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WHY YOUR CHURCH SHOULD PRIORITIZE MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS AND SENDING MEMBERS TO SERVE (PART 3)

By Gregg Boll, Executive Director of Missions

If you missed part 2 you can read it here:

<https://blueriver-kansascity.org/gospel-outreach/part-2/>

3. Developing a culture of mission partnerships and sending members on mission from your Jerusalem (community) to the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 1:8) increases both the health and reach of your church. The healthiest churches, of whatever size, are those who selflessly send their members to further the gospel. I've seen a spiritual principle proven true time after time, both individually and in the church: you can't outgive God. Generous, mission-minded sending churches are always growing churches; if there is an exception to that rule, I don't know of any. In every church I have ever pastored, there was always someone who would criticize our gospel partnerships that were beyond our own community.....



WHY I'M VOTING "YES" ON AMENDMENT THREE

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I want to say a few words about the upcoming election and specifically Amendment 3. I think, as pastors, we are afraid of offending people, so we often say nothing about biblical and moral issues that are being decided by elections. We are afraid of being too political. Or, maybe you view all politics and political activity as so corrupt and tainted that you believe the more spiritual position to take is disengagement from all things political. Let me share with you why I believe this is not the most spiritual position. Every issue of life that eventually makes it into an amendment or election was a moral/spiritual issue long before it became a political one. Whether life is sacred from conception to the grave is a biblical issue. Whether God created people with only two genders is a spiritual issue. As Josh Howerton so eloquently says, "Politics affects policy and policy affects people and people matter to God, so I will always speak out about biblical issues that intersect with politics and policy." Even our own Baptist Faith and Message 2000 encourages political engagement in the important issues of the day. I encourage you to read it in its entirety, but here are a few excerpts from Article 15. "All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ....."

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MTD Budget - \$38,657.63

MTD Actual Income - \$31,752.58

MTD Actual Expenses - \$29,334.50

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