

St. Andrew's (JKP) Monthly Newsletter
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Edification: Quietness is nice, isn't it? It seems the older we get the more we appreciate and strive to secure simple quietness. Quietness isn't easy to find in our culture though. With I-Pads and I-Pods and 24 hour news cycles quietness seems a relic of a bygone era. The atmosphere of the current election cycle is anything but quiet. Actually, the disquiet in our culture has been brewing for some time. If you recall the election cycle of 2006 was called "historic" because of sweeping changes in both federal houses. The presidential election of 2008 was called "historic" because the 1st black (and anti-American) President was elected. Now we're being told once again that the upcoming elections will be "historic". The predictions are of Nostradamus-like proportions. *The republicans will take the House...the republicans will take the Senate...the republicans will take the House AND Senate!* It just may be. If this does come to pass we will have lived through the complete overhaul of our national and state governments twice within a span of about 5 years. All of this without one drop of blood being shed. This is truly remarkable! What other nation can make such a claim? What other nation can endure such "revolutions" from within and yet remain unified (*relatively speaking*)? Why is it that this nation can do so? What makes this nation so unique and uncommon? Is it Multi-Culturalism...Hollywood activism...open borders??? No. It is the biblical ethic of Law and Liberty that undergirds the founding of this nation that makes it so. There is stability because of the solid foundation that once was laid. But this begs the question – how long can this continue? These major sweeps back and forth point to a growing unrest, a disquietedness that seems to have no real resolution. If the government does change hands on November 2nd will that usher in a time of quiet rest and security, or will this nagging unrest and disquiet simply change hands once again?

Events/Information: Obviously the big event is the November elections. It is not merely a civic duty to vote it is a Christian duty as well. Parents if your kids are old enough to vote encourage them to do so. If not, plant the seeds now that will compel them later on.

"I believe it is every man's religious duty to get all he can honestly and to give all he can." — JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR. (1839-1937), AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST AND PHILANTHROPIST

Encourage: In Job 34:29 Elihu remarks; *"When He gives quietness, who then can make trouble. And when He hides His face, who then can see Him, whether it is against a nation or a man alone?"* One thing we learn here is the sad reality that quietness is not the norm. Due to the fall, ongoing sin and the curse of God the quietness for which we long isn't readily had. Quietness is a gift that God gives at His own discretion. This is true of "man alone" as well as every "nation". So we really shouldn't expect much of it until the day we leave this cursed earth. We go to the polls not expecting to usher in a new era of peace and rest and quietness. Leave that pipe-dream to the "Hope and Change" crowd. We don't expect our rest and quietness here and now. As Pastor Miranda warned us a few weeks ago as the end of all things draws closer our Enemy, who roars like a lion will get louder and louder. He'll seek to drown out the call of the gospel and the call to holiness. He'll seek to distract us with the deafening clamor of godlessness all around. He knows disquiet is upsetting and troubling to us, as Elihu said. But underneath it all we have a quiet that cannot be troubled. We witness it and partake of it every Lord's Day. The broken body and shed blood of Christ – that is our quietness. If our consciences have been made quiet by the forgiveness of our sins let the Enemy roar his loudest. His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure! Come November 3rd our sins will still be forgiven us, regardless of the outcome of the elections. And in God's good time our souls will be made quiet amidst the clamor. Who then can trouble?