

Pastors' Declaration of Godly Citizenship

I believe that the revealed source of all truth, personal and corporate morality and justice is the **Holy Bible; inerrant, infallible and inspired by God.**

I believe that **all authorities are subordinate to God**, including family, church and government authorities, therefore the actions and decisions of each will be accountable to Him.

I believe that the primary agent for transforming personal lives, society and culture is a **clear presentation and acceptance of the hope found exclusively in a relationship with Jesus Christ.**

I believe that Jesus' prayer to the Father for **oneness within the body** is an absolute necessity for us to endeavor to fulfill, transcending all racial, cultural and ethnic barriers in order to receive His on-going presence and guidance.

I believe that the church has a unique and sacred role in **proclaiming God's principles** to leaders of a city, state and nation, with **government limited to its Biblical and Constitutional purpose.**

I believe that all **innocent life** from conception to natural death must be protected and valued by the people and our government to the fullest extent of the law as the highest priority of government.

I believe that **marriage is a God-created relationship as the lifetime union of one natural man and one natural woman** for the blessing of both, the good of the people and the foundation of the family for legitimate procreation.

I believe that the **traditional, nuclear family of a married father and mother raising their children** in a nurturing and protective environment is the essential building block of a stable community and a nation; it therefore must be promoted and protected by both church and state.

I believe that **equal justice** based on God's eternal standards - not the "will of the majority" - to punish evil and protect the innocent regardless of color, gender or creed is fundamental to legitimate government. Punishment should be based on restitution, restoration and commensurate with the crime; protection should be based on the equal value of every person.

Accordingly, I commit my role as Senior Pastor to lead my congregation by training them in these principles to apply them in their homes, workplaces and in choosing elected leaders at all levels; and finally to stand with all other pastors in my community who join me in this declaration.

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Name _____

Title _____

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