

FIVE STEPS - GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) in Texas



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 online registration, visit: www.votetexas.gov. The online 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 March and November 2026 elections"*
- Registration forms are also generally available at County Election Administration offices, post offices, and local libraries in small quantities.

STEP 3. REGISTER:

- Set-up a GOTV table in a high-traffic area of the church lobby and include Voter Registration Application Forms and a list of key Election 2026 dates including Last day to register; First day early voting; Mail ballot application deadline if applicable; Last day early voting; and Election day.
- 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 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: www.communityimpact.frc.org/votertools and click on the "Legal Do's and Don'ts" button

For additional election resources, visit: www.biblicalvoter.com/

STEP 5. FOLLOW-UP:

- Promote your voter registration drive from the pulpit, social media, and church communications periodically at least one month in advance of the last day to register to vote in the March and November elections.
- Encourage voters who cannot get to the polls during early voting or on election day to request a Ballot By Mail: www.votetexas.gov.
- Guide voters to www.ivoterguide.com/ to find out which candidates stand for biblical values.

For more information visit: www.gracewoodlands.com/faithvotes/