

GOTV email from *We the People*/Faith Votes CIT to Pastors in Texas. . .

Dear Pastor. This CALL TO ACTION is an urgent request for your help to GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) in Texas in record numbers in the November 5, 2024 President Election.

According to Barna Research: It is estimated that 40-50 million of the 82 million Evangelicals in America DO NOT VOTE and as many as 25 million are NOT REGISTERED.

According to the Texas Secretary of State, 18% of Texas registered voters cast ballots in the March 2024 Primary Election. The voter turnout during the May 28th Primary Runoff Election was even less. We must reverse this alarming trend before the November 2024 President Election!

In this dark season, God is at work, and we need to join Him. And this is where we come in. His Ekklesia must do better in the November 5th President Election to restore our Constitutional Republic and win the war between good versus evil that is raging in America. This is a spiritual war not a political war.

The last day to register to vote in the November 5th President Election in Texas is October 7th. Attached is a fast-track process to launch a voter registration drive at your church if you do not already have one. Just imagine the positive impact Christians can have on the upcoming election and our nation's future if more were encouraged to register to vote by their pastor and then voted Christian values in every race on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

If you or the individuals you select to launch a voter registration drive at your church have any questions, they can contact Joe or Cathie Locetta, Grace International specialized ministry leaders and co-leaders of the Grace Woodlands-*We the People*/Faith Votes Community Impact Team. To learn more about them and the *We the People*/Faith Votes Community Impact Team, visit www.gracewoodlands.com/faithvotes/ or www.2busy2serve.com. Joe can be reached at joelocetta@gracewoodlands.com or 281-814-0884 and Cathie can be reached at cathielocetta@gracewoodlands.com or 281-433-9306.

The 2024 President Election may be our last chance to restore our Constitutional Republic and just may be the most important election in American history! This election is an opportunity to elect leaders at all levels from the President to local School Board Trustees who will influence whether our nation follows the biblical principles and values that are the foundation of the U.S. Constitution.

We the People/Faith Votes Community Impact Team

FIVE STEPS - GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) in Texas Church Voter Registration Drive

STEP 1. ASK: Think about the members of your church who frequently want to discuss political issues and current events with you. Invite one of them to lead the effort to launch a church voter registration drive without delay.

STEP 2. PREPARE: Here is a suggested action plan for the selected leader and other volunteers to follow:

- For Texas voter registration and other information including on-line registration, visit: <https://www.votetexas.gov/>. The on-line registration process is an option; however, it is best to have Voter Registration Application cards available in the church lobby.
- To request multiple copies of the Texas Voter Registration Application cards, send an email to elections@sos.texas.gov with a brief note - *“Please send XXX Texas Voter Registration Application Forms to be made available to church attenders in anticipation of the November 2024 Election.”* It will take several weeks for this request to be processed. Registration forms are also available at the County Election Administration office, post offices, and local libraries in small quantities.

STEP 3. REGISTER:

- Set-up a GOTV table in a high-traffic area of the church and include Voter Registration Application Forms and a list of key Election 2024 dates. Promote your registration drive from the pulpit and on the church website, social media, and church communications periodically starting immediately and more frequently in anticipation of the October 7th deadline to register to vote in the November 5th President Election.
- Assign the leader to make sure trained volunteers are available before and after services at the lobby voter registration table. The volunteers can answer questions and help people fill out the registration form. If people are not sure if they are registered, this can be quickly determined by using their personal device and visiting: <https://www.votetexas.gov/> and clicking the “Am I Registered” tab. If people are already registered, ask if they have moved since the last election, married with name change, or if they have not voted in the last several elections. If so, re-register them.
- Ultimately, the pastor is the key to promotion because when the pastor leads, the people tend to follow.

STEP 4. STAY LEGAL:

- Voter registration drives must be conducted in a neutral and nonpartisan manner.
- To help you fulfill your high calling to fearlessly speak the truth, Family Research Council provides free information about what pastors and churches may do with respect to political candidates and elections. Visit: <https://communityimpact.frc.org/voterguides> and click on the “Legal Do’s and Don’ts” button. You may be surprised at how much influence you can have.

STEP 5. FOLLOW-UP:

- Encourage voters who cannot get to the polls during early voting or on election day to request a Ballot By Mail: <https://www.votetexas.gov/>. The last day to Apply for Ballot By Mail is October 25, 2024.
- Provide periodic information about voting locations and dates for both early voting scheduled between October 21st and November 1st and on election day, November 5, 2024.

NOTE: To access hyperlink version: bit.ly/3z6q1I8. For more information, contact Joe or Cathie Locetta, co-leaders of the Grace Woodlands-We the People/Faith Votes Community Impact Team. Joe can be reached at joelocetta@gracewoodlands.com or 281-814-0884 and Cathie can be reached at cathielocetta@gracewoodlands.com or 281-433-9306. Share far and wide.