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### Rendering to Caesar

Dear Pastor,

We live in unusual days don't we? "Unusual" may be an understatement; "troubling" might be a more apt description. Jesus said, *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world* (Jn. 16:33).

I have lived through some challenging times in our country, but never in my life has it been more evident than now that people need the Lord and the answers to life that the glorious gospel provides.

Last week I watched an interview that Eric Metaxas did with Pastor John MacArthur. You can watch or listen to the interview [HERE](#). I am not suggesting that Dr. MacArthur is infallible (though I confess I substantially agree with his responses to Metaxas), but I think his observations and comments are worth careful consideration.



One thing I found myself thinking as I listened to the interview is that **our legislators need the godly influence of pastors in their lives more than ever**. Maybe the challenges won't go away if we commit to continue praying regularly for our elected officials and if we put feet to our prayers by developing authentic redemptive relationships with them. But would you agree that in any event it is still the right thing to do?

When rendering to Caesar interferes with our first duty of rendering to God, our choice is clear—"we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

In Christ,

Dave Lingle  
WFC Church Ambassador

PS: We are excited to announce that Mr. Daniel Degner has joined our Wisconsin Family Council team. Daniel hails from Fond du Lac where he serves on the Fond du Lac City Council. Daniel graduated from Liberty University with a degree in pastoral leadership, and is currently working on a Master's degree in bioethics from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Daniel will be Director of our Church Ambassador Network, and I will continue as Church Ambassador. This addition expands significantly our ability to serve you and your ministry.

We stand ready to help you in any way we can to connect with your elected officials.