

Political Stewardship

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. "

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Too many Christians believe political action, even voting, is "less than spiritual". If God's people don't repent of their apathy and complacency, then we most certainly deserve the judgment God so rightly will bring, and is now bringing, on our land.

Christians, particularly church leaders, must understand three things:

1) It is okay to be involved in politics.

In fact, it can be looked on as a ministry. As you know, Scripture refers to the civil magistrate as a minister of God. In our democratic Republic, WE are the civil magistrate. As (USTP Vice Presidential candidate) Herb Titus has reminded us, when we step into that voting booth, we literally are exercising the rights of Kings!

Never before in the history of mankind has God allowed the people of a nation to self govern. We are a Christian nation, founded on Christian principles, and unless we restore this Christian basis of our civil society, our nation will continue it's spiral into the depths of sin, corruption and depravity and be plopped squarely on the ash heap of history.

If our brothers and sisters in Christ do not awaken from their slumber, our posterity will, quite rightfully, curse our graves as they look back on the collective inaction of the American church. They will ask, "Why didn't they DO anything to stop the slide into tyranny and totalitarianism-- while they had the chance"?!

Only God's people can turn our nation around, by God's grace.

By abdicating our civil duty to the heathens, we reap today the whirlwind of what the church has sown over the past century.

It's time to turn this around, and take our county back!

2) One's vote is the currency of their political virtue.

It should not be wasted on anyone who does not share their beliefs. For example, a Christian should never vote for someone who believes it's perfectly OK to rip apart an unborn child. Sadly, in 1996, many believers did just that.

3) The Church can fulfill the Great Commission, and still seek justice here on earth as we continue to proclaim the Gospel.

I for one don't want our nation to continue to follow this course into the next century. The USTP strategy is the best plan I've seen to reverse that course. This plan assumes the Christians will be with us. My observation is that they're not.

If this is true, then how do we get the ear of our brothers and sisters in Christ? Have you ever tried to speak to a church as a political candidate? As a representative of a political party? I have, and met with little success. *-Bill Clarke*

As believers, we should all heed the words of Bill Clarke. God gives us an awesome responsibility as citizens of the United States. We must demonstrate good stewardship over that responsibility. We must always remember that civil government is not secular, but *ministry before God*. Rejection of that responsibility is sin.

- Dan & Sherry

Member's Needs



Dresser that is 4 or 5 drawers high. Sue: 453-7559 (1)

Dishwasher in working condition at low price or free. Rebecca: 548-0978 (2)

Wringer washer. Movable, uses hose to empty and is not attached to water or sink. Jeanne (414) 677-0359 (3)

Canning Jars. Jeanne: (414) 677-0359 (3)

Washing Machine. Carolyn: 228-5138 (3)

Large tarps with corner grommets in good condition. Also needed, tent poles suitable for "pitching" the tarps, tarps with no grommets, and a garden hose. Paula: 662-2685 (2)

Curriculum: 2nd and 3rd grade math, 7-9th grade Earth Science, World History with a Christian perspective. Sherry: 662-0247 (2)

Bedroom Set including dressers, double size bed and headboard or frame. Also needed are twin beds and a knee hole desk. Libby: 571-1923 (2)

Canoe. Dan or Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Queen Size Bed: Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

16mm Film Projector. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

Head and foot board (no rails, mattress, or spring needed) for a queen size bed. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

Turntable in working condition. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

Treadmill. Norma: 574-5914 (1)

Cell Phone. Marcy: 524-8704 (1)

Keyboard. Either a piano or a full sized electric keyboard. Kathy: 258-1421 (1)

Saxon Math 65 Curriculum. Kathy: 258-1421 (1)

Rototiller. Eva: 474-4174 (1)

Freezer and washing machine. Denise: 463-0692 (1)

Girls summer clothes size 3T-4T. Kelly: 375-4702 (1)

Power Lawnmower. Doug: 456-9511 (1)

Christian single woman is looking for same to share home. One child welcome. Warm family atmosphere in a lovely home located in southern Waukesha County. Adequate room for privacy. Mary: 679-7673 (1)

Folding or stackable chairs. We need 200-300 wood or steel framed chairs for a church. Pastor Randy: 639-5512 or 637-5240 (1)

Two twin mattresses. Chantal: 873-9506 (1)

Juicer. Paula: 662-2685 (1)

Men's mountain bike. Paul or Terri: 578-9121 (1)

A couple is starting household and baby is on the way. Need almost everything. Melissa: 383-2728 (1)

Praise for the Drive

Another Spring Clothing Drive can be filed away in our memories but the results will be on our backs through the entire summer! Thank you so much to all of you that came and participated in any way. More than 105 families were able to benefit from the clothing drive on this, its first leg!

Thirty families came on Friday to help set up and sort all the clothes that were so generously donated....and you gave generously. We sorted from 10:00 am until about 4:00pm. We sorted and hung clothes, labeled tables, paired up shoes, and organized many other items. We used almost 30 tables and about 15 rolling racks to accommodate the clothes. Shoes, bedding, socks and other items simply stayed in boxes or were set out neatly on the floor. The Lord certainly had a lot of stuff that He had homes in mind for!

On Saturday we were blessed to see many more families respond to the large sign that was made and placed on the church lawn and to the flyers that were handed out up the road at a huge fire department rummage sale. Everyone that came in received a tract that explained the gospel. Every person left with some of their material needs met and their spiritual needs addressed. We also had many Christian families show up and they too were able to find items that met their needs. It was good to see you all there.

