

*Our vision is to be a community of grace,
telling the unsaved of salvation by grace,
encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace,
and extending grace to others.*

Up for Debate?

In an election year, the political climate is often charged with intense emotions, heated debates, and a sense of uncertainty. Candidates campaign vigorously, each presenting their vision and seeking support. Amid this, it is easy to be consumed by the concerns of human governance. However, for those of faith, an unchanging truth remains: God's sovereign rule over the world transcends any earthly political power.

The Bible affirms God's ultimate authority over all creation, including human governments. Proverbs 21:1 states, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases." This verse reminds believers that regardless of who holds office, God is in control, offering profound peace during an election year.

Believers are called to a higher standard of conduct amid political discourse. Philippians 2:14-15 advises, "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.'" Christians should engage in the political process with grace, integrity, and a spirit of peace.

Prayer is also vital during an election year. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 urges believers to pray for all people, including "kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." Through prayer, Christians can seek God's guidance and trust that His sovereign plan will prevail.

The hymn "This is My Father's World" captures this perspective:

*This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!*

So in this election year, let us remember and trust in God's supreme rule over the world. Participating in the democratic process is important, but Christians can find peace and confidence in knowing that God's sovereignty transcends all human authority, and His plans are for our good and His glory.

God reigns; let earth be glad!

Gary



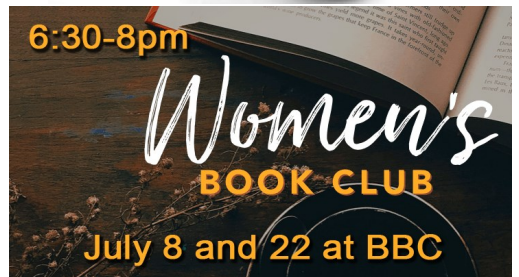
Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.







- 1 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 4 - July 4 Celebration, 7pm
- 8 - Women's Book Club, 6:30pm
- 20 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 22 - Women's Book Club, 6:30pm
- 28 - Meet-N-Greet, 12pm

- Pray for Gary Armstrong and Charlie Bing as they travel to Ghana this month. Pray for them as they will be teaching at the GraceLife Bible Institute. Pray, too, for the local pastors in attendance that they would clearly understand the grace of the gospel.
- Pray for our July 4 Celebration. Pray for those in our community that will be here, and for the opportunity to connect with them.

FAMILY UPDATE



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> 	2	3		5	<p>6 *Mike Bennett</p> <p>7:00AM Men's Alliance</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>8</p> 	9	10	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:00AM Men's Alliance</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	15	16	17 *Tracy Hallak	18 *Angie Lutz	19 *Eden Beth	<p>20</p>  <p>7:00AM Men's Alliance</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>22</p> 	23	24 *Mike Hallak	25 *Russell Rains	26	<p>27</p> <p>7:00AM Men's Alliance</p>
<p>28</p>  <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	29 *Rob Matlack, Jr.	30	31			<p>*Birthdays</p>