

Weekly Bible Reading – Week 15

Sunday Romans 6.15 – 8.11
Monday Romans 8.12 – 9.13
Tuesday Romans 9.14 – 11.10
Wednesday . . . Romans 11.11 – 12.21
Thursday Romans 13.1 – 15.6
Friday Romans 15.7 – 16.27
Saturday 1 Corinthians 1.1 – 2.16

CARRELL ARRINGTON (continuing treatments) ✦ Bryan Bailey Sr.'s father, ELWOOD GASKINS ✦ JO BYRNES ✦ JOYCE COONES ✦ SLEATHA GORE ✦ FAYE KILPATRICK ✦ SALLY SMITH ✦ GARY OGDEN (cancer) ✦ Woody Story (inoperable brain cancer) ✦ GINNY RUTTER (recuperating from knee surgery) ✦ THE BETHEA FAMILY in Perry

We Want to Welcome

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Birthdays

Susan Gregory—*Tuesday* ✦ Kaleb Watson—*Wednesday*
Andy Davis—*Saturday*

Tonight

The Old Town congregation concludes their weekend gospel meeting with bro. Buddy Payne. 7:30 PM.

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Things Above

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth..”

— Colossians 3:1-2 —

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Getting to the Work

Solomon wrote, “Better is the end of a thing than its beginning” (Ecc 7:8). Despite the truth of this statement, sometimes it’s difficult to accept. Our week with Jeff Himmel went wonderfully. He did an excellent job for us preaching various lessons that we can use in our daily walk as Christians; and he also provided essential lessons for those who might be seeking the Lord’s grace.

As we have mentioned throughout the week, Jeff’s lessons have been recorded — not for posterity as much as to be used in the work of the kingdom. These recordings can be an effective tool to use in teaching others we know the truth of God’s word. CDs and cassette tapes of specific lessons can be shared with someone we know who might need that lesson. In giving them a copy of a particular lesson we can even add a personal note letting them know *why* we’re sharing that lesson with them. When they understand we’re interested in their *souls*, they’ll be more apt to ask us “a reason for the hope that is in” us (1 Pet 3:15). You can also download an MP3 file from our website — www.chieflandchurchofchrist.com — and go to the audio page.



Welcome, Mr. President

By Kent Heaton

Election Day has passed and the nation has elected a new president. Every four years our country is subjected to the grueling process of selecting a candidate to fill the job of President. He now takes the reign of leadership for this country. A great deal of people will be disappointed in the selection; more will be pleased. Save the coming of the Lord the sun will rise upon a new day and life will go on. Life is funny that way. When the year 2000 heralded the coming of a new millennium, people thought the world was going to come to an end. During this political year many believed that with the election of the president the country would disintegrate into a whirlpool of chaos. Life goes on.

After the flood the Lord proclaimed, “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22). The circle of life goes on regardless of the political, economic or social upheavals of our time. This election will change the country as much as any election. At the days end man still has the same needs. The view one has of the President, his view of himself, and his view of God will determine what life will be like.

Peter commanded through the Holy Spirit to “fear God and honor the king” (1 Peter 2:17). Rome did not have elections like we do so the king under consideration (probably Nero) was not the most wholesome person to have in power. However, because governmental authority is established by God (Romans 13:1ff) then we have an obligation to be subject to the king; or President as in our case. The wise man wrote, “Fear the Lord and the king” (Proverbs 24:21).

Peter wrote in the context the manner of life of the Christian should be a model for others to follow. “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men — as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God” (1 Peter 2:11–16).

Whether we like the one elected President or not we are to be subject to them. People of God do not revile and bring accusation against those in authority (2 Peter 2:10–11; Romans 13:1–7). “Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor” (Romans 13:7). Jesus taught the same lesson in Matthew 22:21.

The election of a President does not change our obligation to serve the true and living God. Peter proclaimed this truth in Acts 5:29 — “We ought to obey God rather than men.” We are to offer up “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior” (1 Timothy 2:1–3). This is what is important in life. Welcome, Mr. President. All our prayers are with you. God bless America.

