

A vertical poster featuring several sunflowers. The top sunflower is bright yellow and fully bloomed, set against a dark blue night sky filled with small white stars. Below it, several other sunflowers are shown in various stages of bloom, with some petals appearing to have a blue or greyish tint. The background transitions from a dark blue at the top to a lighter, warm orange glow near the horizon.

THE  
SUNFLOWER CONCERT

*YOU DON'T WALK ALONE*

PRESENTED BY THE ILONA FOUNDATION

WENDELL KIMBROUGH & CROOKED STICKS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 • FREDERICKSBURG, VA

TICKETS & INFORMATION AT: [THEILONAFUNDATION.ORG](https://THEILONAFUNDATION.ORG)



# The Ilona Foundation

On Friday, September 27th, The Ilona Foundation is bringing the second annual Sunflower Concert to the Stafford/Fredericksburg region.

Our vision for the Sunflower Concert is to provide an evening of song and worship for any who are grieving or hurting as well as for those who desire to come alongside loved ones who are hurting. There will be songs of hope and celebration as well as songs of longing and struggle. Learn more about the concert at:

<https://theilonafoundation.org/index.php/sunflower-concert-2024/>.

This year we are excited to welcome Wendell Kimbrough to the concert. Wendell is a songwriter and performer reimagining the Psalms for emotionally honest modern worship. His music makes space for the whole range of human experience, from lament, grief, and anger to playful, joyful celebration. Learn more about Wendell at <https://www.wendellk.com/>.

Like last year, the concert will open with songs led by a group of Ilona's friends who have come together to form the band, The Crooked Sticks. And as with last year, all proceeds will go to the Ilona Foundation, a non-profit group whose mission is to provide help and support for those walking the long dark road of grief and loss.

Details for the concert:

Date: September 27, 2024

Time: 7pm (doors open at 6pm)

Venue: Grace Church of Fredericksburg,  
1141 Heatherstone Drive, Fredericksburg

Tickets: \$30.00 online (\$40.00 at the door)

Thank you, and I hope many will come out in September for what is shaping up to be a memorable night of worship and hope.



New Life in Christ Church

# MEN'S RETREAT

Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center  
727 River Road, Richmond, VA 23229  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Sign Up Now!**

## Space is Limited.

Early registration is through September 15<sup>th</sup> and is only \$125.00 per person.

After September 15<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$150.00 per person.

Sign up below and place in offering plate. Payment can be made via: [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), by check or by cash.

Please memo the payment "2024 Men's Retreat".

Don't let cost be an obstacle to joining. Scholarships are available. See Pastor Sam for more information.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Renew your personal walk with the LORD.  
Be encouraged by other men doing manly stuff.  
Worship God.**

**Who Can Register:** All men (young and old); under 16 need to be accompanied with a father or mentor.

**What To Bring:** Your Bible, games, outdoor activities

**What's Provided:** Food, Fellowship, Fun, Facilities & COFFEE!

**What Else:** Praise and Worship provided by the men of NLICC

## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday (Snacks Provided)

Arrive 6:00 pm. Retreat starts at 7:00 pm

### Friday (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Provided)

9:00 am to 12:00 pm: Morning Discipleship

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Free Time

7:00 pm: Evening Discipleship

### Saturday (Breakfast and Snacks Provided)

9:00 am to 12:00 pm: Morning Discipleship

12:00 pm: Depart for Home

**Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith,  
act like men, be strong.**

**Let all that you do be done in love.**

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

# Care Group (as of 8/26/24)

...is like a “living room” of our congregation, where we take time to get to know each other in the presence of God and around His Word. Each group is a prayer circle and support network. Guests are always welcome, but a group's primary mission is to serve members of New Life.

*Groups resume meeting weekly beginning 9/9.*

Type	Day/Time	Location	Leader
<b>Monday</b>			
Families (children welcome)	6:30 PM	Spotsylvania (22407)	Caleb Reed
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Standard	9:30 AM	New Life in Christ	Jonathan Allison
Standard	6:30 PM	Spotsylvania (22407)	Sam Capitano
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Dinner Care Group w/ Families	6:00 PM	New Life in Christ	Sean Whitenack
Young Adults w/ Dinner	6:30 PM	Stafford (22554) / Spotsy (22407)	Roger Kriegshauser
Standard	7:00 PM	S. Stafford (22406)	Jim Melnick
Standard	7:00 PM	Spotsylvania (rotating)	Jay Storms
<b>Thursday</b>			
Dinner (children welcome)	5:30 PM	Spotsylvania (22553)	Zach Yee
Dinner Care Group	6:00 PM	Fredericksburg (22401)	Steve Marple
Families (children welcome)	6:00 PM	Spotsylvania (22407)	Jeremy Greenberg
Dinner (children welcome)	6:00 PM	Locust Grove (22508)	Kyle Ferguson
Families (children welcome)	6:30 PM	S. Stafford (22405)	Steve Verbosky / Joe Plaiz
Dinner Care Group	6:30 PM	S. Stafford / King George (22405)	Eric Schroeder
Standard	6:30 PM	Fredericksburg (22401 / 22405)	Kim Lorei / Tony Morales
Families (children welcome)	7:00 PM	Spotsylvania (22407)	Dave Sedlak
College Students	7:00 PM	Fredericksburg (22401)	Bob Rumbaugh
Online only	7:00 PM	Zoom (online only)	Stan Pruchnic

**Sign me up! (and circle your preference)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact the Leader or  
Pastor Sam ([sam@nlicc.org](mailto:sam@nlicc.org))**

## **For Reflection and Discussion**

*Week of September 15, 2024*

### **“Politics and Providence (Part 2): God’s Purpose for Civil Government” Romans 13:1-7**

Read Romans 13:1-7

1. What is the command given in verse 1?

From verse 1, what is the basis for submission to governing authorities?

What do John 19:11 and Daniel 2:21 say about this?

What happens if there is no governing authority? How do we see this in Judges 21:25?

2. From verse 2, what is the consequence of resistance to lawful authority? Why is this the consequence?

3. Looking at verses 3-4, what is the stated purpose of government listed here?

One wrong interpretation of this passage is to say that Christians should submit to a governing authority, no matter what they instruct you to do.

Can you think of biblical examples of resistance?

Look at Acts 4:19 and Acts 5:29 for two examples. What happened there?

In what cases do you think Christians would need to resist a governing authority?

If 100% compliance is not the point of this passage, what do you think the author is getting at?

4. In verse 4, we read that the governing authority is a “servant” of God. In fact, it is stated twice.

How should this reality affect the response of citizens of a nation to their authority?

How should this reality affect the practices of leaders of a nation?

What does it mean that the governing authority “bears the sword”?

5. In verse 5, Paul writes about the importance of having a clear conscience.

How is conscience affected when we don't respond to a proper or legal use of authority?

How is conscience affected when we wrongly submit to an ungodly use of authority?

Have you experienced either of these? How did having a bad conscience affect you?

6. Why does verse 6 say we should pay taxes?

Even though we are citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are residents who benefit from the civil order in our nation. We need to participate in this system.

In many ways, Christians might be recognized as some of the best citizens of a nation. Why might this be the case?

On the other hand, many nations vilify Christians. Can you think of times it might be right for a nation to think less of a Christian?

7. Looking at verse 7, what does it mean to honor our authority, even if we don't agree with their policies, character, or leadership?
8. How can you apply this passage to your life this week?

Is there a

- Sin to repent of?
- Promise to believe?
- Example to follow?
- Command to obey?
- Knowledge about God to be gained?