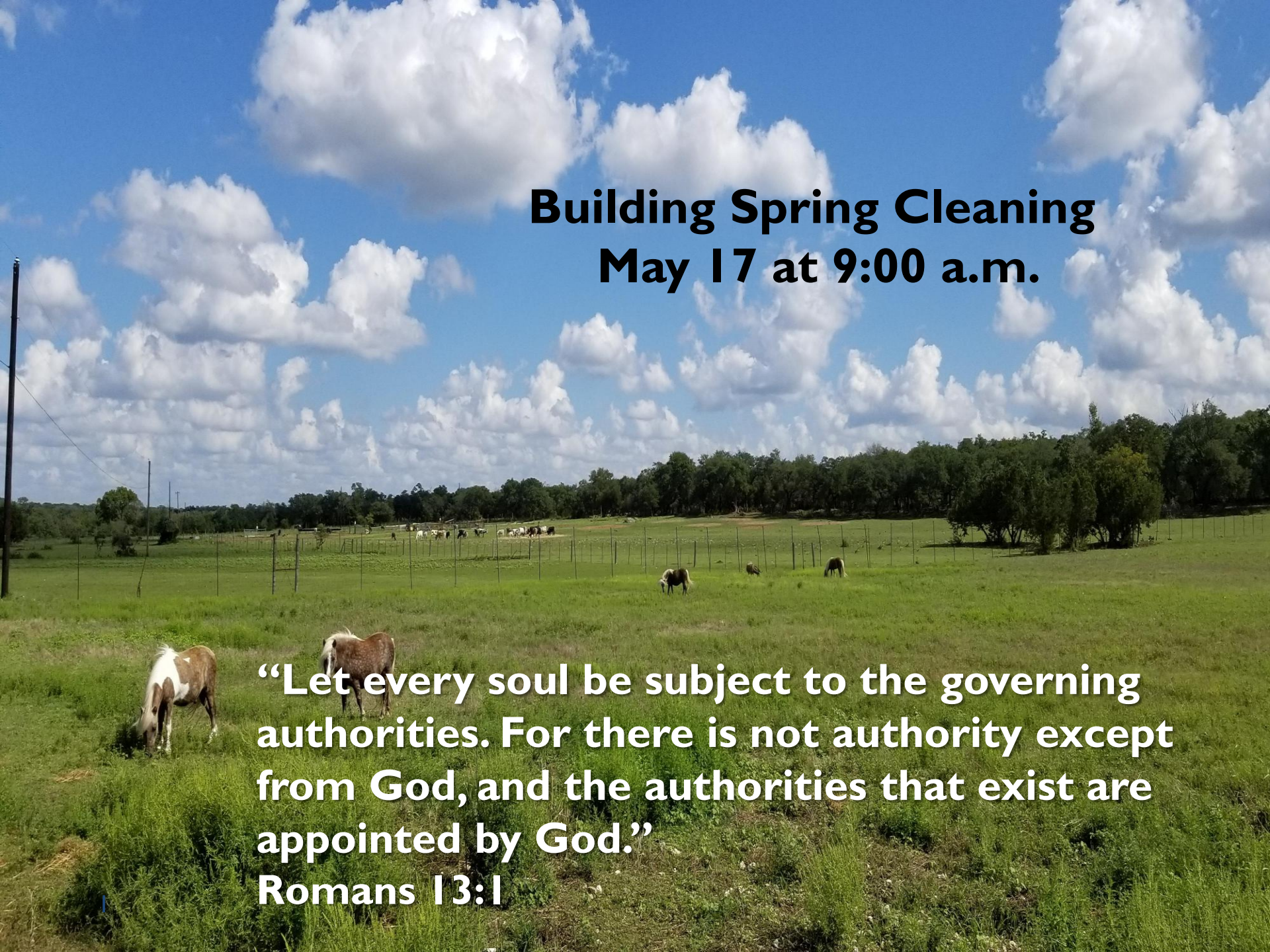
Building Spring Cleaning
May 17 at 9:00 a.m.
“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is not authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”
Romans 13:1

The first “national” flags were adopted in the Middle Ages – Britannica.com

Paul was a proud citizen

Roman Empire – The Aquila

Israel – No Symbol

DUAL

- Acts 22:25-29 Philippians 3:5-7

Citizenship He Cherished Most

- Philippians 3:20-21, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Christians are citizens elsewhere

- Christians are similar to Abraham in that we are foreigners (spiritually) - Hebrews 11:8-10
- Peter understood that as sojourners we must remember where our true citizenship is not lose the war for the soul - 1 Peter 2:11-12

True citizenship is future

- Paul knew that better things awaited him - Philippians 1:21-23
- The things Christians have to endure are small compared to the grandeur of Heaven - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Romans 8:18)
- As Paul's life draws to a close, he was ready for his new citizenship - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Faithfulness assures citizenship

- Paul understood the necessity of faithfulness to God - 2 Timothy 1:12
- God keeps His Word - Numbers 23:19, Deuteronomy 7:9, 1 Corinthians 1:9, Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18
- Jesus affirmed the certainty of Heaven to those who are faithful - John 14:1-3
- God's assurance of Heaven is SURE - Hebrews 6:11-20

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

- **Believe in Jesus –**
  John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
  Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
  Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
  Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
  Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
- **Remember Matthew 7:21-23** *(not everyone, but…)*