

A Call to Greatness: Challenging Our Next President
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As the partisan rancor ramps up to November's presidential election, The Village Square and St. John's Episcopal Church are offering an evening of bipartisanship and a unique opportunity to discuss the challenge ahead for the next American president.

Dr. David M. Abshire, former NATO Ambassador and Cabinet member under President Ronald Reagan, currently President for the Center for the Study of the Presidency in Washington D.C., will speak on his recent book "A Call to Greatness: Challenging Our Next President."

Dr. Abshire's career in public service spans six decades and is characterized by a dedication to the highest principals of our democracy. From his early service in the Korean War, to co-founding the Center for Strategic and International Studies, to his role as Special Counselor to the President ensuring a full investigation of the Iran-Contra Affair, Dr. Abshire's achievements have earned him innumerable honors and awards.

He is the author of seven books and the recent essay "The Grace and Power of Civility: Commitment and Tolerance in the American Tradition."

Described as required reading for every president, "A Call to Greatness" goes beyond a challenge to the two candidates, drawing on the lessons of history to challenge the nation itself. Newsweek Editor Evan Thomas writes that Dr. Abshire "has long been one of Washington's true Wise Men."

The event will be from 6:30 to 8:30 on Wednesday, September 24th at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe, in downtown Tallahassee. There is no charge for the lecture but seating is limited so a reservation is required.

Dr. Abshire will sign books following the lecture. Books will be available for purchase at the event and at St. John's bookstore prior to September 24th.

Find more information online at www.tothevillagesquare.org or call 264-8785 for information or reservations.