

Sick and Tired

So, both political parties are finished with their conventions and do you know what the result is? **59% of Americans are sick and tired of the election and it still is 99 days away!** Anyone here in that 59%? Politics is divisive. While we believe that Christians should vote we also believe it is not our place to tell you how to vote. While our country will be divided in the weeks to come into various factions, segments and groups, our focus is to be united around one thing, our vision.

State your vision or mission statement. (If you don't have a vision statement read Matthew 28:18-20.) You know what? You can be a Democrat a Republican, an Independent or nothing at all and be on board with our vision statement. It is why we exist. It is our focus, the lens by which everything here is evaluated. It is our rallying cry our reason for existing.

While we have political opinions our main focus is upon being the kind of church God has called us to be. We recognize the importance of Christians being in the political arena to bring salt and light to that process. Yet we also recognize that no government can do what God has called the Church to do. If our hope is in Washington or even our favorite candidate we are in trouble! The hope of the world does not lie in a political process, party or person but in Jesus Christ. Locally, here in, **Your City**, God has placed us to be His hands and feet. All that we do is to accomplish this.

This is why every week we take up an offering. We never apologize when we pass the plate. We don't tell guest they don't have to give. We try to show you how giving here helps share the love of Christ, locally and around the world.

It is estimated that spending on the current campaign by all persons and parties will be at least \$5 billion dollars! Much of that will be spend on television ads that most of us will quickly change the channel on. All that money might get a candidate elected but it will not impact the soul of one person like your gift today will. We don't have Super Pacs here. We don't have high rollers or Wall Street money. We just have people like you who are sick and tired of the impact of sin and desire to see real life change!

So give today to help us fulfill the mission God has given us, **restate vision or mission statement.**