

# Clergy Endorsement for Shelby City School Board Candidate for 2023 General Election

Local school boards are vital in shaping the future of our communities. On the 2023 General Election ballot, four candidates are running for two of the five seats for Shelby School Board. Those candidates on the ballot include Rick Lewis, Heather Braun, Carl Ridenour, and Brad Ream.

Presently Shelby City Schools are listed on the Indoctrination Site Map compiled by Protect Ohio Children. (1) Specifically, Shelby City Schools promotes homosexual and bisexual behaviors.

Knowing righteousness exalteth a nation, (Proverbs 14:34), it is vitally important persons of integrity should be chosen to serve in elected positions. Exodus 18:21 says, “Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear GOD, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. “

With that being said, it is our role as overseers over our congregations and community to ‘shepherd the sheep.’ While our congregations may not be located inside Shelby School District, we may have Shelby households attending our congregation. Proverbs 3:27 says “withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

Pastor Rick Lewis has served as Senior Pastor of Shelby Connect Church for 22 years. He also works in real estate with Haring Realty and is a member of the Mansfield Board of Realtors.

**Based on his Biblical worldview, our strong conviction as forty-eight (48) local clergymen from diverse backgrounds is that Pastor Rick Lewis will best serve as School Board Member for Shelby City Schools in the upcoming November 7th, 2023 General Election.**

Our personal endorsement of Pastor Lewis is based on the following public record as a clergymen demonstrating that he is a strong proponent of faith, family, and freedom:

- Support for the sanctity of life (2)
- Advocacy of biological gender and traditional marriage (3-4)
- Support for parental consent (5)
- Resistance to human trafficking (6)
- Advocacy of religious freedom (7)
- Support of local law enforcement (8)
- Support for the prohibition of illicit drugs (9-10)
- Advocacy for community (11)

According to Proverbs 29:2, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Therefore, we remind all citizens of their duty to vote for the November 7th 2023 election.

## The following (48) local clergymen formally announce their support of Pastor Rick Lewis' candidacy as Shelby City School Board Member:

<b>Pastor George Lewis</b>	<b>Pastor Mark Dettmer</b>	<b>Pastor Rich Hurles</b>
<b>Bishop Anthony Cooper</b>	<b>Pastor Doug Tackett</b>	<b>Pastor J.C. Church</b>
<b>Pastor Tim Houston</b>	<b>Pastor Mike Rose</b>	<b>Dr. Ricky Branham</b>
<b>Pastor John Bouquet</b>	<b>Pastor Steve Baldrige</b>	<b>Pastor Les Vnasdale</b>
<b>Pastor Les Farley</b>	<b>Pastor Dave Rentzel</b>	<b>Pastor Chad Hayes</b>
<b>Bishop Ben Gregg</b>	<b>Pastor Brad Gentile</b>	<b>Pastor Brian Phillips</b>
<b>Pastor Jason Price</b>	<b>Pastor Bruce Philippi</b>	<b>Pastor Eric Byrom</b>
<b>Pastor Steve Burkhalter</b>	<b>Pastor Dan Baer</b>	<b>Pastor James Marshall</b>
<b>Bishop Sylvester Ginn</b>	<b>Pastor Kevin Evans</b>	<b>Pastor Taylor Howard</b>
<b>Pastor Floyd Allen</b>	<b>Pastor Russ Smith</b>	<b>Pastor Clarence Sanderfer</b>
<b>Pastor Larry Hill</b>	<b>Pastor Mark Wireman</b>	<b>Pastor Art Kennard</b>
<b>Pastor Bobby Edwards</b>	<b>Pastor Mark Meyer</b>	<b>Pastor Robert O'Brian</b>
<b>Pastor Dink Porter</b>	<b>Pastor Randy Raynes</b>	<b>Reverend El Akuchie</b>
<b>Pastor Ferlie Yates</b>	<b>Pastor Matt Pond</b>	<b>Deacon Derrell Hall</b>
<b>Pastor Clyde Kerby</b>	<b>John Campos</b>	<b>Pastor Paul Mathewson</b>
<b>Pastor Rick Sutter</b>	<b>Pastor Jack Williams</b>	<b>Elder Ray Cochran Jr.</b>

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