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Keeping Benton County Voters Informed

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Getting Ballots Returned



This election year seems unique in one outstanding way. It seems to have dawned on all "liberty seekers" at the same time that one rich resource of voters lies in what is estimated as twenty-six million church goers who haven't been voting in the last elections. As long as "evangelicals" stayed out of the voter booth they could be ignored by any and all candidates and any and all parties. There is a pending threat that these silent values voters will break their record this year and begin to understand the power they actually have through their ballot. As PCOs we can make a difference with these dismal voting records. Some church goers aren't registered to vote and some seem to be waiting for their Lord to return before they find a perfect candidate to spend their vote upon. Either problem can be overcome, but if you belong to a church it may be incumbent upon you to stir up some interest. If that's you, talk to your pastor about the problem. Encouragement to register is a non-partisan activity and most pastors and boards are pleased to encourage it.

According to the [Family Policy Institute of Washington](#) it would only take 6 additional voters from EACH church to make a difference in election outcomes. July and September are the months to move your local church forward, if you have one, towards a voter's registration drive. July 25 is the deadline for registration if you hope to vote in the August Primary. Make sure that voter registration pages are available in the church office and arrange for a table in the entry-way with registration forms available. Personally passing on registration forms is always welcome.

If you are not a church goer, you know people who are. There are voter's guides put out by many organizations that are acceptably non-partisan to be used within the church walls or at job sites. [Christian Voter Guide](#) is a .com site which makes available national voters guides from many sources: Wall Builders, American Family Association, Priests For Life, Christian Coalition, Ballotpedia, and Vision America. The Heritage Foundation [Congressional Scorecard](#) is an excellent resource to review how your national legislator has been voting. In short we can all play a part in encouraging a better voter turnout while we are at work and/or play.

For pastors and church board members who might be confused that the realm of politics threatens their non-profit religious standing, there is a helpful site with information to clarify issues and give guidelines at [The National Center for Law and Policy](#). They will also answer specific questions if requested not including legal questions. For in-state, non-partisan voters guide ask Victor Morris (victor.morris@frontier.com) about the Family Policy Institute of Washington's Voters guide. It is usable within the church.

[Vote Smart](#) is a place you can find a good synopsis of Trump's and Clinton's policies presented in a uniform format. When you get to the website, type in the name of the candidate you want to find information about.



Political Humor



For those of you who have Christian friends who may be reluctant voters here is an analysis of candidates done from a Biblical perspective, comparing Trump and Clinton. Bill Perkins of [Compass International Ministries](#) put this chart together. Using the Scripture noted as the basis for evaluating the political positions of presumed presidential candidates, he evaluated how strongly each of them reaches the Biblical goal. You and I may disagree on his analysis in scoring but the example demonstrates to the curious a good approach to deciding how to vote as well as emphasizes how important it is to vote. With it you can't help but conclude with Bill, "The bottom line for me personally is that I love the Constitution more than I dislike Trump's antics and ego. He will attempt to change the direction of this nation. Clinton won't. With Trump we have a chance. With Clinton we have no chance."

Presidential Candidate Comparisons



Trump



Clinton

Abortion (Ps. 139:13-16, Jer. 1:5, Ps. 127:3)	7/10	0/10
Security/Borders (Acts 17:26, Ex 34:12-16, Judges 3:1-7)	10/10	0/10
National Defense (Deut. 20:1-4, Ps. 144:1, Ecc. 3:8, Ro. 13:1-7)	10/10	0/10
Constitution / Supreme Court (Is. 48:17, Prov. 14:23, Deut. 8:18, 2 Cor. 9:6)	8/10	1/10
Israel (Ps. 122:6, Gen. 12:3, Zech. 12:8, Rom. 11:1-2)	8/10	1/10
	43/50	2/50



This issue is important enough that Trump agreed to a meeting with evangelical leaders on June 10th. Originally, the organizers expected to get a hundred people together to question Trump and he agreed to a 20 minute session of give and take. But the meeting grew into a gathering of a thousand people and Trump gave them 90 minutes. According to Don Nori "People had a lot to say to him, a lot of advice, (but) it was not a pep rally for Donald Trump."

"If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the Constitution framed in the Convention where I had the honor to preside might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature on it."



George Washington

From the [National Center for Law & Policy](#)



Calendar

Central Committee Meeting – July 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Benton PUD, on 10th and Hwy 395



PROVERBS

A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident. (Proverbs 14:16)

...for our troubled times



Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them.

