

Bethel Church Members Putting Faith Into Action, Gain Political Power

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The Bible demonstrates that God can use people in a variety of ways to affect change in the world.

He established Esther, a Jew, as queen to a Persian king and used her position to save the Jewish people.

Paul was a Pharisee with deep knowledge of the Law but was also a Roman citizen. He was granted access and rights that the other disciples did not have during his missions trips across the ancient world.

In modern-day America, Christians are needed in positions of authority and influence more than ever.

With a society that is increasingly secular and anti-God in its behavior, Christians do not have the luxury of sitting on the sidelines expecting things to “just get better.”

Living up to the Word in James 2:14-26, members of Bethel Church in Redding, California, have stepped up to the plate and said, “here I am Lord, send me!”

As the election cycle was still being finalized at the end of November, results showed that there would be a majority of Bethel Church members elected to the Redding City Council.

First-time candidate Tenessa Audette and second-time candidate Jack Munns were elected to two of the three vacant seats on the council this past election cycle.

Audette told television station KRCR that she was “super

humbled” with her election and looks to bring honesty and a fact-based approach to the council.

When asked what her goals were, she replied, “Transparency, communication.”

“The fact is, we may not all agree on the decision to be made, but we should all agree on the facts... there are very set rules that the state of California puts out for us, and we can debate how we’re going to get through them, but we can’t argue that they exist. And so, I do think it’s important to give people the benefit of the doubt; they want to understand, and I’m here to make sure that they do.”

Munns was elated at being elected after his second campaign for the council, saying his two main goals while being on the council are to tackle crime and homelessness in Redding.

“I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to serve this community. I knocked on hundreds of doors and found we have a community that is passionate about two main issues. To no one’s surprise they are homelessness and crime, by far. So, I will focus on many things, but primarily crime and homelessness. I also hope to look for ways for our kids to have more meaningful activities.”

These victories go hand-in-hand with Bethel Church’s Lead Pastor Bill Johnson’s vision for the church. Leaders like Johnson believe that Christians can bring change and revival to America by turning out for elections and electing leaders who hold to biblical morals and the freedoms on which the United States was founded. {eoa}

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