Clarus ’27 - Church and State

What is the church’s responsibility in the public square? What authority has God given the state? How should Christians think about political power, religious liberty, natural law, secularism, citizenship, and the common good? And how do we engage the political world without allowing politics to become an idol?

In a time of deep political division, Christians need more than political instincts or partisan talking points. We need a biblical framework for understanding the relationship between Christ, his church, civil government, and our responsibilities as citizens. Clarus ’27, Church and State, will help us think carefully about these questions and consider what faithful Christian engagement in public life looks like.

Over this conference, we will consider the distinct missions and responsibilities of the church and the state, the foundations of civil government and natural law, the place of religious liberty, the challenge of secularism, and the Christian’s calling to engage the public square. We will seek to recover the historic Christian conviction that Christ is Lord over all while also recognizing the distinct responsibilities God has given to different spheres of authority.

This year, we will welcome three outstanding speakers to help us think through these important questions—Dr. Albert Mohler, Dr. Jonathan Leeman, and Dr. Andrew Walker. Please join us for a conference that aims not to tell us which political tribe to join, but to challenge all of us to think more biblically, faithfully, and carefully about church, state, and citizenship.

Cost: $50 per person (group rate). Sign up at the Connection Center by Sunday, **December 6**. **Payment is due at the time of sign-up.**

If you have questions about your spiritual walk or how to know how you can be saved, baptized, or join Mountain Valley Church as a partner, we would always love the opportunity to connect with you. Just stop by the Connection Center at any time and set up a meeting with one of our pastors.

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Thank you for taking the time to worship with us at Mountain Valley Church! Like many areas of life, we know that we are all at different points along the journey in our walk with Christ. Our goal is to help people, no matter their location, become passionate followers of Jesus. This help will differ for each person, but ultimately, there is no greater help than pointing you to Jesus.

Gathering

We believe the greatest way we can help each person is to gather together around Jesus Christ. This gathering comes through responding to the Word of God and renewal from the Word of God and His people. It is with great gladness and gravity that we pursue the greatness of our great God.

Scattering

Though we are all at different locations on the journey, we believe that gathering as a body is not about consumption, but growth. We gather together to be edified so that no matter our location, we can scatter for the name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Prepare: Text to read for Sunday, **November 8**
- Matthew 7:21-23

Announcements

MVCkids: Volunteer Potluck Luncheon & Meeting

If you are a MVCkids volunteer during the Sunday service, please join us for a potluck luncheon & meeting on Sunday, **November 8**th, following the Worship Service.

Operation Christmas Child

It's your opportunity to fill a shoebox, or boxes, with gifts for children worldwide who may have never received a gift. At the same time they open your gift, they hear the good news of Jesus Christ and His free gift of salvation. Operation Christmas Child boxes are available at the Connection Center. The last week to bring your box(es) is Sunday, **November 8**th. Thank you for your help and prayers on this project! If you have any questions, call Dan or Dawn Young at 505.281.6642.

Pick up your box today at the Connection Center!

!!Please Note!!

The blue seat covers are reserved for the family and friends of those in wheelchairs or those who need assistance. Please do not add a chair in the empty space.

Tuesday Café Night

The next Café Night is on Tuesday, **November 10**th at 5:30 pm. Come, relax, and enjoy a great meal and fellowship together.

Hosted by: the Dowd's Life Group

Menu: sloppy joes, chips, baked beans, cakes & cookies *Note: gluten-free, corn-free & sugar-free options are available.

Our Café Nights are also an excellent opportunity to invite others from our community. Bring a friend, coworker, or family member—there's no cost for the meal, just food ready and waiting for you.

MVCstudents: Friendsgiving Spark

Good food, great friends, and a whole lot to be thankful for! Join us for a special Friendsgiving Spark on Sunday, **November 15**th at 5:30 pm! Parents and siblings of MVCstudents are also invited!

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share, and come ready for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. *Please remember that all dishes must be completely nut-free, including all ingredients.*

Promersberger House: 25 Taft Road, Sandia Park

Partnership Essentials Class (PT101)

At MVC, we take partnership seriously and hope that you do too. If you do not have a church home, we pray that our Partnership Essentials class helps answer some of your questions. The class covers our statement of faith (what we believe), our covenant, our history as a church, how it has been informed by church history, the expectations and roles of a partner, and our service opportunities.

For more information, contact Bill@MountainValley.org.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, you can easily share it with us using the Connection Card, through our website, or right in the MVC app– just look at the bottom of the front screen.

East Mountain Food Pantry

The East Mountain Food Pantry provides for the hunger needs of families living in the East Mountains of Albuquerque. Over 600 families throughout the East Mountains request their help each year, and the number of families needing help continues to rise. To continue helping serve those in our community, the EMFP needs food donations. You can place your donations on the table in the back corner of the foyer. We hope you will join us in making a difference in our community.

