

Will These 300 Evangelical Nods Help Ted Cruz Gain Momentum?

For Christians, the stakes couldn't possibly be higher in the 2016 elections, and presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) believes he can be the leader the nation needs to help turn things around.

To do that, though, he knows he needs the support of a broad coalition—the former “Reagan Coalition”—of which evangelical voters make up a big voting bloc. And, as a result, his campaign has aggressively courted evangelical voters in South Carolina.

“I believe we need to reassemble the Reagan coalition, to unite conservatives and libertarians and evangelicals and women and young people and Hispanics and blue collar workers to build a grass-roots army of courageous conservatives, sharing common values and reigniting the promise of America,” he said Thursday. “Our pastor and faith leader endorsements today are a strong signal that the Reagan coalition is in fact coming back together, especially here in the Palmetto State.”

The Cruz campaign released a list Thursday morning with more than 300 evangelical faith leaders from South Carolina who have endorsed the Texas senator. Pastor Mike Gonzalez of Columbia World Outreach Church, who serves as South Carolina state co-chair for the Cruz campaign, said the list speaks volumes about the candidate.

“While the endorsement of a single pastor is important, over 300 pastors and faith leaders endorsing a candidate like Ted Cruz sends an amazing message about Ted Cruz's character, his consistent conservative record, and his defense of our shared values here in South Carolina,” he said.

The Cruz campaign said it has more than 11,000 in-state volunteers making 50,000 calls and knocking on more than 7,000 doors daily. It also has campaign chairs and faith leaders in each of the Palmetto State's 46 counties.

The complete list of South Carolina faith leaders who have endorsed Ted Cruz for president follows:

- Mrs. Crystal Aldridge, Women's Ministry Leader
- Rev. Steven Aldridge, Pastor at Lighthouse Baptist Church
- Rev. Marcus O. Almonte, Senior Pastor, Brandywine Baptist Church
- Mrs. Cheryl Aloway, Adult Group Leader at Deer Park Baptist Church
- Mr. Jim Aloway, Deacon at Deer Park Baptist Church
- Evangelist Jose Alvarez Vargas, Traveling Minister, Belton 2nd Baptist Church
- Pastor Bryan Alverson, Pastor at Solid Rock Christian Church
- Mrs. Rhonda Alverson, pastor's wife & ministry leader
- Mr. Dean Anderson, retired, Christian Community Activist
- Pastor Brennan Aschleman, Associate Pastor at Calvary Chapel of Northeast Columbia
- Rev. Xavier Baez, President of Xavier Baez Ministries
- Rev. Sam Baker, Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church
- Evangelist Bobby Barnes, Traveling Evangelist
- Rev. David Battle, Pastor at Cameron South Methodist Church
- Ms. Judy Battle, Peer Counselor
- Rev. Tony Beam, Interim Pastor, VP of Student Affairs, North Greenville University
- Pastor Larry Bennett, Associate Pastor at Community Bible Church
- Pastor Joshua Berry, Preacher at Welcome Baptist Church
- Representative Chumley Bill, Pro-Life Activist, State Representative

