

The Most Important Election of Our Lifetime

By Franklin Graham

In just a few weeks our nation will select a man or woman who will become the 45th president of the United States of America. Whomever we elect will take the helm of a nation that has grown increasingly hostile and intolerant of the very foundation and principles upon which it was so nobly founded – the Christian faith and Biblical values.

That’s why I believe this election is the most significant since Abraham Lincoln was chosen to guide a divided country through a bloody and protracted civil war.

For if the forces of evil that are allied against the free exercise of our faith succeed – and they have done severe damage already – then I have no doubt that the nation we love will devolve into moral anarchy more quickly than we can imagine....

Same-sex marriage zealots have launched an all-out war on traditional marriage, which is defined in Scripture – and virtually every civilization in history – as a union between one man and one woman. Human sexuality itself is being completely redefined by elite sexual revolutionaries who seek to impose their warped views on society, resulting in fierce battles over such things as transgender bathrooms – supported by none other than the president himself.

The same anti-Christian forces are seeking to strip funding from Christian colleges to keep them from educating students with a Biblical worldview. Business owners across the nation have been forced to close their doors because they refused to

participate in same-sex ceremonies due to their religious faith.

The skirmishes over moral standards have turned into pitched battles over the last decade and now have become an all-out war on religious liberty. Think of the moral degeneration that has transpired under our current president who has helped lead the fight to promote ungodly sexual behavior while failing to protect basic religious liberties.

What if that depraved trajectory continues over the next few decades? Can you imagine what our great nation, whose foundation was laid by a moral and religious people, will look like?...

That’s why we must take pains to examine where the candidates for our nation’s highest elected office stand on the critical issues that face our troubled nation....

Note: Read the full text of Franklin’s Graham’s article in the September issue of *Decision* magazine at <http://billygraham.org/decision-magazine/september-2016/>.

These and other contemporary social and political issues are discussed in depth in our current Areopagus seminar on cultural apologetics, “**How Shall We Now Live? The Challenges and Opportunities of Living in ‘Post-Christian’ America.**”

The Areopagus Calendar

Fall Seminars

How Should We NOW Live?

The Challenges and Opportunities of Living in ‘Post-Christian’ America

A seminar in cultural apologetics that focuses on the current state of American culture and how Christians can live faithfully and responsibly in a society that is increasingly hostile toward Christian beliefs and values.

Tuesdays, Aug. 16 - Nov. 15
7:00 PM

Perimeter Church
Uptown Auditorium

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Wednesdays, Jan. 17 - Nov. 16
7:00 PM

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
Room 108

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Christianity Thru the Centuries: Medieval Christianity And the Crusades

An ongoing study by Dr. Jeffrey Breshears that explores the major people, issues, and events in Christian history.

This course includes the dissenting church in the Middle Ages, the life and works of Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi, the causes and legacy of the Crusades, and many other topics.

Sundays – 11:15 AM
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
Room 270





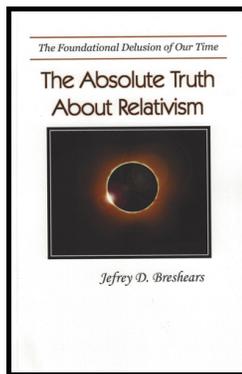
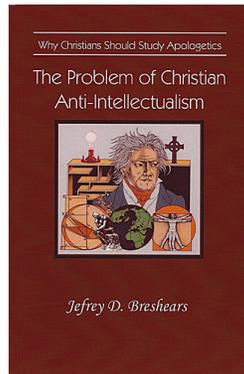
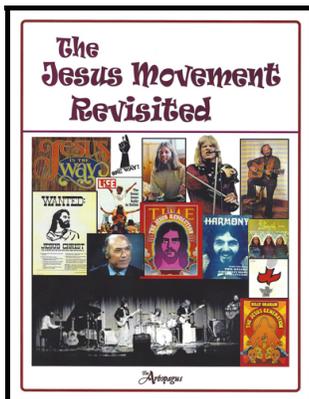
Many Christians have embarked upon a 40-day period of prayer and fasting for our nation from September 30th to the November 8th elections. If you haven't considered this, it's not too late to begin.

Fasting can include anything from skipping a meal once a day to total abstinence when it comes to eating for a designated period in order to devote one's time and energy to systematic and focused prayer, reflection and meditation.

However, the principle of fasting encompasses more than just consuming food. Christians use it as a form of spiritual discipline to moderate habits or fixations that might interfere with their spiritual life or to help break cycles of dependency or addiction.

Therefore, one might "fast" for a period of time when it comes to watching TV (either TV in general or certain programs in particular), listening to music (either in general or a certain kind of music in particular), engaging in Internet social networking, reading certain kinds of literature, abstaining from sexual activity, or anything else in one's life that needs to be disciplined in order to convert that time and energy into prayer for America's future.

New (and Revised) Areopagus Publications



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Fall Forums

The Future of Religious Freedom in America

Travis Barham

Legal council for the Alliance Defending Freedom



How the ADF is fighting to preserve religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and traditional marriage and family values

Thursday, October 20th
7:30 PM

Perimeter Church / Fellowship Hall

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Reflections on the Election: Where Do We Go From Here?

Dr. Jefrey Breshears

Founder and president, The Areopagus



A challenge to Christians to be informed and engaged in the great issues of our day

Thursday, November 17th
7:30 PM

Perimeter Church / Fellowship Hall

Suggested donation for Areopagus Forums:
\$5 students / \$10 adults / \$15 couples