



KFRW Newsletter

January 2025

President's Message

I hope each of you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and you got some well-deserved rest as we gear up for a New Year—2025!! I am sure you are just as thankful to have President Trump going back to D.C. to serve his second term along with some great choices for his cabinet and in other key positions! *I know I am!*

At our final event of 2024 on **Monday, December 9**, everyone enjoyed a very lively gathering of 28 KFRW members and a few guests for our **Annual KFRW Christmas Party**, hosted by **Tracy and Dusty Boyce**. The potluck dinner supplied by all was amazing and we all left well fed and jolly!

I spoke with **Sam Gonzalez**, owner of **The Social** in early December about opening up on Monday, **January 20th** (they are closed Mondays!) for the Inauguration of **President Donald Trump**; he said “YES” and is as excited as I am, as he too is a “Trump fan”. That Monday is also the observed holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. so most of us who work will have that day off. The Social will open up at 11 am and be fully operational to serve lunch to us and others who join us in watching this historic ceremony and continue our celebration of a Donald J. Trump win. **Janis Morrow** will post the announcement on [our Facebook Page](#), so please share with other Trump supporters.

The Volunteer Hours & Calls for July - Dec. 2024 **are now due, by Jan. 5**. See page 2 for info. If you have any questions, please ask me. Please don't make us hunt you down to get them...



Our Annual Meeting is **Monday, January 27, 2025**, when we kick off 2025, so please make plans now to attend. The KFRW Officers for 2025-2026 remain **Lynn Stafford President, Annaliese Mincy V.P. Programs & Public Relations, Lynn Wojciechowski V.P. Membership, Janis Morrow Secretary, and Tracy Boyce**

Treasurer, all will restate their oaths and primary members will approve the 2025 budget. We will share tidbits from the KFRW Planning Retreat, and have committee sign-ups and reports as we look ahead to 2025. This year too will be our 4th Biennial American Valor Dinner, honoring our local veterans.

We welcome your active participation in 2025—and look forward to what all we all can accomplish this next year. *What role, or roles, will you undertake to help KFRW become even more successful and well known in Jefferson County?*

Happy New Year to each of you!

Lynn S.

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Membership Update

We welcome two new associate members, **Jim McNally** and **Walt Sherman, Jacquie's** husband as of Dec. 14th, congratulations!!

2025 Membership Dues are now past due. Still awaiting payments for several, and a few we haven't heard from yet. If not already, please let us know your intentions, either way!

Reminder!



If you do plan to remain a member of KFRW, please mail your dues payment to the PO Box or drop off at **Tracy Boyce's** home (520 E. Dogwood St) or **Lynn Stafford's** home (295 Hickory St) ASAP. *Thanks!!*

Annual dues each calendar year: Primary Members \$50 and Associate Members \$25.

For ladies, the 1st/3rd Wednesday lunches and 2nd/4th Thursday dinners are a great way to introduce potential primary members to KFRW.

***"Each One Bring One
and Watch Us Grow in 2025"***

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

Trump Merchandise is now a Collector's Item. Only a few items remain.



Pictures of items available (*limited quantities*) to purchase & sell to your family & friends on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

[Cowboy & fedora hats](#), [visors & baseball caps](#), [card cases & reading glasses](#) & [Trump golf balls & shot glasses](#), [bumper stickers](#), [magnets](#), [buttons](#), [flags](#), [bracelets](#), [brooches](#), [earrings](#), [scarf holders](#), [watches](#), [lapel pins](#), [ties & tie bar](#), & [tile & paracord bracelets](#).

Contact Lynn Stafford to obtain items, to answer any questions, or offer suggestions. ■

KFRW Committee Updates

For committee info and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW [website](#), and reach out to the committee chair.

Note: If you take photos at events, *please forward via text or email to Annaliese & Lynn S. ASAP.* ☺

The expectation is all members will help at club events, as available, when called upon by the committees.

Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours – As a reminder, please tally your hours for July 1 – December 31, 2024 and email or drop off your Volunteer Hours Log form to **Lynn S. no later than January 5th**. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#), including the [Volunteer Hour Log form](#). Questions? Please contact **Lynn S.** or **Beth Young**, Chair

Campaign – We've changed the name of this committee to the **Elections Committee** and **Janis Morrow** will be the initial chair.

