

## Pastoral Notes

'Casting Your Lot'- Acts 1: 21, 23-26.

By the time this is published we will know who our 45<sup>th</sup> President will be. Whether or not the candidate of your choosing wins the election, if you sought God for insight and Cast Your Lot (voted), God will be pleased and you can have peace. Every life and every vote matters.

Every four years we get to participate in a presidential electoral process where claims

and cast our lot. What a shame it is to be too busy, lazy or crazy to vote.

Early church believers cast their vote to replace the Apostle Judas. They knew the importance of picking someone who would uphold the 'nissi' (banner) of the church. They earnestly prayed asking God to reveal the hearts of the candidates. We too, should pray before every election, to seek the wisdom from on high.

God is the ultimate governing authority in all the earth, but allows people to

### Key Sermonic Points:

1. *Before you vote, Pray*
2. *Ask God to reveal the hearts of the candidates*
3. *Be part of the solution or you're part of the problem*

are made by candidates who tell us they can make our lives better. The truth is no one man or woman can transform the economy or society without divine intervention from God. In my role as pastor of CTC, I must respect the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment view of a separation of church and state and cannot tell you how to vote. I can and do, however, encourage you to vote.

People have marched through the sweltering heat of hate and polarizing pain of prejudice, so that we can simply drive to polling place

serve as leaders. The bible teaches us to respect and honor our elected leaders because God is holding them to a high standard and they are accountable to him. We should teach and encourage our youth about voting when they become of age. For if they don't become part of the solution to our ills, then they become part of the problem.

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Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- All of the new church believers were registered and voted
- There has never been a perfect President and there never will be.
- Don't vote for parties, vote for the people. Ultimately it is the people who will determine the outcome.
- God disdains 'lukewarm' people, neither can he stand 'fence-sitters'. Make up your mind to be on the Lord's side.
- Even though there is a separation of Church and State, know that our God is in charge of both the Church and the State.
- On election day, get up, get washed, get dressed, get out and VOTE.