

The Glades Gazette

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Is Jesus a Democrat or a Republican? Now that I have your attention, ask yourself; do I find the question ridiculous and/or offensive? Do you think that your political party's ideas align more closely with the Teachings of our Lord? As we head for another election these questions are not as crazy or immaterial as you might think. There are plenty of people who would say yes to those questions if only privately. My goal is not to tell you how to think politically. I leave that to your own conscience and your relationship with God. My hope is for you to prayerfully consider these questions and that you find this article interesting.

I am scandalized by many of my own colleagues who are confident they have the answer to this question. This translates both politically and theologically, as the two tend to go hand in hand. Our theology or faith as Christians should be informing our politics (as well as every aspect of our lives) and not the other way around. Where on one extreme there are those who emphasize righteousness and the other emphasizes "Social Justice". I find one side drifting further to the extreme, to where among a few of my own colleagues every sermon has a politically charged message. I also see it in their social media. I hear it in conversations. Given the political atmosphere of our nation this is becoming increasingly divisive. One political party now represents the "left" and the other the "right".

Here is a way of understanding this fundamental difference in philosophy. Those on the right are deontological in their ethics. That means they believe in established rules, traditional values and traditional virtues. These things they believe are time tested truths and immutable with time and changes in culture. On the left there is the teleological ethic. This means goal-oriented ethics. Teleos is Greek for goal or end. The idea is for a greater good and that is what is “right and good”. Another way of saying it is “the ends justify the means”. Part of this philosophy is utilitarian, which means the greatest good for the greatest number. The problem comes in a secular organization, how do you define “good”? Who and what are sacrificed for this stated goal? Is this a long or short-term good? In our postmodern society people are being taught truth and right are NOT absolute but relative, especially on the left. When derision replaces discussion and the left and right become divorced from one another the results are dangerous.

So returning to my original absurd question, the answer is: No! Things are not so black and white. Once you feel justified or believe you are more Christ like than your neighbor you have missed the mark. Once any of us think we fully understand the mind of Christ we are mistaken. Our hope is in Christ and we need more of him. We need to place Jesus ahead and above politics, although we all must participate in governance. Government won't solve your problems and it can't bring about a utopian existence (especially socialism). Remember that government is made up of flawed humans.

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus,

Blessings to you all,

Pastor David

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
	1 7P Men's Group	2 10A Tuesday Women's Group Andrea Claxton's Bday	3 7:30P Choir	4	5 Ed Romeo's Bday	6
7 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Communion/Children's SS Jackie Davis's Bday	8 Columbus Day	9 9:45A Tuesday Women's Group	10 7:30P Choir	11 7P Men's Group Addison Armstrong's Bday	12	13 8A-12P Yard Sale
14 9:45A Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/Children's SS	15 7P Men's Group	16 9:45A Tuesday Women's Group	17 7:30P Choir	18	19	20 8:30A Boca Helping Hands Steve Straus's Bday
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DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

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Marilou Lehner
Steve Straus
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Karen Sanchez
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Uzma Javed

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Doris Jackson
Terry, Cheryl & Ryan Crout
Bud & Gail Bower
Ginny DeMattei
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Linda Williams – 954-240-4785

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS OR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE CHURCH ELDERS:**

GINNY DEMATTEI - 561-350-8038

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Deacons:

Class of 2021:

Tracy Garlanger, Laurie Jenkins, Carmen Gomez

Class of 2020:

Rowena Avrigh, Karen Sanchez, Linda Williams

Elders

Class of 2021:

Brian Claxton, John Jenkins,
Bob Garlanger, Jackie Davis

Class of 2020:

Terry Crout

Class of 2019:

Ginny DeMattei

2¢ a Meal

Take a small bank and put it on the table where you eat. Say a prayer and put 2¢ a person in the bank. These donations will grow and when filled, bring it to church and put it in the 2¢ bank. At the end of the year, these donations will be sent to several organizations who help others less fortunate.

**Our next Boca Helping Hands is
scheduled for
October 20 at 8:30am at
Boca Glades Baptist Church!**

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held on
Wednesday at 7:30. New voices are
welcome to practice anthems &
Christmas cantata music.
For questions, please
call Beverly, 488-3690

**The Church is in need of a laptop or desktop computer. If you are upgrading, or
have one you don't use, please think about donating it to the Church.**



**Classes for adults, High
school and middle
school are at 9:45am.**



**Jackie Davis has moved to
assisted living at
Sonata, 9591 Yamato Road
(between 441 & Lyons).
Please give her a call
(248-660-3644) or send a card to
let her know you are thinking of her.**



Men's Group

Dates/Times and Locations are:

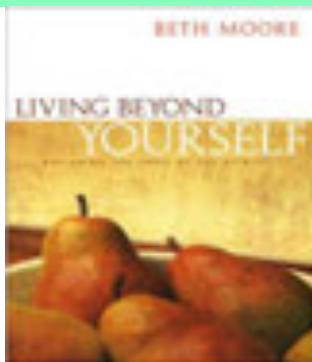
October 1st at 7PM at Chen's

October 11th at 7PM at Padrino's

October 15th at 7PM at Lindburgers

October 25 at 7PM at Steve's Wood Fired Pizza

Brian Claxton is facilitating.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at
9:45 AM, we will be continuing our study on
"Living Beyond Yourself".

Sign up in the Narthex



**Saturday, October 13th
8 AM - Noon**

Now is the time to clean out the garage and
attic and donate your gently used household
items. Donations accepted
Friday Oct. 12th , 5PM – 8 PM
Please, no used clothing.



- 2- Andrea Claxton
- 5- Ed Romeo
- 7- Jackie Davis
- 11- Addison Armstrong
- 20- Steve Straus
- 21- J. Leeds Bower
- 27- Jim Roubian
- 28- Karen Sanchez
- 29- Laurie Jenkins