

Pastors Around the Country Warn of 'Jude' Situation as False Teachers Rise

Christians around the nation know the importance of the midterm elections on Nov. 6. Many also realize the country was granted a window of reprieve—and that window may be closing.

Pennsylvania Pastors Network (PPN,) leaders, President Sam Rohrer and Executive Director Gary Dull, have called for a National Day of Prayer for the Elections on Oct. 30. They, along with co-host Dave Kistler, made the call last week on APN's popular daily radio program, "Stand in the Gap Today," which airs on 425 stations.

"After this announcement was made on the radio program," Dull said, "many people called in to voice their support and say they would also be on their knees for the outcome of these elections. Personally, I am burdened about this, particularly since we've heard of evangelical pastors who are traveling to 30 cities in 10 states to tell Christians to vote Democrat," Dull said. "This is a very serious matter for our nation. I truly am praying God will use the American Pastors Network and 'Stand in the Gap Today' to make an impact.

"Too many Christians could be deceived into voting the wrong way biblically," Dull added. "This is a Jude situation developing right in front of us—false teachers entering into our midst. As believers in Christ, we are compelled in the Scripture to pray for our nation, our government and those who are in authority according to 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Prayer truly enables us to see the work of God, and the more earnestly and specifically we pray, the more we will see God at work. The upcoming midterm elections may truly be the most serious midterms in America's history, which is why all concerned

believers across America should unite in serious prayer that God will put into office those who will stand for biblical principles in all of their governance.”

At stake specifically, say the pastors network leaders, are many biblical principles, including but not limited to the following, which may also guide Christians’ prayers:

- Pro-life issues and the protection of the unborn.
- Freedom to practice faith.
- Selecting conservative and constitutional justices to the federal court system.
- A solid and protected national border.
- Support of the nation of Israel.
- Legal immigration.
- Pastors being free to preach the whole counsel of God without governmental threat.
- Having people in office who believe, understand and support the Judeo-Christian ethic upon which America was founded.
- A sound economy.
- Strong national defense.
- Integrity in government.
- A biblically sound approach to LGBTQ issues.
- Protecting the expression of God in the public square.
- Constitutional values with a strong emphasis on the Bill of Rights.

Listen to the “Stand in the Gap Today” program segment when the prayer day was discussed here.

Dull pastors Faith Baptist Church of Altoona, Pennsylvania, which will host a special prayer service at 7 p.m. Oct. 30. Dull is also encouraging other pastors to hold similar services in their churches, reserving the 7 o’clock hour to do so, with the hope that God will convict believers on the significance of voting.

“There is certainly a necessity to emphasize prayer for the election, while at the same time, emphasizing the need for spiritual awakening for the Church at large,” Rohrer said. “Exactly one week before Election Day will help focus and calibrate people’s thinking and energy—and we pray they will put that energy into going to the Lord on behalf of our country.”

The Pennsylvania Pastors Network, a state chapter of the American Pastors Network (APN,) is a group of biblically faithful clergy and church liaisons whose objective is to build a permanent infrastructure of like-minded clergy who affirm the authority of Scripture, take seriously Jesus’ command to be the “salt and light” to the culture, encourage informed Christian thinking about contemporary social issues, examine public policy issues without politicizing their pulpits and engage their congregations to take part in the political process on a non-partisan basis.