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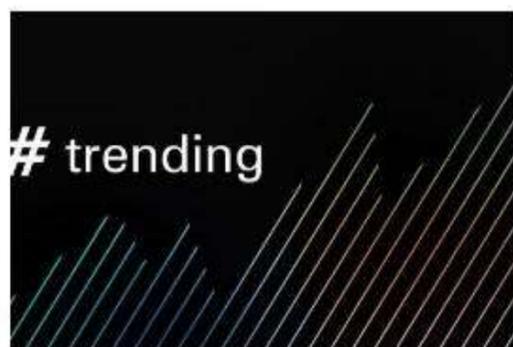
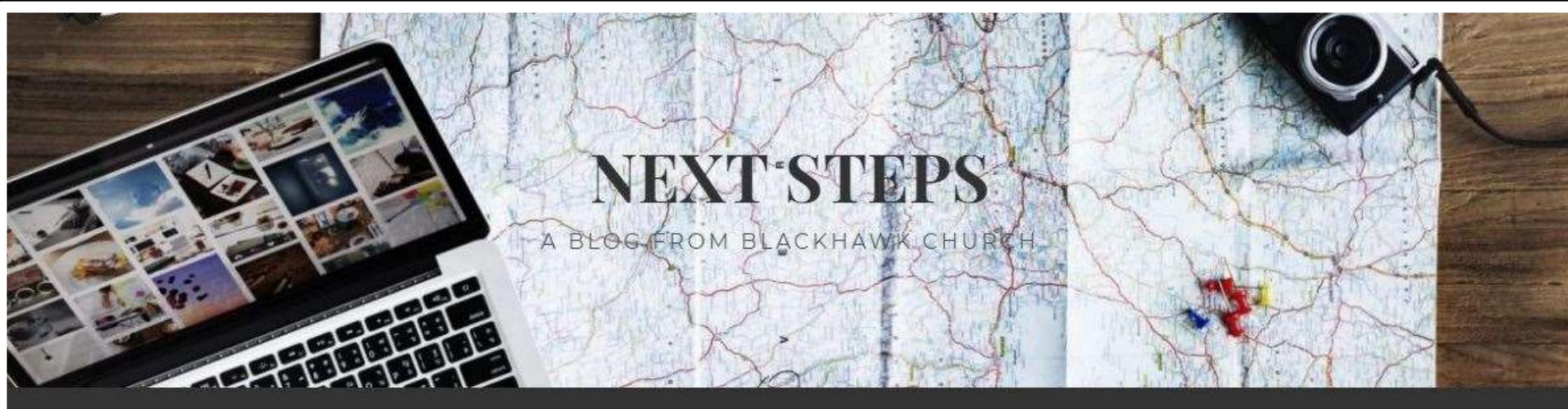
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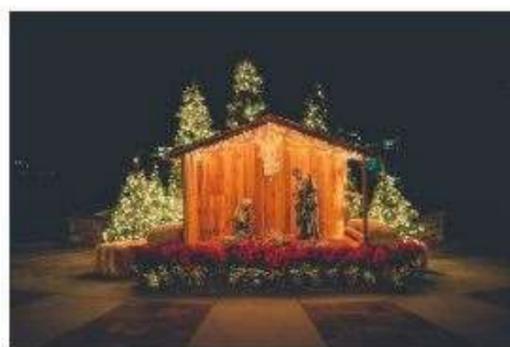
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Series Introduction:
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DECEMBER 23, 2018

The Love of Advent



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The Joy of Advent



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The Peace of Advent

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We all agree that....

1. ...We should love our neighbor as ourselves.

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**'

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:36-40

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus,
“And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ...

Luke 10:29-37

³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ...

Luke 10:29-37

'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "**The one who had mercy on him.**"

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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2. ...We are all sinful people.

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

“In the institution of government, it must be remembered that, although reason ought always to govern individuals, it certainly never did since the Fall, and never will til the Millennium; and human nature must be taken as it is, as it has been, and will be.”

President John Adams: A Defense of the Constitutions of
Government of the United States of America

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3. ...We don't know how Jesus would vote.

Hi Chris,

Just wondered how would Jesus vote or is that a fair question since He is God and can change the Kings mind as a course of a river. (A bible verse I believe). I was visiting near you Sunday after service and another friend walked up and said how he was not feeling comfortable being an evangelical regarding the current President. He told me that he had just had a short discussion with you about this...I am not asking who to vote for I already voted but does Jesus have a favorite candidate?

HOW WOULD JESUS VOTE?

Do Your Political Positions *Really* Align with the Bible?

Darrell L. Bock



"In an era of cable TV shouting matches and social media wars,
we are in desperate need of Dr. Bock's sound wisdom."

—**Russell Moore**, president, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Southern Baptist Convention

“Even though the book’s title is How Would Jesus Vote? I need to make the point that we don’t even know if Jesus would vote. His life on this earth did not exactly intersect with politics at all-except that he told his disciples to pay taxes...I also should make the point that I certainly don’t presume to know how Jesus would vote if he did step into a voting booth. But we can know the principles he taught that relate to how we are to interact with others.”

Darrell L. Bock, How Would Jesus Vote?

Commitments of the Early Church:

- Multiethnicity and equality between the races
- Strong concern for the poor
- Forgiveness and non-retaliation
- Prohibition of abortion and infanticide
- Prohibition against sex outside the marriage of a man and woman

Credit: Larry Hurtado

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2. ...We are all sinful people.
3. ...We don't know how Jesus would vote.
4. ...We should help our communities flourish.

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:7

Our refusal to take positions on political issues and candidates is not because we are trying to avoid moral issues about which the Bible speaks. Our goal will always be to teach what the Bible says about principles of morality and justice. However, applying those principles in a fallen world often involves compromises and political trade-offs about which reasonable Christ-followers can differ.

Elder Board of Blackhawk Church – Summer, 2008

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“In general, then, the church should produce individual Christians – “the church scattered” – who engage in political action, but the institutional “gathered” church and its leaders should not be aligned with particular political parties and leaders.”

Daniel Strange

Political parties will offer Christian churches, organizations, and leaders heady access to power, support, favors, and protections. All this can be theirs if they support the whole political agenda and look the other way on matters to which Christians ought to object. The spiritual danger here is very great.

Tim Keller

Rules of Engagement

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3. Listen, Listen, Listen.

“Help me understand why you feel that way.”

Gregg Bergman

The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Proverbs 15:28

To answer before listening—
that is folly and shame.

Proverbs 18:13

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3. Listen, Listen, Listen.
4. Choose your words carefully.

With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors,
but through knowledge the righteous escape. (11:9)

Whoever derides their neighbor has no sense,
but the one who has understanding holds their tongue. (11:12)

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (12:18)

The LORD detests lying lips,
but he delights in people who are trustworthy. (12:22)

Whoever is patient has great understanding,
but one who is quick-tempered displays folly. (14:29)

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger. (15:1)

A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict,
but the one who is patient calms a quarrel. (15:18)

The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint,
and whoever has understanding is even-tempered. (17:27)