

# PRAY – LEARN – VOTE – GET INVOLVED

An all in one citizen resource for Learning, Voting and Getting Involved

“Conservatives believe in conserving the first principles on the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence is based on the Bible. And we believe in Biblical Citizenship.”  
Pastor Gary Hutchison

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**Voting questions? see “Vote” section further down.**

## **WHY?**

“The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.” ~ Plato

“Freedom is never more than ONE GENERATION away from extinction.” ~ Ronald Reagan

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing” ~ Edmund Burke

“The hour is late, it would not be an overstatement to say, we are one to two elections away from losing our freedoms.” “All of us will be needed to turn the tide back.” ~ Unknown

## **Christians should care about politics because:**

- a. God instituted government for the benefit of mankind. Government is His idea. “The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Romans 13:1) “Jesus said...“Give back to God what is God’s.” (Mark 12:17)
- b. Government is God’s mechanism for providing for a quiet and peaceful environment for His people, that is conducive to godliness and sharing the Gospel, (Romans 13:1-7), for, this “pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved.” (1 Timothy 2:2)
- c. We should care for others. Government has a direct impact on type of lives people are able to live. Help shape a country where “Religious Liberty flourishes, families prosper, and every human life is valued.” “Love ...God...love your neighbor...There is no greater commandment. ”(Mark 12:30, 31).
- d. In giving us a republic form of government, God handed the DUTY of electing godly representatives to us. “To whom much is given, much is required.” (Luke 12:48).
- e. Our faith, family, freedom, and finances are in the hands of our elected officials at all levels: school boards, local, state, and national. They must know our position, so they can represent it.

To PRAY, LEARN, VOTE and GET INVOLVED, is part of our Christian stewardship of the blessings and resources God has given us to help us to live as His salt and light in our world.

“(Do not remain silent), who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

## **PRAY**

"I URGE, then, first of all, that petitions, PRAYERS, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.

FOR kings and all THOSE in AUTHORITY, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

THIS is good, and PLEASES GOD OUR SAVIOR,...(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city...PRAY for it, if it prospers, you too will prosper." (Jeremiah 29:7).

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)

Each workday, receive a short email with a picture, scripture, a suggested prayer and information for one of YOUR elected officials. **iVoter Guide** <https://ivoterguide.com/Pray-For-Leaders>

Receive text with prayer points. Get outlines for prayer meetings, education and motivation to pray.

**Christians Engaged** (a locally based ministry) <https://christiansengaged.org/pray>

Get informed and connected with other intercessors to pray for our nation and our leaders:

**Intercessors for America** <https://ifapray.org/pray-for-america/>

News Christians need to pray about every day: **Intercessors for America** <https://ifapray.org/blog/>

## **LEARN**

Learn about our nation's founding documents and our godly heritage

Learn the platforms that each political party stands on. [Does it's principles align with biblical values?](#)

Learn where your candidates stand. Learn if what they say is confirmed by what they have actually done.

How have they voted in the past? Who supports them? Who have they supported?

Which way do they lean? How far? What is on social media about them?

Learn about the dangerous policies, programs and practices threatening America.

Learn how to make a difference

**iVoter Guide** Learn the truth. Don't rely on campaign talking points. Our mission is to provide the most comprehensive **information on candidates** so voters can choose candidates who reflect conservative and Christian values. Currently compiling voting records, contribution records, endorsements, links to candidate websites, and answers that candidates provide to our questionnaire. " <https://ivoterguide.com/all-in-state/tx>

Learn about candidate evaluations, **what's on the ballot**, voting information and more. <https://ivoterguide.com/>

Learn why you should vote in the primary elections. "[Every election matters and every vote counts](#)"

<https://ivoterguide.com/news/importanceofprimaries>

**FRC (Family Research Council)** Learn the parties platforms: <https://www.frcaction.org/platforms>

Learn **how your representative voted**: <https://www.frcaction.org/scorecard>

Learn the dangers to our children through public education. Learn how to make a difference.

