

Encouraging Christians to Vote

WHEREAS we have been instructed by the Lord to be involved in the affairs of those who are in governmental leadership over us by specifically praying for them to the end that they govern according to a godly, moral compass (1 Timothy 2:2-3); and

WHEREAS understanding that our leaders are ordained by God as His ministers to us for good and we are, therefore, to be subject to their authority (Romans 13:1-7); and

WHEREAS having the Scriptural example of the Nation of Israel and the consequences of their setting up immoral leaders (Hosea 8:3-4); and

WHEREAS seeing the continual voting trend of born-again believers, being estimated conservatively at 40-60 percent voting, many of whom do not vote from a Biblical mindset, of whom Researcher George Barna said, “Granted, we are all sinners and fall way short of the perfection of God, but maybe we are so seduced by the secular culture in which we live that we have lost touch with biblical truth”; and

WHEREAS we have Scriptural evidence of the effects of having ungodly, immoral leaders on the lives of citizens (Proverbs 28:12) and the overall national burden of sinful leadership (Proverbs 14:34); and

WHEREAS our founding Fathers gave us warning against ungodly, immoral leaders, some of whom were not believers but still saw the need for godly morality in government as illustrated by the words of Benjamin Franklin who said, “Men will effectively be governed by God or by tyrants”; and

WHEREAS each of us has been endowed by God with certain “unalienable rights” and, as citizens of this nation, we have the right to elect our leaders, a right that is protected by the Constitution of the United States of America,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting at Faith Baptist Church, State College, Pennsylvania, September 12-14, 2022, strongly urge all born-again believers, especially those in our fellowshiping churches to exercise their right to vote as often as they have opportunity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of us be knowledgeable concerning the moral and effectual stands of each candidate for public office and vote according to a Biblical standard having as our overall motivation the glory of God and the furtherance of the Gospel.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we will commit to pray for our governmental leaders to the end that they honor the Lord in their appointed duties. If they would not do so, we pray as David did in Psalm 109:8, “Let his days be few; and let another take his office.”