

Elections are important.

Voters' decisions help shape the direction of our communities, counties, Commonwealth, and nation. As Christians, our civic engagement is not simply about politics: it is one way we live out our calling to **love our neighbors and seek the welfare of the place where God has placed us.**

Jeremiah 29:7 says:

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

As pastors and church leaders, we have an opportunity to help God's people think biblically about citizenship and faithfully participate in the civic life of our communities.

32 Million Christians Don't Vote!

A 2024 national study conducted by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, led by researcher George Barna, estimated that **32 million Christians who regularly attend church were unlikely to vote** in elections. Let's make sure that doesn't happen here in the 2026 election.

But here is the encouraging part: Barna found that **about one out of every six likely non-voters said they would probably vote if their church taught them that voting is a biblical responsibility.** That translates to an estimated **five million regular churchgoers** who might be motivated to vote simply through encouragement from their church.

Barna wrote:

"An estimated five million regular churchgoers would be likely to vote as a result of that simple exhortation."

That is a challenge worth considering. What would happen if churches reminded Christians that faithful citizenship includes being informed, participating, voting, and praying for those who serve in government?

Pastors and Church Leaders: What Is One Thing You Can Do This Month?

With Election Day just about a month away, consider taking **one simple step** to encourage biblical citizenship in your church:

- **Remind your congregation from the pulpit** about the importance of participating in the election.
- **Show a short video** encouraging Christians to be informed and engaged.
- **Share a brief message on biblical citizenship** and our responsibility to love our neighbors.
- **Host a voter registration table** and help people make sure they are registered.
- **Provide voter guides** to help your congregation become informed about the candidates and issues.
- **Include a bulletin insert** that helps your congregation to know what's at stake in this election.
- **Set aside time to pray** for our government leaders and those running for office.
- **Host a candidate forum** where candidates can share their views and answer questions.
- **Send an email to encourage your congregation to vote** and participate in the civic process.

You don't have to do everything. **But do something before Election Day on November 3rd!**

The Church has an important role to play in the health and direction of our communities. We can help Christians move beyond simply complaining about what is happening in government and instead

pray, serve, engage, and participate faithfully.

Choose Well 2026

To help churches prepare for this election, we have put together a [Church Election Toolkit: Choose Well 2026](#). It includes slides, a video, a bulletin insert, a voter registration guide, a biblical principles booklet, and our PA Family Voter Guide.

[Click Here to Get Your Copy of the Toolkit](#)

The toolkit provides practical resources to help pastors and church leaders encourage biblical citizenship and meaningful civic engagement in their congregations.

This election season, let's not sit on the sidelines. Let's encourage our churches to seek the welfare of our communities, pray for those in authority, love our neighbors, and faithfully fulfill our responsibilities as citizens.

One month. One opportunity. What is one thing you and your church can do?



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P.S. Want to keep standing for life? [Join us for our Christian Worldview Workshop on October 29th](#) in Lancaster. It's for pastors, church leaders, parents, students, and anyone who wants to grow and strengthen their biblical worldview. Tickets are going quickly! [Click here](#) for info and registration.

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