Learn the issues, Learn how to make a difference. <https://frc.org/issues>

Abortion Human Dignity End of Life Bioethics Domestic Religious Freedom

International Religious Freedom Freedom of Conscience Marriage and Family Formation

Children Sexuality The Courts Crime and Criminal Justice Reform Immigration

Legislation Biblical Worldview Entertainment The Church Religion and Society Culture

Economics and Taxes Founding Ideals the Media Foreign Policy Health Care

Federal Government Military Education Terrorism/National Security. <https://frc.org/education>

**DFW Conservative Voters Guide (the Green Card)** Recommendations of the best conservative candidates in each contested Republican primary race across the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Sign up to get their small green postcard or check their website before the primaries. liberals and Democrats often run as "Republicans" in the Republican primary. Don't be fooled.  
<https://www.dfwconservativevoters.net/>

**Texas Values** <http://www.txvalues.org> Policy research, Voter education, Grassroots mobilization, Learn about YOUR SPECIFIC candidates in each state race, where they stand and other

**candidate information** from the: Comprehensive Candidate Questionnaire.

**INTERACTIVE VOTERS GUIDE:** <https://freevotersguide.com/>

Standing for media truthfulness, Reviewing legislation with legal analysis, Testifying at the Texas capitol, State Board of Education, and other governmental entities. Working with state legislators, local officials, and community leaders encouraging and initiating pro-family policies.

Learn how, and get empowered, to contact officials. Gives you Federal and State Directories with officials contact information, District maps, Committee memberships, overview of state and federal legislative processes, and

**Learn how to write, call, or email your elected officials.** - **Texas Legislative Guide**

<https://txvalues.org/legislativeguide/>

Learn about issues: <https://txvalues.org/issues/> and their Blog: <https://txvalues.org/blog/>

Learn updates with unique insight on issues at the Texas Capitol and interviews with state and national leaders.

Learn what the law says about churches and elections and how your church can make an impact.

<https://txvalues.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/CHURCHES-AND-ELECTIONS-for-Texas-Values.pdf>

Learn effective citizen advocacy with tips for influencing a legislator or legislation

<https://txvalues.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Keys-to-Effective-Citizen-Advocacy.pdf>

**Christians Engaged** (a locally based ministry) <https://christiansengaged.org/pledge>

Learn: Civic Engagement, Texas Legislature, Economics, Biblical Worldview, Biblical Citizenship.

Find seminars, conferences and events: <https://christiansengaged.org/events>

Check out their blog and podcast.

**The Washington Stand** Learn what's happening in our nation.

"Daily news and commentary from the perspective of people who have been transformed by the Good News".

<https://washingtonstand.com/>

**The Daily Citizen** "Exists to be a trustworthy news source." Learn timely and relevant analysis of current events and cultural trends – all from a biblical worldview". <https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/>

**Focus on the Family** Learn about: Culture, Pro Life, Faith, Marriage, Parenting. Watch shows and get help.

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/>. The Truth Project <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/the-truth-project/>

**Patriot Academy** Learn what our constitution actually says.

Learn what our founding fathers actually said of our government and of themselves.

<https://coach.patriotacademy.com/biblicalcitizenship/https://www.patriotacademy.com>

**Wall Builders** Learn and understand the role of faith in our Nation's founding documents and history.

<https://wallbuilders.com/>

**VOTE** “Every election matters and every vote counts” the more local the election the more impact it will have on our day to day lives.” Many elections have been decided by only ONE vote. Let that vote be YOURS!

**iVoter Guide** Enter your address to view candidates in your precinct. SIGN up for ELECTION REMINDERS, voting dates, and important news <https://ivoterguide.com/all-in-state/tx>

**Christians Engaged** (a locally based ministry) SIGN up for ELECTION REMINDERS through text and emails to vote in every election. <https://christiansengaged.org/vote>  
Sign up to get a tool for Praying, Voting, and Engaging called The Pledge: <https://christiansengaged.org/pledge>

**State of Texas** <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Find your early voting location, election day poll location and find Key election Dates

Voting in person: <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting/index.html> Where’s my Polling Place?, Voter ID

Early Voting Curbside Voting Assistance at the Polls Voting Systems What’s Allowed at the Polling Place?