- Mr. Adam Bishop, Street Evangelist
- Pastor Todd Black, Pastor, Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church
- Mrs. Christina Black, President of Women Active for Christ at Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church
- Mrs. Ana Marie Blevins, Homeschool Group Leader
- Mr. Lyle Blevins, Retirement Home Ministry Worship Leader
- Chaplain Brian Bohlman, SC National Guard Chaplain
- Mr. Bobby Bollin, Missionary at Rock of Ages
- Mr. Daniel Bostic, Models for Christ
- Mr. Curtis Bostic, Ministry Leader
- Rev. Bobby & Joyce Bowers, retired Minister
- Evangelist Michah Brackett, Gantt Street Baptist
- Pastor William Bradley, Antioch Baptist Church
- Rev. Walter Brigman Jr., Pastor at Redemption Church
- Rev. Carl Broggi, Senior Pastor, Community Bible Church
- Mrs. Audrey Broggi, Founder of National Mothering From the Heart Ministries at Community Bible Church
- Dr. Mitch Brooks, Pastor at Belton 2nd Baptist Church
- Mr. Javan Browder, Christian Camp Leader
- Pastor Michael Brown, Pastor Church of God
- Mrs. Gloria Bryant, Women's Ministry Leader
- Rev. Aubrey Burton, CBC Director of Men's Ministry
- Rev. Richard Busha, Blue Ridge Baptist Church
- Ms. Cherie Cahoon, Community Bible Church
- Mr. Tommy Caldwell, Sunday School Leader at Beacon Baptist Church
- Pastor Shawn Caldwell, Home Church Pastor, Restoration Church
- Pastor Wesley Campbell, Pastor at Wesley Campbell Ministries
- Mr. Ryan Candill, Administrator at Florence Baptist Temple
- Pastor Daniel Carpenter, Palmetto Land Baptist Church
- Pastor Gene Carpenter, Palmetto Land Baptist Church
- Evangelist Brenton Carr, Evangelist, Carr Family

Ministries

- Pastor Harley Case, Pastor at Open Bible Baptist Church
- Mr. Scott Case, Christian Activist at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville County Auditor
- Rev. Kenneth Cash, Una First Free Will Baptist Church
- Pastor Gordon Cashwell, Pastor at Hope Assembly of God, Director of Without Walls Ministry
- Nicky & Sheri Chavers, Founders, Academy of Arts
- Mr. Chris Chavis, Ministry Leader at Glory Land Baptist Church
- Mrs. Sarah Chavis, Women's Ministry Leader at Glory Land Baptist Church
- Rev. John R. Clayton, Retired Pastor, Church of the Nazarene
- Rev. Herb Collins, Associate Pastor at Bamberg Church of God
- Pastor Herb Collins, Pastor at Bamberg Church of God
- Pastor William Coltrain, Pastor Riverview Baptist Church
- Mr. Sidney Connelly, Church Teacher, Trident Baptist Academy
- Pastor Sam Conover, Missions Pastor at Heritage Bible Church
- Mr. Scott Cooper, Pro-Life Activist
- Pastor Michael Corley, Youth Pastor at Restoration Church
- Pastor Steve Croot, Anchor Baptist Church
- Pastor Joey Curado, Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church
- Rev. Allen Davis, Church Planter Lighthouse Baptist Church
- Mr. Stan Dawson, Adjunct Professor at Charleston Southern University
- Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Anita Dickard, Evangelist
- Rev. Daniel Duncan, Assistant Pastor, Liberty Baptist
- Pastor Shem Durham, Pastor at Cannon Mtn. Baptist Church
- Pastor Gerald Eaves, Pastor at Lancaster Faith Baptist Church
- Rev. Mitchell Edge, Pastor at FWB Church

- Pastor Gary Edwards, Pastor at Landmark Baptist Church, Easley
- Pastor Bill Egerdahl, Pastor, Grace Baptist Church
- Pastor Matthew Egerdahl, Youth Pastor, Grace Baptist Church
- Dr. Nse Ekpo, Homeschool Leader, Christian Activist
- Pastor Chris Ellis, Pastor, Truth Independent Baptist Church
- Mr. David Ellison, Leader of Vets for Jesus
- Dr. David Entrekin, Professor of Economics
- Mr. Nathan Farmer, Teen Ministry Leader at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Youth Pastor Tyler Flemming, Youth Pastor at Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church
- Mr. Ricky Forschner, Director of Communications at Community Bible Church
- Pastor Sean Fortner, Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church
- Pastor Tony Foster, Pastor at Restoration Worship Center
- Pastor Michael Frisina, Senior Pastor at Calvary Chapel Northeast Columbia
- Rev. Gabriel Galdo, Pastor at Grace Alliance Church
- Ms. Betty Gaskins, Deer Park Baptist Church Management Team
- Ms. Claudia Gay, Lay Leader, Community Bible Church
- Mr. William Gay, Lay Leader, Community Bible Church
- Mr. Kurt Gerstenberger, Sunday School Teacher at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Pastor Jermaine Geter-Samon, Youth Minister at Columbia World Outreach
- Ms. Laura Godwin, Nightlight Christian Adoption
- Ms. Anabell Gonzalez, Women's Co-Director, Columbia World Outreach Church
- Ms. Dawn Gonzalez, Women's Ministry Director at Columbia World Outreach Church
- Pastor Mike Gonzalez, Senior Pastor, Columbia World Outreach Church and Chair, South Carolina Pastor's

