



# Bunni Pounds

## Founder & President of Christians Engaged – Full Biography

Bunni Pounds is the President of Christians Engaged. This national non-partisan ministry awakens, educates, and empowers believers in Jesus Christ: to pray for their nation and elected officials regularly, to vote in every election to impact their culture, and to engage their hearts in some form of civic education or engagement for the wellbeing of America.

In just three years – the Christians Engaged team served over 125 churches, built the only 501(c)3 voter mobilization system for the Body of Christ in all 50 states and produced five major curriculum projects to activate the Church – *On-Ramp to Civic Engagement*, *Salt & Light: How to Impact our Local Communities*, *Austin 101* (for the state of Texas), *Nehemiah: How to Rebuild the Walls of a Nation*, and *Biblical Justice: Answers for Difficult Days*. They have also produced tons of free content in the form of articles, prayer calls, and a weekly show “Conversations with Christians Engaged” to educate the Body of Christ on the importance of their biblical call to America. Their goal is to mobilize 1 million Christians by the 2024 general election to pray, vote, and engage regularly.

On May 18, 2021, after 18 months of operation – Christians Engaged was denied by the IRS their 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status because the IRS noted in writing – “*biblical teachings*” are “*typically affiliated with the Republican Party.*” Bunni appealed this decision for not only Christians Engaged but all Christian organizations that this would affect in the nation. With the help of First Liberty Institute, they won a reversal in 21 days after 3 Fox News appearances, a letter from Members of Congress, and huge national attention on the case.

As a political consultant by profession – Bunni spent over sixteen years running the campaigns of Members of Congress around Texas. She started her career as the campaign manager for U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling then launched her own firm, Bunni Pounds & Associates building a top Texas consulting firm with nine associates and thirty-one clients.

Her life radically changed in 2018 – when out of the blue – Bunni felt called to run for her former bosses’ seat for Congress. In the end – she made it through a field of eight primary candidates into the Republican Primary runoff but came up slightly short. During the 2018 primary season, she raised more money than any GOP open seat candidate in the State of Texas, became the only person in the entire United States who gained the endorsement of Vice President Mike Pence, and out of 46 candidates became the only Texas Republican woman to make the runoff election.

Bunni’s experience doesn’t just stop at politics. She has been bi-vocational and active in Christian ministry since she was 16. Bunni is a Bible teacher and motivational speaker who has authored 8 books, published worship songs, and church-planted with her husband Tim for over 10 years. Speaking to the church and the culture, she is a regular contributor to *The Stream* and has also been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Post*, and *Charisma Magazine* among others.

She has a Bachelor of Arts & Sciences degree in Political Science from Dallas Baptist University and an associate degree in theology from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas.

Married for 27 years to Tim Pounds, they have 2 young adult sons, Israel and Ben, two daughters-in-law, and a new grandbaby.

Bunni loves to motivate people to pray, vote, and engage their hearts to impact America and the world. She believes that people are called to walk in intimacy with Jesus and be salt and light to a dying world.

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## Short Biography for Introductions

Bunni Pounds is the President and Founder of Christians Engaged. She was a political consultant for 16 years - once leading a firm with 32 clients and 9 people in her office. For years - she worked with Members of Congress running their campaigns.

She then ran for Congress herself in 2018 becoming the only woman to make the Republican Runoff Ballot in Texas out of 6 open seats and the only person in the US endorsed by Vice President Mike Pence during the 2018 Primary Season.

Though she came up short - God has been using her over 20 years of Christian ministry experience and political experience to lead this national ministry today. Christians Engaged has been in more than 125 churches since its launch and has had thousands across the United States take their pledge to pray, vote, and engage. Their goal is to reach 1 million Christians by the 2024 general election.

A graduate of Christ for the Nations and Dallas Baptist University - above all Bunni loves Jesus and loves sharing the gospel with anyone who will listen - from the halls of Congress to her own hometown.

Bunni has been married to her husband Tim for 27 years. They have 2 grown sons, both married and one precious grandson.