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It's time to fall backwards!

Daylight Savings

Time ends this Sunday morning

November 4th at 2 AM. Before going to bed this Saturday night move your clocks forward one hour, you don't want to be late for an exciting day at ClearView.

Dear ClearView Member,

I want to share a couple of things with you by way of an announcement and an update.

First, an announcement. As you are aware, Tuesday, November 6 is a very important day in the life of our country. It is election day. We will go to the polls (if you haven't already voted early) to exercise a right many have given their lives over our history to make possible. Many are saying this is the most important election in their lifetime. There is no question this is a significant vote. Certainly we should all vote. But we can do more.

Romans 13:1 tells us there is no authority except that which comes from God and those that exist are instituted from God. With that in mind, we can and we must pray. No matter which candidates you vote for as you go to the polls, you can pray for the election, the hearts of the American people, and for each candidate.

On Monday, November 5, many will be fasting and praying for America. I can think of no better way to spend the day before a national election. We will have the Chapel at ClearView open for prayer for this purpose Monday, November 5 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. I hope you will come in during these hours to pray for our country and this election. Please enter through the main entrance on the south end of the building. This is the entrance closest to the preschool area.

Second, an update. Some of you have asked about filling the position vacated with the resignation of John Duval a couple of months ago. A search has been underway for the person we believe God would have to fill a key position on our staff. We have had recommendations and interest from across the country. I expect the Personnel Committee will be bringing a recommendation to the entire church in the near future. Please pray as the committee and I seek God's will in this very important role.

I will see you Sunday as we finish our series on Perseverance: Faithful to the Finish. This series has been something of a medicine for my soul and I trust it has been for you as well.

Pastor Mark

- **ClearView Baptist Church** <pastor@clearview.org>

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- 12/13/12 at 10:45 AM

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Dear ClearView member,

I wanted to drop you a note to make you aware of where we are financially as we close out 2012. The Finance Office and the Finance Committee watch our trends month by month and quarter by quarter as the year progresses. With great consistency they can see about where we will end each year by the third quarter of each year.

As we approached September of this year, the church was giving on a trend to finish the year at about \$3.7 million for the year. The staff had made adjustments in July to work within this amount. As we looked at our ministry plan (budget) for 2013, we built the plan to match this amount (\$3.7 million). We felt good as we wrapped up the budget to provide information to you, the church.

However, the second half of September, October, November, and the first couple of weeks of December have been very weak giving months. To what do we attribute this downturn in giving? A couple of things may be contributing factors. The national election coupled with the threat of a "fiscal cliff", the announcement made September 9 regarding some financial indiscretion on the part of a staff member, and the large giving to One Great Day are probably all contributing factors.

The staff is controlling costs. Adjustments are already being made to the 2013 budget. Some of these adjustments will impact personnel. We are continuing to look at places we can control more expenses. We have been able to put some funds aside in reserve over the past couple of years. If we finish the year on the trend line of the past few months, we will have depleted much of that reserve.

I would ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do to help finish this year strong. If you can do more, I am asking you to give more. If for some reason, these past few months you have not given, I am asking that you would consider doing so as we finish out this year.

Pastor Mark