Community Outreach – **Gretchen Wallace** has paused the 2025 KFRW Essay Contest for now due to the tragic death of her husband, **Larry**. Please continue to pray for **Gretchen** during this difficult time. Current plans are for a service at the Tallahassee National Cemetery in February.

Events & Fundraising – I will have some of the remaining Trump merchandise at the Jan. 20th Inauguration Watch Party, now collector items! ~**Lynn Stafford**, Chair.

Legislative – House and Senate committee meetings will run through February 17, 2025. The 2025 Florida Legislative Regular Session begins March 4, 2025. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair



**MAKE THE MOST
OUT OF YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JOIN A
COMMITTEE**

Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets

Correction, the November basket raised \$89.

If you have items to contribute for a themed basket, please bring to a meeting.

All 2025 baskets have been adopted, thank you!

January - "Winter Is Snow Much Fun!" Janis Morrow

Winter Theme

February - "Green, I See Green Again!"

St. Patrick's Day or Green Theme **Shanna Boutwell**

March - "Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!" Kay Clement

Spring / Easter Theme

April - "Right here. Right now." Carol Miller

Locally Made and Homegrown Theme

May - "Watermelon Lovers! Where Y'all At?"

Watermelon Theme **Lynn Stafford**

June - "Bold Stripes, Bright Stars, and Brave Hearts"

Patriotic Theme (Red, white, blue items) **Dotty McPherson**

July - "In Chocolate We Trust"

Chocolate Lovers Basket **June Campbell/Amy Hill**

August - "My, My, What a Surprise!" Diana Mulhearn

Basket Theme is up to the adopter

September - "Oh My Gourd I Love Fall"

Fall Theme **Debbie Snapp/Anna Horton**

October - "Land That I Love" Annaliese Mincy

Patriotic / Veteran's Theme

November - "Christmas Cheer is Finally Here!"

Christmas Theme **Catherine McNeill**



January Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 1/2 Ernie Morrow
- 1/4 Lynn McGrady
- 1/9 Karen Knox



Calendar of Events



Volunteer Hours Due

January 5
Email or Drop Off to Lynn Stafford



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 5:30pm
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



Monday, January 20

**M.L. King Jr. Birthday Observed
Presidential Inauguration Day**

Inauguration Watch Party at The Social
Special opening at 11 am, Stay for Lunch



KFRW Membership Meeting



Monday, January 27
Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St



Study: Christian Voters Responsible for Trump Victory

Below is the beginning of a report by **Dr. George Barna**, Director of the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, released November 13, 2024, based on a survey conducted during the three days immediately after the election, involved extensive interviews with a national sample of 2,000 voting-age adults, followed by several sections of the report, due to space. The full report can be found [here](#), which I encourage you to read it in its entirety, very insightful and informative.

Post-election reports attribute the landslide victory of Donald Trump to various population segments, most notably young adults and Hispanics. Realistically, those groups were helpful but hardly indispensable to the Trump triumph.

The one segment that has gotten virtually no attention from the media are Christians. Simply put, among self-identified Christians, President Trump won a 56% share of their vote. And because Christians represented 72% of the voters who turned out, their support for the re-elected Republican made the difference in the race.

In comparison, among people of other faiths or no faith, Vice President Harris was preferred with 60% of the non-Christian vote. Although Harris won a larger share of the non-Christian vote than Trump's share of the Christian votes, Christians outnumbered non-Christian voters by more than a five-to-two margin—delivering the decisive Nov. 5 victory to President Trump.

Trump Was Heavily Preferred Among Christians

Trump was a heavy favorite among most of the three dozen Christian segments studied by the Cultural Research Center survey. The former president received a landslide 56% to 43% margin of victory among all self-identified Christians.

Among the approximately 75 million votes Trump garnered in the election, more than three-quarters of them—78%—came from the Christian community.

Reasons for Not Voting

Despite close to \$2 billion being spent on the presidential race alone, and months of frenzied media coverage of the Biden, Harris, Kennedy, and Trump candidacies, close to one-half of the voting-age population (45%) chose not to bother voting. Both parties as well as candidates in all states and at all levels of government engaged in extensive get-out-the-vote campaigns (GOTV).

