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**Last day to register to vote is
TOMORROW, October 5th!!!**

**YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE
2020**

**Early Voting:
October 14 - October 29
26 locations throughout
Shelby County!!!**



Morality cannot be legislated

"Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In an address, on December 18, 1963 at Western Michigan University, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said:

Now the other myth that gets around is the idea that legislation cannot really solve the problem and that it has no great role to play in this period of social change because you've got to change the heart and you can't change the heart through legislation. You can't legis-

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late morals. The job must be done through education and religion. Well, there's half-truth involved here. Certainly, if the problem is to be solved then in the final sense, hearts must be changed. Religion and education must play a great role in changing the heart. But we must go on to say that while it may be true that **morality cannot be legislated, behavior can be regulated. It may be true that the law cannot change the heart but it can restrain the heartless.** It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me but it can keep him from lynching me and I think that is pretty important, also. So there is a need for executive orders. There is a need for judicial decrees. There is a need for civil rights legislation on the local scale within states and on the national scale from the federal government.

For transcript of this event, please visit <https://libguides.wmich.edu/mlkatwmu/speech>

The Biblical Case Against 'Legislating Morality'

A Summary:

For the entire article please visit, <https://relevantmagazine.com/faith/growth/the-biblical-case-against-legislating-morality/>

DOES LEGISLATING MORALITY ACTUALLY CHANGE PEOPLE?

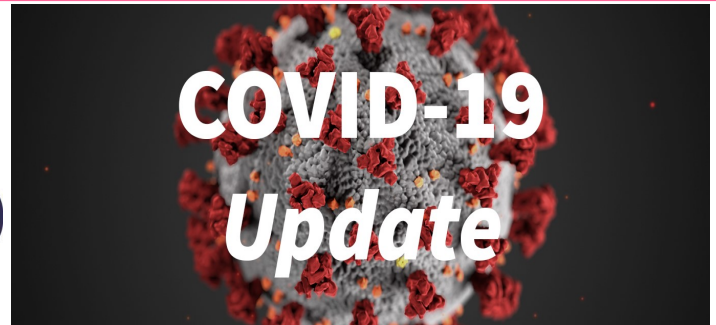
- + Legislating morality just makes people look as if they have changed.
- + The Bible teaches that holiness (morality) is something that Jesus works in our lives from the **inside out**, not the other way around (**Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:21-24**).
- + God **doesn't** look at the outward appearance but at the heart. (**1 Samuel 16:7**)

JESUS WORKS AND LEGISLATING MORALITY

- + Jesus rejected political influence when He was on this earth because that is not His chosen method to further The Kingdom in this world.
- + Jesus taught us to preach the gospel to every person in the power of the Holy Spirit and teach believers to obey the things commanded.
- + As Christ followers, we should be less concerned with whether our faith has the most influence on legislation and more concerned about walking in our calling to be witnesses of Jesus in this world through the power of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**).
- + Christians do not have the right to live completely separated from people who don't share the beliefs and practices of their faith. That right has been afforded by American law but greater than that it has been afforded by **GOD** because **HE** gives all humans free will and calls them to follow Him by choice, **not force**. (**Acts 17:30-31**).
- + If Jesus interacted with people who didn't yet believe in Him and follow His commands, then we, as Christians, should interact with people who don't yet share the beliefs and practices of our faith.
- + We are Christ's representatives and should lovingly and graciously speak the truth of **HIS** message *and* have meaningful relationships with people as we do it.

Jesus has a better way than legislating morality— it's the power of GOD for salvation for all who believe!!!





Flu Vaccine Available at Public Health Clinics October 5, 2020

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – On Monday, October 5, the Shelby County Health Department will begin offering influenza vaccine at the Immunization Clinic at 814 Jefferson and at all six public health clinics located around Shelby County. The vaccine is available on a sliding fee scale based on income—many pay no upfront cost.

Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever this year, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It is possible to get the flu and COVID-19 at the same time, and that may increase the risk of severe illness. The flu shot will not protect you against COVID-19, but it is the best protection we have against seasonal influenza.

Vaccination against the influenza virus is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months. Everyone is at risk, especially during influenza season, which usually runs from October to May each year, with the most cases in our region usually reported in February.

Certain groups of people are especially vulnerable to influenza and are strongly advised to get the vaccine:

- **Children younger than 5 years of age**—especially those younger than 2 years old—are at high risk of serious flu-related complications. The flu vaccine can protect them from the flu virus and prevent them from spreading it to others.
- **Women who are currently pregnant or plan to become pregnant during the flu season** are at increased risk of flu complications and should get the vaccine.
- **Caregivers of children age 5 and younger and household contacts and caregivers of adults** with medical conditions that put them at increased risk.

