

From the Pastor's Desk

October 19, 2020

Greetings Morning Star Baptist Church Family and Friends:

Voting in this year's presidential election has already started. You can vote absentee until October 31, 2020. Voting is not merely your civic duty; it is your divine responsibility! As of the writing this letter, we are quickly approaching 10,000 people having voted absentee in Harrison County alone this year. That exceeds all of the absentee votes cast in the 2016 election.

Many people have suffered, bled, and died so that "we as a people" can let our voices be heard through the ballot. Let your voice be heard in this election year and in all elections.

Romans 13:1-2 says, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, **whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.**" Thus, civic engagement and responsibility are not merely rights conferred by man upon man, but they are commands of God for the orderly existence of humanity and civil society. When you willingly fail to participate in the governing processes, you "resist (or reject) the authority" and "ordinance of God." The result of such neglect of your duty and failure in the exercise of godly responsibility is that you bring judgment on yourselves. Surely the last four years is proof of that.

If you choose not to vote absentee remember that the least day to vote is **November 3, 2020. Regardless when you, I simply ask that you cast your vote in this year's presidential election. The future of this Country depends on you.**

Let your voice be heard. Cast your vote. Make a difference. God bless you and please continue to take good care of yourself by wearing your masks and do the will of God by VOTING!

The Resurrection is Truth,

Pastor John H. Whitfield

STAY HOME! SAVE LIVES!
Remain Faithful and not Foolish

STAY home as much as you can.

KEEP a safe distance

WASH hands often

COVER your cough

SICK? Call ahead

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6 Bible Verses to Get You Through the Pandemic

1. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." - Psalm 46:1-2
2. "For we live by faith, not by sight." – 2 Corinthians 5
3. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27
4. "The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." - Psalm 29:11
5. "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." - Matthew 6:34
6. "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." - Romans 13:1



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