

**Bill Bunkley's
Manatee County
August 20, 2024, Primary Election Recommendations**

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SPECIAL ALERT: If you request a vote by mail ballot, I recommend that you DO NOT mail it back via the U. S. Postal Service. Ensure your signature matches what is on file with your Supervisor of Election's office. Hand deliver your mail-in ballot IN PERSON to an early voting site. On election day, you may not drop off your mail-in ballot at your local precinct but must deliver it to your county election office.

The following represents my personal recommendations, not endorsements, for the 2024 Primary Election on August 20, 2024. They DO NOT represent the opinion of Salem Media Group, Salem Radio, or the Florida Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. It is based upon faith in a Biblical Worldview and time-tested Biblical principles to serve as THE guiding compass for the affairs of men and women.... including their actions in elected office. The world around us is rapidly changing. God's instructions to us through His word do not change.

If a race on your ballot is not listed here, it means I am not publicly recommending in that race. This decision is not a suggestion to leave it blank on your ballot or not to vote in that race. It simply means that, for various reasons, I have chosen not to give public input in that race. I encourage you to study the candidates and make your best selection in that race.

This recommendation list is not a list of Christian candidates. Self-identifying as a Christian today carries a different meaning than decades ago. Just calling oneself a Christian doesn't tell us much. For example, a non-Christian may support traditional orthodox Biblical values and principles relative to the office's issues for which they seek more than the self-described Christian candidate in that same race. How one stands on public issues counts, not just a label or sound bite.

Remember, this is not about picking the next 12 Apostles. It's an election of public officials who, like you and me, have their faults and disappointments. They will never be perfect, just as you and I will never be on our own accord. Your role is crucial. Do your homework, study their qualifications, and pray about your choices. And remember, I am merely making a recommendation; the final decision is yours. And if we disagree in the end, that's okay, too. Now, study the candidates' positions, make your decisions, and **BE SURE TO VOTE.**

United States Senator

Jim Scott

Representative in Congress

District 16 Vern Buchanan

State Representative

District 72 Rich Tatem

Supervisor of Elections

James Satcher

Board of County Commissioners

District 1 Steve Metallo

District 3 April Culbreath

District 5 Raymond Turner

District 7 Kevin Van Ostenbridge

School Board

District 1 Alex Garner or Mark Stanoch

District 3 Jon Lynch

State Committeeman

Douglas Egger

State Committeewoman

Alice Kaddatz