Voting by Mail: <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting-by-mail/index.html> Eligibility (ABBM/FPCA), Applications,

Are you are registered? Register: <https://vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp>

Change Name or Address: <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

## **GET INVOLVED**

### **Grace Community Church Biblical Citizenship:**

Go to: [GraceArlington.com](http://GraceArlington.com) / Explore / Ministries / All Ministries / Biblical Citizenship

Join the group for: information, motivation, plans of action, encouragement strength, and making a difference.

Or just add your email address to stay informed.

We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, after Grace Café in the Life Center Loft on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Get on the email list of biblically based ministries that send out action alerts and provide recourses.

(see LEARN section)

Many of them make it super easy to contact your elected officials, some with just a click or two.

Learn, then educate family, friends, and neighbors.

Write, Email, call and visit your representatives. Just a line or two can be effective.

Show up to show support on an issue or speak at City Council and Library board meetings.

It’s much easier than you may think. See the Learn section for resources.

**Texas Values** Church Ambassador Network, Events, Petitions, and more. <https://txvalues.org/action/>

**FRC Action** <https://ivoterguide.com/Neighborhood-Outreach> “84% of people trust a friend’s referral most.”

**iVoterGuide** provides Neighborhood outreach tools. They “do the heavy lifting you just spread the word.”

Serve on a Candidate Evaluation Panel: <https://ivoterguide.com/become-panelist>

**Christians Engaged** (a locally based ministry) <https://christiansengaged.org/> Seeks to: awaken, motivate, educate, and empower ordinary believers in Jesus Christ. Educational seminars, Events, Bible studies, Prayers, Classes, Book Club, Blogs, and Podcast on topics like: Becoming a citizen lobbyist, Getting to know your elected officials and candidates. Explore political parties from a non-partisan perspective, Practical steps to get you moving!

**Become a Poll Worker or Watcher:** <https://pollworkertraining.sos.texas.gov/>

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/education-and-training/poll-workers.html>

**Contact City of Arlington Officials:**

You do not need to be and Arlington citizen to participate in city council and Library board meetings.

Mayor and City Council \_ phone and email:

[https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city\\_hall/government/city\\_council/members](https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/government/city_council/members)

(Click on the individual members names in the blue box to the left of page)

Learn what the city council is up to:

[https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city\\_hall/government/city\\_council](https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/government/city_council)

(Click on the circles in the top half of the page)

Whole City Council: 817-459-6122 [citycouncil@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:citycouncil@arlingtontx.gov)

Mayor's Office: 817-459-6122 [mayor@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:mayor@arlingtontx.gov)

Arlington Library 817-459-6961 [Library@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Library@arlingtontx.gov)

Library Director: Norma Zuniga: 817-459-6916 [norma.zuniga@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:norma.zuniga@arlingtontx.gov)

Library Advisory Board agenda meetings, times and details: 817-459-6903

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**Contact the Arlington Independent School District Board Trustees:**

<https://www.aisd.net/district/board/>

**Contact Tarrant County commissioners:** <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/commissioners-court.html>

Look for the blue box toward the bottom of the page titled: "I WANT TO"

**Learn helpful election information go to:** <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html>

Look for the blue box toward the middle page titled: "ELECTION MENU"

Voting questions, contact your City Secretary's Office:

Arlington (817) 459-6186,

Mansfield: (817) 276-4200

**Learn Your Election District Numbers** (Look on your voter registration card to fill in the blanks)

**Precinct Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Representative** (United States House of Representatives): \_\_\_\_\_

**State Senator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City Council** (in Arlington: Districts 1 thru 5, then three at large [whole city] districts 6 thru 8): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comm Pct** (County Commissioner Precinct): \_\_\_\_\_

**J.P. PCT** (Justice of the Peace Precinct): \_\_\_\_\_

**TCC** (Tarrant County College): \_\_\_\_\_

**ISD District** (Independent School District): \_\_\_\_\_

**SBOE** (State Board of Education): \_\_\_\_\_