Why did so many Americans voluntarily abdicate their opportunity to shape the government and, through it, their own future? The survey found that the most common reason was lethargy: one out of five voting-age, self-identified Christians (20%) said they had intended to vote but simply forgot or never got around to it. There was a similar level of neglect among non-Christian adults, as one-sixth of them gave the same reason.

Several alternative explanations were given by 12% to 15% of self-identified Christians who were of voting age. Those included believing their single one vote would not make a difference; disliking all of the major candidates; not knowing enough about the candidates to choose one; believing the election results would be rigged; and lacking sufficient interest in politics and elections.

A deeper dive into the religious subgroups provides a few surprises. Theologically-defined evangelicals, a group widely deemed to be politically active and informed—and sometimes chastised for the intensity of their political engagement—were twice as likely as other religious segments to explain the decision to not vote as driven by a lack of interest in government and elections (22%).

Among the religious non-voters, Protestants were five times as likely as Catholics (15% vs. 3%) to cite the expectation of the election being rigged as their reason for abstaining. Mainline Protestants who failed to vote were more likely than any other religious subgroup to give each of several reasons, including their dislike all of the major candidates (20%), feeling the candidates did not

reflect their most important views (16%), stating that their one vote would not make a difference (26%), and confessing that they did not know enough about the candidates to choose one (18%).

Meanwhile, non-voters associated with a non-Christian faith were less likely than other faith groups to explain their voting abstinence by claiming they disliked all the major candidates (9%) or that they did not know enough about the candidates (7%). They did, however, emerge as the faith segment most likely to explain their abstinence by claiming the election was too controversial, which made them uncomfortable about voting (18%).

People with no faith connection were notably more likely than Christians to avoid voting because they disliked the candidates (20%) or that they were disinterested in politics and elections (18%).

Election Impact Continues to Unfold

George Barna, was responsible for designing and analyzing the election research, highlighted the significant impact of biblical principles and Christian voters as commentators scramble to explain the Trump landslide in the wake of widespread expectations of a close race.

“Thanks to relentless Christian-bashing by the mainstream media, as well as the dramatic impact of today’s culture on the lives of Christians, Americans forget that two-thirds of adults in this nation consider themselves to be Christians,” the ACU professor explained. “Although very few adults have a distinctively biblical worldview—just 4 percent—most Americans have embraced basic principles and tendencies advocated by well-known Bible stories and teachings, attributes that have historically been building blocks of the nation.”

“Donald Trump, for all of his perceived and ridiculed faults,” Barna continued, “did a better job than did Kamala Harris of representing hallowed Christian characteristics such as the importance and support of family, the rule of law, limited government authority, financial responsibility, and the like. In contrast, Vice President Harris’s doubling down on abortion on-demand, open borders, transgenderism, and central tenets of socialistic governance clashed with the core values of the nation’s dominant spiritual perspectives.”

“Millions of President Trump’s votes came from people who would not vote for him as the nation’s pastor or as a behavioral model for their children, but who perceived he would protect their traditional, cherished values and lifestyle preferences while Mrs. Harris was more likely to limit or ban such ways of life,” Barna explained.

He noted that not only did most of President Trump’s votes come from Christians, but they gave him a 17 million vote cushion over Mrs. Harris, which proved to be an insurmountable lead. The incumbent Vice President fared much better among people associated with non-Christian faiths and with no religious faith, but those segments represented too small a slice of the voting population to make her bid for the White House viable.

Barna, a bestselling author of 60 books regarding the contours and changes in American culture and faith, cautioned observers to realize that the election alone cannot restore America to strength.

“The only way that public officials can facilitate stability and security is by instituting laws and policies that the people understand, accept, and embody,” he commented. “America is in a time when it needs to move toward biblical truth and morality in people’s hearts, first and foremost, so that government laws and policies reflect the soul of its people.”

“That’s a big challenge. Parents, pastors, and other people of influence must intentionally and strategically commit to shaping the worldview and values of the nation—especially among children—to coincide with the beliefs and values they just voted to protect,” Barna explained. “Successfully refining the worldview and values of the American people is the foundation required to facilitate desired national outcomes such as unity, equality, opportunity, safety, peace, justice, and joy.”



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