Alliance

- Rev. Carlos Gonzalez, Associate Pastor, Columbia World Outreach Church
- Rev. Tracy Gooding, Pastor, Bay Springs Baptist Church
- Rev. Barry Goodman, Pastor at Faith Baptist Church
- Rev. Chris Gray, Senior Pastor, Gnoree Baptist Church
- Chaplain Steve Greene, Prison Chaplain at Joel Baptist Church
- Mrs. Debbie Greene, Ladies Prison Ministry Leader at Joel Baptist Church
- Rev. Ricky Griffin, Evangelist
- Mr. Leonard Griffin, Church Ministry Leader
- Mr. Joe Grimaud, Board Member, Tony Evans Ministries
- Mrs. Gladys Grimaud, Board Member, Tony Evans Ministries
- Mr. Edward Gross, Dr. Vanguard Global Network
- Rev. Jeff Gulish, Pastor at Westchester Baptist Church
- Senior Pastor Michael Gullatte, Christ for the Nations Church
- Pastor Tim Hackett, Pastor at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church
- Col. Frank Hall, WWII Veteran, Faith Leader
- Rev. Ray Hamilton, Minister of Hospitality at Turning Point Free Will Baptist
- Dr. Al Harley, Psychiatrist Biblical Counseling, Florence Baptist Temple
- US Army Chaplain Darrell Harlow-Curtis
- Pastor Carroll Harrison, Pastor South Greenwood Assembly of God Church
- Ms. Caren Harvey, Community Bible Church Financial Ministry
- Rev. David Harvey, Pastor at Arrowhead Valley Baptist
- Pastor Steve Hassell, Pastor, Goodrich Baptist/Working Charleston Campaign
- Pastor Michael T. & Debra Haynes, Trident Baptist Church
- Rev. Michael & Heidi Haynes, Associate Pastor at Trident Baptist Church
- Mrs. Charlotte Hendrix, Lay Leader, Florence

- Mrs. Julie Hershey, Live Free Inc., Greenville
- Pastor Elton Adam Hinson, Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church
- Rev. William Hoff, Pastor, Life Baptist Church
- Mr. Joseph Holcomb, Owner of Just Jesus Radio
- Rev. Jack Holden, Retired Pastor
- Rev. Tim Huckaby, Burnsvie Baptist Church
- Ms. Kay Hucks, Christian School Teacher
- Pastor Micah Hucks, Bread of Life Tabernacle
- Mr. Chad Hutchins, Lay Leader
- Pastor Christopher Jackson, Riverside Baptist Church
- Pastor Robert Jarvis, Pastor at Welcome Baptist Church
- Rev. Don Johnson, Minister of Church Administration, Harbour Lake Baptist Church
- Rev. Todd Johnson, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
- Pastor Jeffrey Johnson, Pastor at Restoration Church
- Jeff Johnson, Minister of Education, Florence Baptist Temple, South Carolina
- Pastor Jay Johnson, Pastor at Cedar Grove Baptist Church
- Rev. Michael Jones, USAF-Retired
- Dr. Bob Jones III, Chancellor, Bob Jones University
- Mr. Gary Jordan, Ministry Leader, Norland Baptist Church
- Ms. Iris Jordan, Ministry Leader
- Rev. Jeff Jowers, Associate Pastor at Mount Mariah Baptist Church
- Rev. Max Kaster, Pastor at Calhoun Baptist Church
- Mr. Charles Kelcy, Sons of Abraham
- Mrs. Deborah Kelcy, The Church of God
- Pastor Jeff Kelley, Grace Baptist Church
- Mrs. Phyllis Kelley, Christian Activist
- Dr. Tommy Kelly, President South Carolina Baptist Convention & Pastor at Varnville First Baptist Church
- Mr. Jay Kilmartin, Lay Leader
- Rev. Allan Kircher, Pastor at Shell Point Baptist Church
- Prof. Dan Kirsop, Music Professor at Bob Jones University

