

**Bill Bunkley's
Sarasota County
August 28, 2018 Primary Election Recommendations**

The following represents my personal recommendations, not endorsements, for the 2018 Election Primary on August 28, 2018. 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 there is a race on your ballot that is not listed here it is because I am not making a public recommendation in that race. That does not mean to leave it blank on your ballot, not to vote in that race. It simply means that for whatever reason I will not give public input in that race. Please 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 doesn't carry the same meaning as a decade ago. Just calling oneself a Christian doesn't tell us much. For example a non-Christian may in fact support traditional orthodox Biblical values and principles relative to the issues facing the office for which they seek more so than the self-described Christian candidate in that same race. It's how one stands on the public issues that count, not just a label or sound bite.

Parting wisdom.....we are not picking the next 12 Apostles. That would be a very high standard. It's an election of public officials. They are mere men and women like you and me with plenty of faults and disappointments. They will never be perfect just as you and I will never be on our own accord. Do your homework. Study their qualifications. Pray about your choices. And remember I am simply making a recommendation, you must make the final decision. And in the end result if we disagree, that's ok too. Now make your decisions but be sure you vote.

United States Senator (R) Rick Scott

U. S. House of Representatives (R) Dist. 17 Julio Gonzalez

Governor (R) Adam Putnam

Attorney General (R) Frank White

Commissioner of Agriculture Matt Caldwell

State Representative Dist. 70 No Recommendation

State Representative Dist. 72 (R) Ray Pilon

State Representative Dist. 73 (R) Tommy Gregory or Melissa

Howard

State Representative Dist. 74 (R) James Vernon Buchanan or Linda Yates

County Commission Dist. 2 (R) Still Researching

County Commission Dist. 4 (R) Still Researching

Circuit Judge 12th Circuit Group 12 No Recommendation

School Board Member Dist. 1 Still Researching

School Board Member Dist. 4 Still Researching

School Board Member Dist. 5 Still Researching

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