

Thur., Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m.,
Waupun Pizza Ranch

For information or to
register, call 888-378-7395

VOTE!

Tuesday, November 8

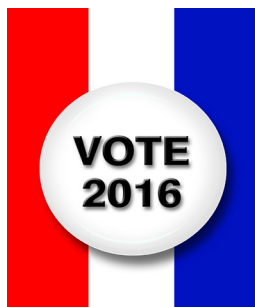
(Early voting has begun.
Contact your municipal
clerk to find out when
early voting begins in
your community.)

Tuesday, November 8, is a day we should all get excited about, because it is Election Day. Specific races and choices may frustrate us, but surely we can agree it is a wonderful privilege to live in "the land of the free." Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in our ability to choose our governing officials and in the reality that often these folks do not come from the "political class." So, are you planning to vote and are you prepared to vote? We want to help you give an affirmative—and maybe even exciting—answer to both questions.

Why should a Christian vote?

Maybe you vote but would appreciate some biblical rationale for your participation in the process. Maybe you aren't convinced it is an important or necessary activity. Or maybe you are so frustrated with politics you have decided to disengage. Consider this:

- It is exciting to be part of the process "ordained of God" (Romans 13:1) for the choosing of leadership in our city, state and national government.
- God placed us in this country as both Christians and citizens to make a difference for good out of love for our family and our neighbors.
- We need to be people of both prayer and action. We pray that God will put good men and women in places of leadership and then we go out and cast our vote. "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead" (James 2:17).
- We should vote because it is both a responsibility and a privilege of good citizenship.
- We are responsible for being good stewards of the finances God provides us. When we vote, we choose individuals who will determine how the



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Pray...

- That Christians will value voting and vote their values.
- That good men and women will be elected to office and will serve faithfully and effectively.
- For revival and renewal in our country.
- That the Lord will raise up the needed finances for the work of Wisconsin Family Council.

Consider this:

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!”

~Abraham Kuyper

One nation under God

“As a theological fact, it is true of all nations... To say that we are a nation under God means, first of all, that we are under Divine judgment. It is also a prayer that we may be under Providential care. It is not a statement of patriotic pride, although many may think it is, but of patriotic humility.”

~Richard J. Neuhaus

tax dollars we earned and paid are spent, whether for good or for bad. Why would we *not* want to have that kind of influence?

- Our vote is one of the significant ways we voice our values. We may not get to vote on everything, but “we the people” do get to vote on who represents us.
- Remember there are many important races on our ballots in addition to the presidential election. All of these races are important and deserve our voting involvement.
- Remember to pray for your elected officials and continue to communicate with them. In truth, we are commanded to pray for all those in authority, whether Christian or not (I Timothy 2:1-4).

Are you prepared to vote? For a helpful resource for state-level and national-level races, visit *wifa.ivoterguide.com*. For local races we recommend that one or more people in your church investigate candidates by making phone calls to them, researching candidate websites and social media accounts, and reviewing candidate campaign literature to determine their positions on issues that impact marriage, family, life and religious liberty. Share the information you find out with friends, family, fellow church members and members of other churches.

Will you commit to voting? We encourage every Christian to vote and to be a committee of one within your sphere of influence to urge others to join you. We know politics is not *the* answer for what ails our society, but that does not mean elections are unimportant and we can disengage from them. Why not call or email 10 friends to remind them to vote on Election Day, and encourage them to contact 10 within their sphere of influence? Share the excitement! Prayers to God combined with the actions of God’s people are a powerful, if not unstoppable, force for good. Now THAT’S exciting!

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.

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