

Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

WELCOME

Week of November 3, 2024 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

There will be a **Household Shower** gift table set up in the front vestibule for the newlyweds - Stephen & Erica Hill

Wednesday, Mid-Week Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday: Natalie Burnett (Oct. 28th)
Sam Williams, Jr. (Oct. 29th)

It wouldn't be fall without smoke and haze,
The hills all bare and the trees ablaze;
The cricket's song and the dry hot sod
And wheat fields bordered with goldenrod.



It wouldn't be fall without laden boughs
And the warm sweet fragrance of open mows,
Cluttered shocks and the smell of grain,
Rich like the perfume after the rain.

It wouldn't be fall without frost at night,
And the birds all ready to make their flight,
Chattering around in the garden bare,
Filling with song the golden air.



It wouldn't be fall without sodden leaves
And the drip of rain in the wooden eaves;
Purple asters to nod and fold,
Wide old gardens and fields of gold.

The feel in your veins of changing things,
The sound in the night of hurrying wings,
Scarlet vines on the garden wall;
Without all these...it wouldn't be fall!

Edna Jaques

Tuesday is Election Day - November 5, 2024
We have a duty to vote for the achievable option that best preserves God's purpose for government.



Voting: Privilege and Responsibility

Whenever there is competition, whether in sports, business, society in general, or in politics, unchristian attitudes can surface quickly in unguarded moments. Strong convictions are especially likely to cause conflict around elections, whether national or local.

Evidently this tendency is not a recent one, for in 1774 John Wesley gave this sound advice: "I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them,

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy,
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against.
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

In order to vote according to these principles, we must prepare our hearts and minds with prayer for our own attitudes as well as the outcome of the election. Here is such a prayer from the heart of an anonymous Christian:

"Dear Lord, Give us men and women this day who will rise above personal prejudice and political ambition to guide us in these crucial times. Give us officials who know the difference between right and wrong, who can see the real issues in the haze of imaginary ones. Give us men and women of God in high places who know that you rule over all, that any authority they have is delegated by you alone and carries with it great responsibility both to their constituents and to God. Give us those who know they don't know all the answers to the staggering problems of the human family, those who are humble and sensible enough to pray for your guidance. In Jesus' name, Amen."

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). ~ **K.E. Horsley**