



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!

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We are excited to begin "The 1<sup>st</sup> regular session of the 121<sup>st</sup> South Carolina General Assembly. Please know that Capitol Commission exist to serve and minister to you. We are a National organization with State Directors / Ministers in 24 of our state capitols.

Capitol Commission, in partnership with the church, is committed to making disciples of The Lord Jesus and promoting the Biblical mandate to pray for those in authority in the Capitol communities throughout the United States and around the world.

I have been ministering in South Carolina for 12 years. Since being in the capitol we have studied various book of the New Testament. Currently, we are in the book of First Thessalonians, looking at "Leadership During Difficult Days". If you have not recognized it yet, you will encounter days of difficulties in which you will need directions in the decisions you adjudicate; not to mention encouragement from one another. How will you respond and what will be the outcome of you character?

A story is told of a wise grandmother to her granddaughter...

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they got soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it.

After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked. "What's the point, grandmother?"

Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity--boiling water--but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter.

"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff?

Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

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### BIBLE STUDIES

LEGISLATORS: WEDNESDAY AT 8:30AM, BLATT BUILDING ROOM 317

STAFF: MONDAYS AT 12:00 NOON, BLATT BUILDING ROOM 317

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Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level?

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We want to encourage you in your appointment to the SC Legislative body. You are not here by your own wisdom and cunning trickery. However, you are here by direct divine appointment; for such a time as this!

## **GOD'S PROVIDENTIALLY INSTALLS OUR LEADERS**

*Daniel 2:21 "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding."*

*Romans 13:1 "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God."*

*Proverbs 8:15 "By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice."*

*Daniel 4:17 "This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers And the decision is a command of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, And bestows it on whom He wishes And sets over it the lowliest of men."*

*John 19:11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."*

Our ministry model is...

**EVANGELIZING** those who have not yet experienced a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:16)

**ESTABLISHING** those who have a desire to grow in their faith and in their knowledge of the Scriptures. (Colossians 2:6-7)

**EQUIPPING** those who have been called to spiritual leadership. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

**ENCOURAGING** the Church to participate in the process with us. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**ENLISTING** individuals, businesses, and churches to become strategic prayer and financial partners. (2 Corinthians 8:3-6)

**ENGAGING** those who desire to participate in the ministry by offering their time and talents. (Matthew 25:20)

**ENTREATING** God to bless all facets of the ministry as we look to Him for wisdom, guidance and ways to bring Him glory. (1 Chronicles 4:10)

**ENJOYING** the opportunity to witness God move in miraculous ways. (Psalm 37:4-6)

I trust as we interact with one another the Lord will allow us to strengthen each other as we all serve in the Capitol Community.

If I can serve you in any way please know that this would be my greatest delight.