



## THE MANDATE

Believers are instructed to submit to and honor government leaders (Romans 13:1-7), and as a matter of first importance, they are to pray for their salvation (1 Timothy 2:1-4). With the Bible as our foundation and authority, Capitol Commission is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ within the Capitol communities of the world.

Our mandate is not to reform society through political influence or legislation, but to be a vehicle of God in transforming the hearts and lives of elected officials with the gospel (Matt 28:18-20). We will faithfully pursue the fulfillment of our mandate as we:

- *Evangelize those who have not experienced a personal relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Establish those who desire to grow in their faith and their knowledge of Scripture*
- *Equip those called to spiritual leadership*
- *Encourage churches to participate with us in ministry*



## THE METHOD

Each State Director teaches weekly verse-by-verse Bible studies for legislators, lobbyists and staff members. These Bible studies are hand-distributed to each legislative office, e-mailed and made available throughout the Capitol community. With events such as Pastors' Commission at the Capitol, legislators' prayer breakfasts and election-eve prayer walks, churches are offered many opportunities to minister to their elected officials.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to God (John 14:6), and it is His Word that we are committed to faithfully teach and apply. The love of God compels us to proclaim the truth of the gospel with a heartfelt concern for our elected officials, and it is our desire to build meaningful relationships that bear fruit for an eternity.



### *Reaching the Capitol Community*



**...FOR CHRIST**

“We must proclaim a message that is nothing less than the direct intervention of God in our world... We have a message that can do what politics can't.”

**DR. ERWIN LUTZER**  
*Senior Pastor of The Moody Church,  
Chicago, Illinois*



“Capitol Commission has made the political arena its mission field. Setting aside politics for the sake of the gospel, I believe the Lord will use this ministry to touch the hearts of so many in our Statehouse.”

SENATOR KYLE MCCARTER - ILLINOIS

In a matter of ten years Illinois has traversed from a commendable surplus to an unprecedented deficit. As one party blames the other and candidates propose silver-bullet solutions, the present course of our state is unsustainable.

Charting a new course will not be easy, and it places our leaders under a tremendous burden where time is against them. While we hope they rise to the challenge and govern well, let us not neglect our duty to pray for them (1 Timothy 2:1-4). All need wisdom in the days ahead, and a great many need salvation. It is our prayer that the Lord would use the trials of 2011 to soften the hearts of our elected officials and draw many to Himself.

Often it seems daunting to pray for political leaders—does it really matter? Yes. This is our Father’s world, and He certainly has not abandoned it. May we be faithful in prayer, hoping that our great God would accomplish the impossible as His Word is taught in our Statehouse.

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“I have regularly attended Shaun’s studies for the past two years, and in our times together I keep learning more about the Bible. Being away from my family while under pressure as a legislator makes me all the more thankful for these times. I am glad Capitol Commission exists in our Statehouse—this ministry means so much to me.”

REPRESENTATIVE LINDA CHAPA-LAVIA  
- ILLINOIS -