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<p>THE NEWSLETTER OF FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH WHITE ROCK</p>	<h2>Voters Rock!</h2>	
<p>The Mission of FBCWR: <i>Connecting People to God's Life-Changing Power</i> <i>We've Got Connections!</i></p>	<p>How do I spell relief? "W". Yes I personally believe the voters rocked when they re-elected the man who seemed to most reflect the foundational values of God's Word. An important caveat: the Kingdom of God does not arrive when Air Force One touches down. We must maintain the core belief that the primary transforming power of God is through the new birth of Jesus Christ, which  brings not only beneficial heart change, but eternal salvation - mankind's <u>greatest</u> need. Gazing at political muscles can be very distracting, as the church of Jesus Christ has often belatedly discovered.</p> <p>Yet conservatives believers should not fail to capitalize on our current ability to shape laws and policies. In a representative democracy, we <u>are</u> part of the government. If millions of Bible believing, Christ followers yield, others will be all too happy to guide the country in what we know to be unwise and often harmful directions. It does appear, however, that the evangelical church in America, which is perhaps history's greatest "sleeping giant", has arisen to some degree to Jesus' challenge to be salt and light. So where do we go from here—now what? Below are my suggestions.</p> <p>1) Be gracious—do not gloat.</p> <p>The following passage may have some relevance if you're happy with this election's outcomes, especially if the word "opponent" is understood for the word "enemy". Proverbs 24:17-18 - "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the LORD will see <i>it</i> and be displeased".</p> <p>2) Turn up the heat.</p> <p>We need to hold our elected officials accountable. Politicians have a tendency to compromise for popular approval. We should</p>	<p>insist they follow through with their promises.</p> <p>3) Be discerning with our support.</p> <p>In an interview with Charlie Gibson before the election, President Bush was asked, "Do all religions worship the same God". The President quickly said, "yes". He said he believes all religious people go to heaven, "they just get there on different paths". Wow! Now I am not suggesting that we should force this or any President to preach Jesus' view of salvation which is very narrow, "<u>No one</u> comes to the Father but through Me". But our allegiance should not be blind and unqualified. IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD if the President's version of "Christianity" caught on in our country.</p> <p>4) Emphasize the "whole counsel of God".</p> <p>We should prioritize issues such as stopping abortion and homosexual marriage. Can we accurately include the word "compassionate" as part of our "conservative" label? God cares about many other issues like 36 million poor people, the righteous execution of war, good stewardship of the planet and the passing of massive debt to our kids. For more on these topics visit our website, www.fbcwr.org, to hear messages from our sermon series "Vote the Rock!".</p> <p>5) Find common ground when possible.</p> <p>An increasing number of abortion supporters say abortion should be "rare". If we can't stop <i>all</i> abortions, perhaps we can work with the "pro-choice" to stop <i>more</i>.</p> <p>6) Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).</p> <p>There should be a pleasantness about our demeanor in political discussions. Then people will care about our opinions and be more likely to listen.</p> <p>Keep rocking!</p>
<p>Give the king <u>Your</u> judgments, O God. Psalm 72:1</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  The Voters </div>	
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