- Mrs. Jamie Kneale, Administrator Colonial Christian Academy
- Ms. Lana Koenig, Lee Road Baptist Church
- Ms. Barbara Krell, Outreach Director at Refreshing Springs Church
- Ministry Leader Bobby LaBombard, Ministry Leader at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Rev. Malcolm Lance, Highland Baptist Church
- Mr. Nelson Lara, Deacon at Trident Baptist Church
- Rev. Tim Larrimore, Pastor at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
- Mr. Geoffrey Lawson, Deacon at Community Bible Church
- Rev. Cliff Leonard, New Providence Baptist Church
- Pastor Matthew Leszczynski, Worship Pastor at Community Bible Church
- Rev. Gene Scott Lewellen, Walnut Hill Baptist Church
- Mr. Charles Lewis, Founder/Moderator, Save America Summit
- Ms. Blake Lindsey, Director of Broadcasting GGR Radio
- Ms. Melody Lindsey, Director of Child Care Services, Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Rev. Brad Lindsey, Minister of Music, Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Dr. Peter Link, Associate Professor at Charleston Southern University
- Rev. Richard Lister, Pastor of Electric City Fellowship
- Ms. Wanda Lloyd, Liberty FWB Church
- Rev. James Locklair, Pastor at Clifton Church of God
- Monsignor Ed Lofton, State Chaplain, Knights of Columbus and Parish Priest, St. Theresa Catholic Church
- Rev. Brent Logan, Pastor at Liberty Baptist Church
- Evangelist Doug Lowery, Evangelist, Heart Lifting Ministries
- Mr. Josiah Magnuson, Americans for Constitutional Government
- Dr. John Matthews, Cornerstone Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church

- Rev. J. Philip McAlister, Pastor, Geer Memorial Baptist Church
- Pastor Roger McCullough, Mt. Olive Baptist Church
- Mr. Robert McIntire, Christian Biker Leader & U.S. Navy Veteran
- Mrs. Kristin McIntire, Midway Baptist Church
- Ms. Gaye McNair, Women's Ministry Leader
- Pastor Larry Melton
- Pastor Frankie Melton, Pastor at Health Springs Baptist Church
- Rev. Frankie Melton, South Carolina Pastors Alliance
- Pastor Bill Monroe, Senior Pastor, Florence Baptist Temple and Past President, Baptist Bible Fellowship
- Rev. Alex Morales, Columbia World Outreach
- Rev. Jim Murray, Pastor at Forest Hills Independent Baptist Church
- Representative Wendy Nanny, National Co-Chair, Pro-Life Coalition for Cruz
- Dr. Paul Noe, Sweet Water Baptist Church
- Mr. Jon Orcutt, Lay Leader
- Mr. Walter Overbay, Deacon at First Baptist
- Ms. Evelyn Owens, Children's Ministry, Community Bible Church
- Dr. Skip Owens, Pastor at Calvary Baptist, former president of the SBC, and Retired Director of Denominational Relations at Southern Baptist University
- Pastor Wayland Owens, Pastor at 1st FWB Church
- Rev. Michael & Mrs. Bonnie Parnell
- Rev. Jake Patterson, Pastor at Hurricane Baptist Church
- Mr. Charles Peacock, Evangelist
- Pastor Tony Pettit
- Rev. Joel Phillips, Pastor Northside Baptist Church
- Rev. Cliff Phillips, Pastor Highpoint Baptist Church
- Rev. Kevin Phillips, Former Pastor, Retired Army Officer
- Rev. Rob Pierce III, Pastor at Summerton Baptist Church
- Mr. Rufus Pinckney, Greater Work Ministries
- Rev. Wesley Pittman, Pastor

