



Connie Howe

Birthday 09/05/2020

Eric Bradford

Birthday 09/06/2020

George Smith

Birthday 09/07/2020

Gary and Diane Smith

Anniversary 09/08/2020

Jerry and Michele Hensley

Anniversary 09/09/2020



**Next Song practice on Zoom
09/13/2020**

Contributions

Week 1 September 2020

\$ 5,990.00

We are working on a way to do that online (who would have ever thought), but in the mean- time, those who give by check could simply mail it to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

In the beginning, this emergency

looked short term and we just thought that any and all could give it all after the emergency. Now that it looks much longer, it becomes important that we each continue to contribute weekly or monthly as we have, if we are able, because bills still have to be paid and evangelists need to continue to be supported. We will let you know when we have any better solution to the problem.

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The Divide Between Politics and Christianity



Susan Eisenhower has recently written a book about her grandfather, Dwight D. Eisenhower, entitled "[How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decisions.](#)"

Cal Thomas recently reviewed the book in [one of his columns](#) and referenced Susan's admiration for what she called Ike's pursuit of "the middle way." In the book is this quote from a letter that Eisenhower wrote to a friend in California in 1954.

"I developed a practice which, so far as I know, I have never violated. The practice is to avoid public mention of any name unless it can be done with favorable intent and connotation; reserve all criticism for the private conference; speak only good in public."

While Thomas expressed his respect and appreciation for the late President, saying he demonstrated "good character," and his method worked in the military, didn't believe his approach was successful in the political arena.

Cal writes, "There's a cliché about sports: 'It's not whether you win or lose; it's how you play the game.'"

"In politics it's about winning, and if you don't win, how you played the game won't matter."

During the [next 63 days until the November 3rd](#) until the Presidential election the game is going to get rough and tough. The players will get down in the trenches trying to deliver their best blow. There will be some really hard hits. No flags will be thrown for unsportsmanlike conduct. *Continued inside*



9/5/2020 - My mother, Agnes Kochik, had a stroke this morning and was taken to the ER in Pennsylvania. She has recovered fairly well and the hospital is continuing to run tests and observe her to determine the severity of this event. Please remember her in your prayers. [Ron Kochik]

9/4/2020 - We just heard that **Cooper Terry** has one more chemo treatment to go. He is scheduled to go into the hospital on Tuesday (8th) for his last chemo treatment. Then, Cooper is scheduled on Thursday and Friday for tests. After each day of tests, a scan will be performed. A date for the follow-up with the doctor to hear the results of the two days of tests/scans is not known at this time. Please continue to lift Cooper in your prayers.

Brothers and sisters, my mom, **Patricia Lange**, did well last week, gaining strength following her second round of chemo on Monday, August 24. After staying with her for about a week and a half, I am now back in Montgomery. I plan to travel to Texas late this week for her third round of chemo on September 14th. In other good news, testing indicated that she is negative for BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic mutations. So thankful to the Lord for her overall progress and her "negative" genetic tests! Thanks so much for any and all prayers offered on her behalf!

Most of you know Samantha's fiance, Garrison. We learned today that Garrison's younger brother, **Gavin Garrison**, has tested positive for COVID. Gavin is in his first semester at Auburn. At this time he only has fatigue and headache. He has to quarantine in his apartment.

9/01/2020 - We are saddened to inform everyone that Jess Hart's sister, **Ann Wise**, passed away this morning. Please remember Jess and his family in your prayers. Ann Wise will be buried on Saturday, September 12th at 2 pm. Grave side service only at Laurel Hill Baptist Church outside of Florala, AL.

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We're bound to hear a lot of name calling. There will be charges. And counter charges. The venom and vitriol will spew forth from both parties. People will be unfairly labeled. Positions will be assigned that the other party disavows. And does anyone believe every ad is going to be accurate? Incriminating innuendoes will abound. Truth will be sidelined. And lies will fly through the airwaves.

The challenge for Christians, especially those who feel compelled to publicly express support for their candidate, will be to live, speak and act on a higher plane. Not to hurl sarcastic insults. Not to speak contemptuously of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Not to engage in nasty-name calling. Not to post disparaging remarks about others on social media. And not to display a hostile and hateful attitude toward those with whom we disagree.

While I understand there are issues of paramount importance facing us today, and moral matters that are on the ballot, we don't get a pass from "speaking the truth in love" (Eph 4:16). No matter how serious we deem the political choices, we're not exempt from showing mercy. Demonstrating compassion. And treating others with respect.

Jesus' principle, called [the golden rule](#), applies even during elections. "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 7:12).

What if we applied these two Bible passages in all our interactions with others, including facebook posts, regarding political issues?

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32).

"Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (Col 4:5-6).

Emulating the current culture of political discourse is not conducive to our Christian influence in the world. Instead let's emulate Christ. Let's rise above the fray. Let's do better. And be better.

The world is watching us. What will they see? And what will they hear?

-Ken Weliever, The Preacherman