



### *Sanctuary*

It doesn't feel like a very safe time in the world today. More and more nuclear arm treaties are being breached. Military strikes and retaliation attempts appear to be escalating. Defensive measures around the globe and at home seem to be "the word of the day". This election campaign coming up in November could end up being one of the more emotionally and controversially charged in our history. Before we get to that, and all the hubbub which goes along with it, let's ask a simple question, "***Does it really matter who will ultimately take office?***" ***Will it really matter at the end of the day which party controls Congress?*** Please understand, I am not saying we should not vote. It is our civic responsibility, just like paying taxes. (Mt 22:21) We should support whoever is in office to be good citizens and to honor God as Christians. (1 Pet 2:17) All these things are noble and of "good report" when it comes to demonstrating our loyalty to God as the Father by obeying ALL of His blest commands. (1 Jn 5:3) What I am suggesting is NOT depending solely on who is in office, nor depending on the world's climate when it comes down to making decisions in the spiritual realm. God has always desired for us to seek Him first... and actually through the middle and at the end as well. ☺ (Ex 6:7) God is our SANCTUARY and no one can ever supply our need but Him. Isaiah 8:14, "*He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*" It does not matter if some or all reject the God of Heaven, He ALONE can save and make pathways straight. (Pro 12:28) ***A sanctuary is a place of refuge, peace and holiness.*** The comfort which God affords is immeasurable and sure. Sometimes we may forget this simple pleasure. Sometimes we might seek out false hope which will not save, (Psa 20:7) But if the present affairs of men bother you, and they should, seek strength in your time of need from the only one which can supply needed comfort and safe harbor through ALL difficult periods. (Acts 27:31)

In Christ, Amen.

*Please maintain prayer for our sick and afflicted...thank you*

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" James 5:16

- **Roger Starkey** (Allen) cancer and surgery
- **Allen Starkey** physical health issues
- **Pam Brodus** (Donna) mourning and personal issues
- **Chantel** (Carolyn Ropp) health issues (surgery recovery)
- **Ronnie Workman**-COPD complications
- **Donna Brown**-personal issues and mourning
- **Carolyn Carbone**-health issues and family
- **Kelly Fitzgerald**-health, living issues and faith
- **Tony Rankin**-preaching school
- **Joan Cohn** (Karen) stage 4 cancer, prayer
- **Cindy Kontz** (Phil and Carolyn) cancer treatment
- **Patrick Eagles** (Gabe) paralyzed from fall
- **Andrew Meadows** (Gabe) paralyzed from fall
- **Ernest and Charlotte Shaw** Lymphoma and back
- **James Graham** (Donna) numbness in foot
- **Michael Scott** (Ginny) Christian growth
- **Rhonda Royer** (Michael) heart issues
- **Ruth Green** vocal cord surgery January 13
- **Ron Rackley** (Gabe) in hospital
- **Mary Katherine** (Deborah) cancer
- **Lisa Kohl** (Shanika) mourning
- **Shanika McCloud** back issues
- **Greene Family** mourning
- **Harrison Family** mourning
- **Andy Evans** knee replacement surgery
- **Dean Family** mourning
- **Pat Patterson** COPD complications

***Please email me if I have forgotten anyone...thanks***