- Rev. Bryan Plyler, The River Church, Lead Pastor
- Rev. Ronnie Powell, South Carolina Pastors Alliance
- Mr. Tony Powers, Christian Radio Talk Show Host
- Youth Pastor Mitch Prosser, Harvest Baptist Church
- Pastor Donald C. Prosser, Providence Baptist Church
- Mr. Nathan Randall, Sunday School Teacher at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Mr. Gregory Rankin, Lay Pastor and President Engineering Consulting Firm
- Mr. James Ray Richburg, Head Deacon at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
- Mrs. Francis Richburg, Rep President Ladies Auxillary Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
- Rev. Randy Riddle, Pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church
- Rev. John Riddle, Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Pastor Bill (W.C.) Rigsby, North Anderson Baptist Church
- Mr. Jeff Riley, Ministry Leader and Special Olympics Representative
- Mr. Justin Riley, Ministry Leader at Glory Land Baptist Church
- Pastor Buddy Robbins, The Bridge Church
- Pastor Glen Robinson, Church of Deliverance
- Pastor Jimmy Robinson, Glenwood Baptist Church
- Mr. Peter Robyn, Founder, Founder, History Strips
- Reverend Alvin Rogers, Jr., Pastor at 1st Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Pastor Kevin Rogers, Pastor at Joel Baptist Church
- Rev. Robert Ryggs, Grace Baptist Church
- Mr. Sean Andre Samon, Elder of Ministry Board, . Ministry Leader
- Dr. Terry Sartain, Calvary Chapel
- Rev. Richard Saxon , Church of God Representative, Ministry to Israel
- Rev. James R. Saxon III, Church of God
- Mr. Greg Schafer, Deacon at Trident Baptist Church
- Ms. Anne Schell, His Song and Greenville for Life

- Pastor Joe Seay, Pastor, El Bethel Baptist Church
- Mr. Peter Simms, Christian Activist
- Pastor Bryant Sims, Pastor at First Mount Mariah
- Ms. Penny Smalls, Columbia World Outreach Leadership
- Rev. Larry Smalls, Associate Pastor, Columbia World Outreach
- Rev. Jeremy Smith, Pastor at Whitefield Baptist Church
- Pastor Vince Smith, Community Bible Church of Beaufort
- Father Steven Smith, Episcopal Church of the Atonement
- Rev. Al Smith, Pastor at Pinecrest Baptist Church
- Representative Gary Smith, Pro-Life Activist
- Pastor David Snodgrass, Pastor at Camden Nazarene
- Rev. Bill & Mrs. Deborah South, Pastor, Pleasant View Baptist Church
- Mr. Jarred Spencer, Deacon, Independent Baptist Church
- Rev. Wayne Stafford, Pastor, Pilgrim's Way BC
- Pastor David J. Stanton, Youth Pastor, Goodrich Baptist Church
- Rev. James W. Starr, Vision 2020 Asia
- Rev. Tony Stephens, Associate Pastor at Harbour Lake Baptist Church
- Rev. Sid Stewart, Director Emeritus of Haven of Rest Ministries
- Ms. Patricia Stewart, Christian Activist
- Rev. Mary Stoney, Senior Pastor of LP Ministries
- Mr. Craig Stouffer, Ministry Leader at Faith Baptist Church
- Mr. Nathan Stouffer, Ministry Leader at Faith Baptist Church
- Rev. N. Titus Stracener, Preacher, Missionary
- Mrs. Susan Swanson, Augusta Care Pregnancy Center
- Pastor Andy Thomas, Pastor at New Life Fellowship
- Mr. Steve Thomas, Trustee at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
- Ms. Elizabeth Tindall, Women's Ministry Leader at Glory Land Baptist Church
- Pastor Dennis Tolley, Pastor at Gaffney Freewill

