

How Do Christians Vote with Biblical Values?

Leesburg, VA – In a sermon Sunday, Pastor Gary Hamrick of Cornerstone Chapel urged Christians to rise above political apathy and vote with unwavering adherence to biblical values. Addressing the congregation and live-stream audience, Pastor Hamrick sought to send a warning and a challenge beyond his northern Virginia church.

Hamrick's annual election sermons, which attracts viewers worldwide and generate upwards of a million views online, reflect his influence within the Christian community.

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In the sermon, Hamrick highlighted statistics that show out of approximately 90 million Christians in the United States, 40 million are expected to stay home on Election Day, and 15 million are not even registered to vote. He attributes this apathy to a misplaced focus on candidates' personalities rather than their policies and principles. Furthermore, he pointed to a broader issue within the church: many churches have become silent on critical social and political issues, leaving their congregations without guidance on how to navigate these complex times.

"The stakes are too high for us to ignore," Pastor Hamrick said. "Voting is not just a privilege; it's a duty. It's our responsibility to be good stewards of the freedom and values we've been entrusted with." He drew parallels to biblical stewardship, referencing the parable of the two servants to emphasize that just as the master entrusted his possessions to his servants, so too has God entrusted Christians with the privilege of living in a free country and participating in its

governance.

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Hamrick condemned the cultural narrative that frames moral and social issues as purely political and criticized the trend of churches retreating from addressing these issues from the pulpit, which he believes contributes to widespread confusion and inaction among Christians. "Churches have gone silent on these crucial matters," he said. "It's time for pastors to step up and guide their flocks with biblical clarity and courage."

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