

## ***A TIME FOR REFLECTION***

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Sigh. I'm a list person. They're everywhere. On my phone, on my desk, in my computer(s), on my calendar. Can't get away from them and can't ever cross everything off. Read on.

If you're a list person, eventually you have to admit that your "*to-do list*" never gets done. Go to a time management seminar and the speaker will tell you that. We nod and laugh, not because it's some brilliant new idea, but because we all know it's true. In fact, it's one of the reasons we went to the seminar!

The problem is that we're still left with unfinished business, and it stresses us out. We use a number of common metaphors to describe the experience. We say, "*There's too much on my plate.*" Or, "*I'm juggling too many things at the same time.*" Or, "*There's never enough time to get things done.*" Ultimately, we're reduced to admitting that we just can't do all the stuff on our list. Which makes us feel sub-standard. We don't like feeling sub-standard, so, if you're a husband, you blame your wife. It's the "*honey-do*" list. If you're a mother, you blame the kids (and your husband who isn't helping). If you're a student, you blame your teachers who load you up with too much work.

Eventually, if we dare, we turn our face to heaven and say, "*Give me a break already!*"

And He does.

The ancient word for it is "*Sabbath*" (Exodus 20:8 - Saturdays). A hundred years ago, we codified it into law and called it a "*day off*". Then we took it a step further and said, "*break time*", "*lunch time*" and "*overtime*". The contemporary phrase is "*me time*". And God is totally on board with the whole idea – day off, break time, lunch time, overtime, me time. He gets it because He invented it.

Maybe we should get on board. Not to be selfish. Or self-centered. Or arrogant. Or proud. Just humble enough to admit that ... **We. Can't. Do. Everything.**

Relax. Take a breath. Even God took off one day a week. Feel better yet?

# ***Welcome!***

## ***November 4, 2018***



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity In Prayer: 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Offering** – we do not receive our offering by passing the offering plates here at New Life. There is an offering box as you enter the sanctuary on the right side just inside the door. Thank you for your giving faithfulness.

**Sunday Evening Prayer** – our hour of prayer at 6:00 PM. Join us as we ask God for direction and revival.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – Romans and Kid's Club. Come and learn about the Word of God!

**Promoting Our Church** – please take a flyer on the table in the foyer and use it to promote our church. God bless our efforts!

**Upcoming Elections** – a very useful website is <https://www.myfaithvotes.org/>. Please take advantage of the resources as you plan your vote. We will be joining a live stream National Simulcast Event this evening, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM here at the church. There is a flyer posted on the entrance door with more information. A voter guide is available at <https://home.ivoterguide.com/>.

**Myanmar Christian Church** – a new Assemblies of God church among the Burmese people of the Capital Region is using our facilities on Sundays for worship. We thank God that He has given us the opportunity to aid in this Kingdom project.

They will celebrate an Awakening Conference here November 9<sup>th</sup> 5 PM, 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM all day, and 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We are invited. The services are primarily in Burmese with English translation but some of the songs are done in English. God bless you for your support.

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## SERMON NOTES

### VOTE

**TEXT:** Romans 13:1-7; Proverb in 29:2

#### I. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO VOTE – Philippians 3:20

The Kingdom of God is our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus is our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

Most people would be shocked to learn that the phrase “*separation of church and state*” appears \_\_\_\_\_ in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights.

#### II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO VOTE

- All \_\_\_\_\_ is established by God – Romans 13:1
- Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ the laws of the land – Romans 13:2-3
- God intends for government to be an agent of \_\_\_\_\_, – Romans 13:4
- We are to show \_\_\_\_\_ for government, \_\_\_\_\_ our taxes, and fulfill all responsibilities of a citizen – Romans 13:6-7

Christians should pay their taxes, but not more than the \_\_\_\_\_ obligation! 1 Timothy 2:1-4

#### III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO VOTE

We need to know as much as we can about the \_\_\_\_\_ before we vote.

God can give us the \_\_\_\_\_ if we ask Him to, so that we can choose wisely.

But most of all we need to vote the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.