

Engage Your Church.

Change Your Community.

Where do you go to church? The people sitting in the pews, when they are informed, and take action, can be some of the *greatest influencers for your community that the world has ever known*. Why not? We believe in the God Who moves mountains, makes the deaf hear and the blind see. We believe that He has put you and me *on this earth for such a time as this*. And we also believe that *nothing (nothing!)* is too big for Him.

So what is the hold up from the people in your church making a difference in their community?

- **They need encouragement:** yes, one person can make a difference.
- **They need information:** what is happening in the community, where do they go to find out?
- **They need ideas for action:** What are simple things they can do to make a difference?
- **They need an invitation:** They need to be invited to attend a community gathering with you, or to help with a particular service, so that they can ease their way into being a world changer.

WHERE TO START?

1. **Honor your pastor and church leadership:** before you take anything to your congregation, submit information, the vision, or opportunities to your pastor. Oftentimes your pastor will celebrate the opportunity to have a point person (like you!) provide resources to the congregation but they just don't know where to start. They too have many cares and concerns on their plates.
2. **Start with something simple:** see if the Pastor and leadership, should they bless your efforts, would allow you to put a simple "call to pray" for our government leaders in the bulletin. Or invite people to contact you if they are interested in getting involved.
3. **Host a gathering:** Provide simple ways that people can start to work together to get to know your elected leaders, or serve the community. Join a Township Team. Be a Precinct Delegate. Host a Prayer Gathering. Go together to a City Council meeting. Contact the food bank or the pregnancy resource center and see how you can partner with them to make sure their needs are met.
4. **Use materials and resources that have already been created. See list below.**

ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPLORE AND TRUST:

Citizens for Traditional Values (Michigan based) www.ctvmichigan.com

- Learn about their *Pews to the Polls* program
- Download their *Church Liaison Packet*

Alliance Defending Freedom (National) www.adf.org

- This is a great place to get resources on religious liberties
- Explore their materials for what churches can and cannot do (i.e. did you know that you can host voter registration in your church? It's true!)

Black Robe Regiment (National) - www.danfisherbr.com & www.nationalblackroberegiment.com

- Learn about the Black Robe Regiment

Contact jxnpatriots@gmail.com if you want to get your church more involved and we can help!