Baptist Church

- Rev. Johnny Touchet, Pastor at Mount Mariah Baptist Church
- Pastor Frank Townsend, Pastor at Concord Baptist Church
- Rev. Darren Truel, Mission Pastor, Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Rev. Travis Tucker, Music Director
- Pastor Randy Valandingham, Rejoice Aiken Fellowship
- Dr. Robert F. Vallair, Chaplain
- Rev. Joe Vaughn, Pastor at Faith Baptist Church
- Rev. Ed Vernoy, Pastor of Care Ministry at Community Bible Church
- Rev. Donnie Vick, Pastor
- Pastor Todd Vick, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church
- Ms. Glenda Ware, Retired, Bessemer City First Baptist Child Care Ministries
- Evangelist Bradley Wasson, Lexington Baptist Teacher and Evangelist
- Pastor Steve Waters, Patterson Springs Baptist Church
- Rev. Chad & Mrs. Cheryl Watson, Glory Land Baptist
- Mr. Randall Watson, Director of Multimedia at Glory Land Baptist
- Ms. Brittany Watson, Prison Ministry Leader at Joel Baptist Church
- Mrs. Lisa Watson, Church Secretary
- Mr. Chip Watson, Church Leader
- Mrs. Pat Wavle, Christian Leader & School Teacher
- Pastor Jamie Weatherford, Pastor at Midway Baptist Church
- Rev. Wesley Webb, Grace Baptist Church
- Pastor Jo Ann Welch, Truth Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Reverend Darby Welch, Truth Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Rev. Andy Wells, Galilee Baptist
- Rev. Aaron Wells, Associate Pastor at Galilee Baptist Church
- Ms. Leah Whatley, Lay Leader & Christians for Israel Activist

- Pastor Mark White, Pastor at Christian Assembly
- Rev. Chris White, Missionary to Japan
- Mr. Earl Whiteley, Deacon at Deer Park Baptist Church
- Mrs. Jackie Whiteley, Children's Choir Director at Deer Park Baptist
- Rev. Stephen (Scott) Williamson, Pastor at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Elder Wayne Williamson, Elder at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Pastor Scott Williamson, Song Leader at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Mrs. Jennifer Williamson, Leader of Women's Ministry at Gethsemane Baptist Church
- Rev. Alfred Willis, Pastor, Life Baptist Church
- Pastor Rhett Wilson, Pastor, The Spring Church
- Pastor Steve Winburn, Pastor, Faith Holiness Church
- Rev. Ted Windham
- Youth Pastor Brian Winebrenner, Youth Pastor at Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church
- Mr. Ken Wingate, Lay Leader
- Mr. William Wiseman, The Oak Initiative
- Rev. Kenny Wood, Pastor at McKown's Mtn. Baptist Church
- Rev. Wm. Byron Wood, Holiday Church
- Rev. Bob Woodard, SC Pastors Alliance
- Ms. Alicia C. Wrenn, Allison Creek Presbyterian Church Webmaster
- Mr. Steve Yaffe, The Oak Initiative
- Mrs. Marcia Yaffe, The Oak Initiative
- Dr. Freddie Young, Senior Pastor, Grand Strand Baptist Church
- Pastor David Young, Pastor at Antioch Baptist Church
- Rev. Marshall Young, Associate Pastor at Harbour Lake Baptist Church
- Pastor John Yount, Retired Pastor