



PUBLICITY CHECKLIST

Godly Government Sunday

2023

Please note: Materials are available in both English and Spanish.

SERIES THEME: *GODLY GOVERNMENT*

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Date & Theme	Channel	Action	Wording
Week of October 15 <i>Introduce theme</i>	Worship folder/newsletter blurb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter Include “Godly Government” logo graphic 	“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established” (Romans 13:1). Note the absolute language: no authority. None. Stated positively, every government and all government authority figures have power only because God gave it to them. Therefore, as citizens of the United States, we don’t support the government because those we voted for were elected or because we approve of the current tax

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Sunday, October 22 <i>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 24</i>	Worship folder template	Use “Godly Government” worship folder cover	
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