"Presidential Politics and Feeling the Bern"

In the Nevada Democratic Presidential caucus held in February Bernie Sanders won 47% of the vote, more than double that of the runner-up, Joe Biden. Political commentators now regard Senator Sanders as the frontrunner in the Democratic Party's choice for their Presidential candidate. As a pastor, I believe that it is not my Biblical responsibility to endorse political candidates. It is my responsibility to speak about issues that the Bible clearly addresses. Some of those issues have political implications.

The Bible is clear that human life is sacred and that life begins at conception. Abortion, except in the defense of the life of the mother, is wrong. Homosexual behavior is a sin, as is sex outside of marriage. Gay marriage is contrary to God's Word. Integrity and justice are important Biblical values. A good case can also be made that freedom of speech and freedom of religion are not only American Constitutional values but also Biblical values. Christian voters should take into account how political candidates treat these issues.

So while I don't endorse political candidates, it is a Biblical responsibility for shepherds of the flock to warn about threats to the flock. I see such a threat in Bernie Sanders. He has said and done things that are supportive of totalitarian regimes which persecute Christians. He famously honeymooned in the Soviet Union. He has said positive things about Cuba. Bernie is described as a secular Jew. He says that he has a belief in God, but that belief is not connected with any particular religious system.

Senate confirmation hearings were held three years ago for assistant budget director candidate Russell Vought, an evangelical Christian and graduate of Wheaton College. Bernie Sanders criticized Vought for a statement that he made that Muslims stand condemned before God because they do not believe in Jesus Christ. He declared, "I would simply say, Mr. Chairman, that this nominee is really not someone who this country is supposed to be about."

Project Veritas released a series of undercover videos from inside the Sanders' campaign. What campaign leaders say among themselves is frightening. Martin Weissgerber, a Sanders field organizer in South Carolina, warns about what he will do if Sanders does not become president: "I'll straight up get armed. I want to learn how to shoot, and go train. I'm ready for the _____ing revolution, bro. Guillotine the rich." He is a bit kinder toward Republicans. "What will help is when we send all Republicans to 're-education camps.""

Mason Baird, another Sanders field organizer, said on another occasion, "After we abolish landlords, we don't have to kill them... But there were plenty of excesses in 1917 (Russian Revolution) that I would hope to avoid."

An Iowa field organizer, Kyle Jurek, said, "If Bernie doesn't get the nomination or it goes to a second round at the DNC Convention, _____ing Milwaukee will burn. I'm ready to throw down now." The Sanders campaign has refused to comment on these staffers. They are still, at last report, all on the payroll. (*LVRJ*, 2/20/2020) For some reason, the mainstream press has not covered this story. Christians should be warned.

- Pastor Kurt

MAN CAMP

Our men's retreat weekend at Prescott Pines Camp in Prescott, AZ, is scheduled for April 24-26. The weekend involves a speaker, music, outdoor activities, indoor activities, excellent food, and great fellowship. The plan is to meet at the church campus at 10 AM Friday. We go together in the church van and stop in Kingman at Cracker Barrel. We arrive in Prescott in the late afternoon. Meals are provided through at least Sunday breakfast. We stay together in a cabin with several rooms and the basic necessities. We return to BC on Sunday in the late afternoon. Cost for the weekend is \$139. Register online at prescottpines.org and sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.



MAN CAMP

Guys, consider joining us as we head to Prescott Pines, AZ, for a weekend retreat with men from churches in AZ and NV. We'll have an inspiring speaker, great food, quality fellowship, fun outdoor activities & delightful music.

We'll meet at Bethany on Friday at 10 AM, have lunch in Kingman and arrive at Prescott Pines in the afternoon. We'll be home by late afternoon on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$139, go to www.prescottpines.org. Also, please sign up on the clipboard at church so that we can plan transportation.

Missionary of the Month March 2020



Ted & Malia Winston Remember to pray for this mission.

We are grateful for the many ways our God blesses us.

"We are so thankful for all of you! May you be blessed as you bless us!"

Ladies 3rd Saturday Fellowship



3rd Saturday Fellowship,
March 21, 2020
Road Trip to Oatman, AZ
Lunch at Black Bear Diner in
Bullhead City
Leaving church parking lot at 9AM.
PLEASE sign up.



OATMAN, ARIZONA
Historic Route 66



LADIES Sunday School Class
Beginning March 1, 2020 with facilitator Marilyn Nelson
Preparing Our Hearts for Resurrection Sunday
11:15AM – Emmaus Hall

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3rd Marla (Turbo) Crawford

5th Doris Roush

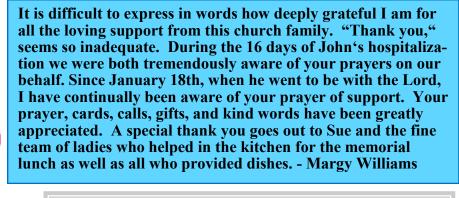
7th Debra (DeeDee) Buchanan

9th Mike Baker

10th Sandy Crawford Bart Hedlund

28th Aline Jacques Kitty Ritenour

29th Sue Wilbur



Bethany's 2020 budget is based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,733.67 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$47,467.34. Year to date giving, through February, totaled \$38,527.29.

The difference was (\$8,940.05).



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 2020

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service - 10 a.m. Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.

Bible Study - 6:00 p.m. **Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.

Ladies' Book Club 10:00 a.m..

Thursday: Women's Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 7th. Meet at

I wanted each of you to know how much I appreciate all you do.

9:45 AM. @ Mtn. View

Come share time and sing some songs with the residents. Spend some time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



- Tina Selb

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Board of Elders - Mike Barth, Chairman

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Board of Deaconesses - Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman

Christian Education Board - Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman

Property Maintenance Board - Jerry Wilbur, Chairman

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