



THIS CHURCH ✓OTES!

Texas has an Election on November 8, 2022 – All Voters on Duty!

The **first step** we recommend is for the Pastor to **appoint a permanent Citizenship Ministry director** for this ministry as described in *Christian Citizenship 101* (available at www.uspastorcouncil.org, request by emailing info@uspastorcouncil.org or by calling the HAPC office at 832-688-9166).

“This Church Votes” Plan* - 2022 Texas General Election

Note: All activities are non-partisan, non-issues specific and fully compliant with all IRS guidelines for churches with 501 (c)(3) non-profit status. For any questions regarding those guidelines you can go to www.uspastorcouncil.org or call 832-688-9166.*

Sunday, September 18 through Sunday, October 9 - set up a VOTER REGISTRATION and INFORMATION table to be staffed by the FaithVotes Citizenship Ministry team to register all voters who are not current, have moved or have never registered; provide Early Voting information (e.g. Early Voting **begins October 24 and ends November 4**), voting locations and voter guides. (Information is available at www.faithvotes.org)

Sundays, October 9, 16 and 23 – Announce from pulpit and through all church communications the availability and convenience of **Early Voting that begins October 24 and ends November 4**. Voters in Texas will have important county, legislative and Congressional contests to vote on, so ALL voters should participate!

Voters can go to <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/county.shtml> to find their voting location. Harris County voters can go directly to www.harrisvotes.com or for other counties go to the website of your county elections clerk.

Sunday, October 23 - Preach an “Election Sermon” as done by preceding generations of pastors, giving Scriptural and Historical basis for choosing godly leaders. (Sample sermon notes and audio tapes available)

Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 - Send a message via broadcast e-mail and/or text broadcast as well as on social media to church list with a special Get-Out-The-Vote message by the Senior Pastor and links to non-partisan voter education information. (Sample Text-based and HTML format messages available)

Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 - Initiate automated phone calls with a Get-Out-The-Vote script recorded by the Senior Pastor, calling through the entire church list prior to Election Day. (Sample script and automated calling support available)

Four Steps of Church Voter Engagement

STEP ONE: Voter PREParation – Year round

Biblical principles and purpose of Civil Government – WHY we vote; American Christian Heritage; Our Constitutional Self-Government; How to Biblically Decide for whom to vote (i.e. political party platform comparisons)

STEP TWO: Voter REGistration – Regularly and before each election

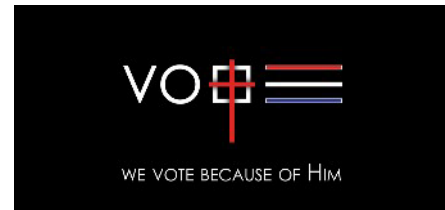
Identify and Train a Faith Votes coordinator and Team; Schedule VR at least once a quarter and designated Sundays before each election; Keep a list of new registrants, provide special encouragement

STEP THREE: Voter INFORMation – Designated Sundays before each election

Election Dates, Deadlines and Locations – EVERY election; Voter Guides – Information about candidates’ positions on crucial issues; Party Platform Comparisons – Candidates choose a party, the principles matter!

STEP FOUR: Voter ACTivation – Designated Sundays before each election

Pulpit Fully Engaged – Calling on EVERY eligible voter to participate in EVERY election; This Church Votes! – Election Sermon prior to start of Early Voting/Election; Election Follow Up - Pray for those elected and stay involved!



2022 Texas Remaining Key Election Dates

November General Election

Tuesday, October 11, 2022*	Last Day to Register to Vote
Monday, October 24, 2022	First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance
Friday, October 28, 2022	Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)
Friday, November 4, 2022	Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	(Election Day) 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

“Bad politicians are elected by Christians who don’t vote.” – Rev. Billy Graham

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