The clothes continued to arrive at Waukesha Bible Church all day Saturday. We were still accepting clothing at 2:15 and the drive was scheduled to end at 3:00! This was okay, in fact it was all in God's plan. The remaining clothing went to Milwaukee where All Bible Baptist Church will sponsor a clothing drive at the home of one of its members. This

giveaway will be held on June 20 and 21 from 9 am - 5 pm at 6141 N. 37th St. The church is in the process of renovating their building. Their renovations will include a separate room to house a perpetual clothing ministry. All Bible Baptist Church is planning on opening up the room on a monthly basis but having short notice or emergency visits available as well. If you or someone you know was not able to make it to the Spring Clothing Drive and still has needs in this area, you can go to the drive on June 20 and 21. Call Teri at 578-9121 if you need directions or for more information. Thank you again to all who helped with the drive. The glory goes to God for moving each one of you in the way that He did. Remember, Lord willing, we'll do it again in October!

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

The Free Box

Kiplinger's CA-Simply Money for Windows. Fast, easy software to manage your finances. Good as new! Dan or Sherry: 662-0247 (3)

Texas Instruments OmniLaser 2108. Needs work but does print. Jeanne: (414) 677-0359 (3)

Gas stove with 4 burners and oven above. Workable condition. Teri: 578-9121 (1)

NEC "Post Script" Laser Printer. Works well and has only one font cartridge. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

IBM electric typewriter. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

Olympia manual typewriter with case. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

American Standard Encyclopedias. 1985 with updates through 1989. Like new. Jeanne: 677-0359 (1)

Color TV, large console type. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Services Offered

For Sale



Grain Master Whisper Mill. Brand New. Free 5 gallon bucket of grain. \$258. Roberto: 645-4080 (2)

Piano, older upright model. \$250. Karla: 662-3163 (1)

Range hood in almond color. \$10. Carol: 547-6586 (1)

Kirby upright vacuum cleaner. It has a new collecting bag. \$60. Carol: 547-6586 (1)

Mirror. 36" x 48" in good condition. \$20. Carol: 547-6586 (1)

Viking "Little Gasser" Pop Up Camper. Very good condition, sleeps 6, contains stove, refrigerator, heater and electrical hook up. The canvas is in good condition. \$1,300. Carol: 547-6586 (1)

Many household items and furniture for sale. We're downsizing two homes into one! Call to see if we have what you are looking for! Marian: 783-5038 (1)

Little Tykes changing table. \$15. Kelly: 375-4702 (1)

Black and Decker electric lawnmower in good condition. \$20. Gary: 246-3664 (1)

Simply Stewardship would like to help you promote your neighborhood rummage sales this season. Rummages are a great way to meet some of your family's needs and neighborhood rummages are a "time effective" way to do it! Call or fax your information to us. Be sure to check the deadline date. (2)

MACHE Used Book Sale: June 6th at Diane Gilchrist's house. W173 N7158 River Ct. Menomonee Falls from 10:00 - 1:00pm. Call 251-4374 for more information. (1)

Southside Used Curriculum and Supplements Sale: Tuesday 6/24. 11:00 - 2:00 at Resurrection Fellowship Church, 2422 W. National Ave. Milwaukee. Cash sales only. We are looking for buyers and sellers! For more information call Cheryl @ 321-0659 or Jolyn @ 769-8651. (1)

Hearts At Home Used Book Sale: June 9th at Joanne Pellegrin's home. 10510 Palmersheim Dr. Hales Corners from 10:00 - 1:00 pm. Cash sales only. Call 529-1019 for more information. (1)

Grorich Photography - Wedding and Portrait Photography. We've been in business for 15 years and we work together as a husband and wife team. Mike and Julie: (414) 628-0967 (3)

12 year old wants to baby-sit for your kids. CPR training. Lots of experience.

References available. Oldest of 5 kids. If interested, call Ker: 542-9669 (3)

Kid Kapers is holding a Summer Youth Program in Big Bend. This program will service a maximum of 80 children by offering special Theme Days, guest speakers, demonstrators and lots of hands on fun. We are in need of responsible, teenage volunteers to help with the children during any of the three sessions offered. There is also one paid position available for an adult group leader in the month of August. If you are interested, call Sherry: 662-0247 or Paula: 662-2685. (2)

Kitchen and bathroom renovations. Tile work is included. Gary: 246-3664 (1)

"TILE MAN" Complete Ceramic Tiling From A-Z. Bathroom and Kitchen, Commercial and Mud Work. Bill: 453-7559 (1)

ATTENTION!
All ads must be updated for the next issue by June 27, 1997.
PHONE: 662-0247
FAX: 662-0640

Etc....Quick notes from Simply Stewardship!

Blockbuster Video Stores now give a portion of their profits to Planned Parenthood. Please consider carefully if this is where the Lord would have you put His money. If you would like to turn in your Blockbuster membership card you can write and send it to:

Mr. Frank J. Biondi Jr. CEO
Paramount Communications
1515 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
(212)258-6000

If you would like a complete list of what companies contribute to Planned Parenthood simply call Life Decisions International at (716) 839-4420.

Welcome to our many new subscribers. We thank Ralph Ovdal for having us on his radio program on

WVCY. It was through that program in March that many of you heard about Simply Stewardship. It is our prayer that you will be blessed and the Lord will be glorified through your participation in this newsletter.

Feel free to place as many ads as you like. There is no charge. We do limit your ads to three issues. That will give you six months to have your ad answered. If we have not heard from you after three issues have been printed, we will remove the ad. You may reinstate the ad in the next issue. It is very helpful to us if you keep in touch. Let us know when your ad was answered and should be removed. Please keep us updated with any changes you would like to make to your ads. The next issue's deadline date is always listed in each issue of Simply Stewardship.

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