

Election Comments – 5-17-26

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This weekend marks the 250th anniversary of a decision made by the Second Continental Congress, way back in 1776. Our country was in the middle of a war for independence, fear ran high, and division was rampant.

So, less than two months before they declared independence on July 4th, the delegates designated May 17th as “a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer.” Prayer for God’s provision and protection.

In light of that, the US Senate commemorated the same, and the White House designated today “A National Jubilee of Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving.” A full day to rededicate ourselves and our nation to the Lord, and remember the biblical principles on which it was founded. Thank God for that.

And the timing couldn’t be better. We have a Primary election coming up in Iowa, and it’s exceedingly important. Because no matter who’s elected, it will bring the biggest change in a generation to our state government. And possibly the biggest change in our state’s 160-year history.

First of all, we’re choosing a new Governor. And when that happens, an entire new administration is appointed. All 17 Directors of the state agencies – from Agriculture and Education to Health and Human Services – will all be replaced. Plus, all the members of 180 statewide boards and commissions. They’re all appointed by the Governor.

And if a *liberal* governor is elected, a Democrat, the various leaders at the *next* level of each agency will be replaced. That’s another 8 directors in the Department of Education alone. And along *with* them, a massive amount of policy would change.

Like the administration of Educational Savings Accounts. ESA’s. So vital to helping parents send their kids to schools like ours. The Governor and Department of Education can’t change the law, but they sure can make it difficult to abide by it. And try to push private education to the periphery.

On the legislative front, 50% of all senators and representatives in the state of Iowa will turn over this year. Some due to retirement and others due to new endeavors. Plus, we’re going to elect a new *US* Senator to Washington DC. Where the conservative margin is razor thin.

All that to say, this election is huge, and your vote matters. Especially in the Primary.

Typically, in a General Election, about 1.6M people vote in Iowa. But in a Primary, it’s only about 350K. And that’s split between two parties.

Which means about 175,000 people in each party are going to determine who’s on the ballot for the entire state, come November. Our vote matters.

And as believers, we ought to choose the party and candidates who most reflect the principles of God’s Word, and have the best chance of winning in November.

So please, consult the resources we’ve assembled, get registered if you’re not already, and vote.

Prayer – Father, help us. Maintain and even extend the conservative Governorship and Legislature in our state. And our nation too. Protect life; and biblical morals. Marriage; and biblical principles. Fiscal responsibility; and law and order. Religious liberty; and our national defense. Enable us to live quiet, godly lives; and build your church.