UPCOMING EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 25-27

6-8th grade students are invited to register for a weekend away at Camp Eagle in Rocksprings, TX! Join us this year at Fall Retreat for a fun-filled weekend focused on building community. At Fall Retreat, students will have the opportunity to worship together, participate in exciting outdoor activities, and develop friendships that help them grow closer to Jesus! For more information or to register, visit communitybible.com/events

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

OCTOBER 28, 2024 AT 6:45 PM

NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AT 6:45 PM

Save the date! Once a month is our Young Adults Gathering. If you, or someone you know, are between the ages of 25 and 35, we would love for you to join us. Gather with a collection of young adults committed to journeying through adulthood God's way. Join us in Central at 6:45 pm. If you need childcare for that evening, please register on the website.

Location: Central Campus

Visit communitybible.com/events for all event information and to register!

Trending

Clarifying truth for cultural topics

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

WEEKLY RHYTHMS

CARE GROUPS - CENTRAL TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

CBC Care Groups are here to offer support and help you find community.

MDWK - ALL CAMPUSES WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45 PM

Join us for our midweek gathering for 6th-12th grade students!

COMMON GROUND - CENTRAL THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

18-25 year olds - join us for our Thursday gathering!

RECOVERY GROUPS - CENTRAL FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Recovery community for adults, students and kids.

Celebrate Recovery: Adults The Landing: Students

Celebration Place: Kids

NEW BELIEVERS & FIRST TIME GUESTS:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Stop by our Next Steps space or text **CHRIST** to **210-762-4747**. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by one of our First Time visitors' tents for a free gift or text **GUEST** to **210-762-4747** so we can reach out to you at a later time.

NEEDING PRAYER?

We have a pastoral team at our CBC Cares area in the lobby ready to pray with you. You can also scan the QR code to complete a prayer request form.

CAMPUSES



GIVE THROUGH CBC



PRAYER REQUEST FORM



Text: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." (Proverbs 14:34) **Target:** Our hope is not in a political party, but in Jesus Christ alone.

I. Separation of Church and State, but NOT God and Government

- A. Separation of Church & State: Important to Christians because this protects and provides religious liberty without government interference privately and publicly. (Ex. Prevents a State Religion, Protects from Religious Persecution, Allows Freedom of Speech)
- **B.** God and Government: "God is Sovereign over all rulers, leaders, and nations, and all authorities must reflect morality, justice, mercy, and righteousness, but when not upheld those who are spiritual must speak out." (Romans 13:1-7)
 - 1. Biblical examples: Moses, Esther, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, John the Baptist, Peter, John, Nehemiah, Amos, Jeremiah, Isaiah.
 - Modern examples: John Bunyan, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, William Wilberforce, Sojourner Truth, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Jr.
- II. Biblical Considerations in Casting a Vote: Voting is about Civic & Spiritual Stewardship.
 - A. Seek righteous leadership: Proverbs 29:2
 - B. Seek the sovereignty of a nation: Acts 17:26
 - C. Seek advocacy for justice, law, order, protection of citizens: Micah 6:8
 - D. Seek the welfare of ALL people: Jeremiah 29:7
 - E. Seek Kingdom values: Matthew 6:33
- **III. Live as Kingdom Citizens:** If you are a Christian, you cannot leave God out of your decision to vote. (Philippians 3:20)
 - A. Identity is in Christ, not a political party or candidate: 2 Cor. 5:17
 - B. We are to be ambassadors of Christ and His values: 2 Cor. 5:20
 - C. Transformed by the Holy Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23
 - D. Be salt and light: Matthew 5:13-16
 - E. The Kingdom of God reigns forever: Daniel 2:34

IV. What are Biblical Conviction Voting Considerations

- A. Sanctity of life: Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5
- B. Marriage, family, gender: Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:3
- C. Religious freedom: 1 Peter 2:13-17
- D. Justice, equality for all people: Micah 6:8; Isaiah 1:17; Proverbs 19:17; Matthew 25:35-40
- E. Immigration, refugees and Borders: Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 2:13
- F. Integrity and character of candidate: Proverbs 11:3; 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- G. Stewardship of creation for resources and conservation: Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 24
- H. Support of law & order, public safety: Romans 13:1-2
- I. Education, curriculum, parental involvement: Proverbs 22:6
- J. Economic policies, taxation: 2 Thessalonians 3:10; Proverbs 14:23
- K. National security & foreign policy: Romans 13:4; 1 Timothy 2:2

Takeaway: Your vote should seek to expand God's Kingdom values on earth through civic government.