The flu vaccine is especially recommended for people with

certain health conditions including:

- Chronic lung diseases, including asthma
- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression due to medication or illness
- Obesity

Getting a flu shot also helps protect those in our community who can't get the vaccination, such as babies under 6 months of age and people with a severe allergy to the vaccine.

The flu vaccine will be available at all Shelby County Health Department clinics listed below starting on Monday, October 5, 2020, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at most locations. Note: the Collierville clinic is only open on Tuesday and Thursday. No appointment is necessary at any of these public health clinics.

For more information about influenza and the flu vaccine, call 901-222-9000.

Cawthon Public Health Clinic

1000 Haynes, 38114

Collierville Public Health Clinic

(Tuesday and Thursday Only,
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
167 Washington St., 38017

Hickory Hill Public Health Clinic

6590 Kirby Center Cove,
38118

Immunization Clinic

814 Jefferson, Rm. 216, 38105

Millington Public Health Clinic

8225 Highway 51 North,
38053

Southland Mall Public Health Clinic

1287 Southland Mall, 38116

Sycamore View Public Health Clinic

1826 Sycamore View Road,
38134

October 2020



SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
Birthdays Holidays SJC Events (via GoToMeeting)				1	2	3 Emma Trass
4 Sunday Services	5	6 Prayer Mtg/Bible Study	7	8 Teacher's Mtg/ Sunday School Les- son	9	10
11 Sunday Services	12 Gregory Ervin	13 Prayer Mtg/Bible Study	14 Faye Williams	15 Teacher's Mtg/ Sunday School Les- son	16	17
18 Sunday Services	19	20 Prayer Mtg/Bible Study	21	22 Teacher's Mtg/ Sunday School Les- son	23 Christina Ailsworth Dr. Deborah L. Day	24 Q.T. Timin
25 Sunday Services	26 Joshua Gossett	27 Prayer Mtg/Bible Study	28	29	30	31



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 Back To School
 Chrysanthemum
 Cornucopia
 Falling Leaves
 Haystacks
 Leaf Piles
 Pecan Pie
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 September
 Turkey

Apple Pie
 Blackberries
 Colorful Leaves
 Cranberries
 Fog
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 Moon
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 Rain
 Spooky
 Walnuts

Apples
 Black Cats
 Cool Weather
 Cranberry Sauce
 Halloween
 Jack o Lantern
 November
 Pumpkin Patch
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 Squash
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Autumn
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 Harvest
 Kite Flying
 Nuts
 Pumpkin Pie
 Scarecrows
 Thanksgiving
 Yams

Autumnal Equinox
 Chestnuts
 Corn Fields
 Fall
 Harvest Moon
 Kites
 October
 Pumpkins
 Season
 Trick or Treat

EVERYONE COUNTS!

in Shelby County, TN

CENSUS 2020



Did you know, Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. constitution requires that a population and housing count occur every 10 years.

Did you know, the census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790.

directing billions of dollars to schools, roads, and the number of seats

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently accepting responses for the 2020 census on Sept. 30, a month before the official deadline. Online, or by mail, you can still respond.

Have you counted yet?

If not and you are being included, call the Church Office and let Mrs. Vanessa Gray know. Aleasa Rankin will assist in getting you counted in any way you are comfortable with. For those with internet access, please visit: <https://my2020census.gov/>.

New Deadline—October 31, 2020



Planning the Budget

IT'S THAT TIME, AGAIN!!!

Yes, Budget Time at St. John; i.e. time to budget for 2021.

Committee Chairs and Organization Presidents, a 2021 Budget Request form has been included in this Newsletter. Please complete and return by Wednesday, October 14, 2020, via email to aleasar1908@gmail.com or US mail to the Church Office at the attention of the Budget Committee.

Thanks,

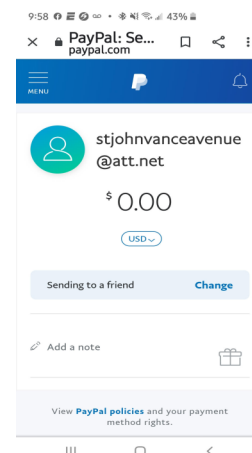
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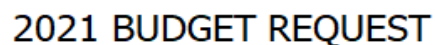
WARNING:

SJC MEMBERS CONTINUE TO PAY PAYPAL FEES!!!!

To Stop paying fees, use your personal PayPal account and the "Send money to a Friend" option. Using your personal account insures SJC gets 100% of your donation and you are credited for 100%!!!



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Organization's Name:

Chairman:

Requested Budget Amount:

Instructions:

Complete (1) form per committee. This form is designed to estimate and request monies for the 2021 Budget year.

NOTE:

Although the economic forecast shows some growth next year, all requested funds are not guaranteed, the budget committee will review each request based on the the availability of projected funds.

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COMMENTS:

Will your budgeted funds be expended by year-end? If not, why?

Is this request an increase or decrease over the previous year's request? Why?