

Letter of Endorsement for the Biblical Citizenship in Modern America Course

Dear Fellow Pastor,

I am writing this letter to encourage you to consider hosting the Biblical Citizenship in Modern America course. My name is Bob Franklin. I pastored churches for 4 decades before retiring from full time pastoral ministry. I approached the pastoral staff at First Baptist Church Plant City and discussed the possibility of offering the course to the church and community. The answer was, "Yes!" Our first session was March 30, 2021. We had over 100 people enroll for the class.

Here are a few responses from those who attended the course at FBC Plant City:

"What a blessing the Biblical Citizen Class has been for me!!! Learned so much & better understand our constitution. Praise God for our founding fathers and Christian foundation the constitution was based on!!!!"

"It became very clear to me how Christian principles are the foundation of our country's government."

"In this dark world we live in, we should be Salt & Light to those we come in contact with daily. What better way to share the Love of Christ in our community to let them see the relationship between GOD & Country."

"Our country was founded on Christian principles. If you believe these principles are being ignored today, wait till you see session 1 and discover these principles have indeed been ignored and hidden for years."

"I would absolutely recommend Biblical Citizenship for any church that wants to stay open and be FREE to speak Truth with integrity. I have learned that the framers were not only reverent toward God, but they intricately wove the constitution from both Christian experiences and the Word of God. Thomas Jefferson attending church in the Capitol building, George Washington being interrupted kneeling in prayer on more than one occasion and Ben Franklin insisting that they begin their meetings with prayer in order to gain understanding of and articulate our American Constitution are all examples true spiritual grit. I want to learn more."

The class has undergirded and strengthened my own conviction that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and a fundamental belief in God. The Declaration of Independence makes this clear: Paragraph one speaks of the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." The second paragraph opens with: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men were created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. –That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..." The United States Constitution is the "Government...instituted among Men," referenced in the Declaration of Independence. Just as a church without the Word of God is empty, so is America without the Constitution of The United States.

The Biblical Citizenship in Modern America course is excellent! Please take the time to review the promotional materials and consider hosting the course.

Sincerely,
Bob Franklin