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The year ends on a mixed note for the **Republican Party**. While the **United States House** went Democratic, the **Senate** had a gain of two seats. Next year's Senate will be 47 Democrats and 53 Republicans plus the vote of Vice-President Pence in the case of a tie. This gain of two seats will give Republicans much more clout in passing bills even with a few defections from the GOP.

Tennessee is looking very red as they maintain two Republican Senators, a Republican Governor (first back-to-back Republican Governors since Reconstruction), plus walk-out State House and Senate. Democrats picked up only Beth Harwell's Belle Meade House Seat.

Congratulations to Clarksville's own State Senator, District 22, **Mark Green** who is now our Congressman in District 7. Mark will officially resign on January 2nd at which time the Montgomery County Commissioners may appoint an interim State Senator until a special election is held, probably in May. Montgomery

County Commissioners do this temporary selection because Mark Green is a resident of Montgomery County, but also represents Stewart and Houston Counties. It appears there will be numerous candidates for the permanent election for State Senate, District 22.

Our former District 7 Congressman, Marsha Blackburn, now answers to **Senator Blackburn**. When Democrat Phil Bredesen ran for Governor in 2006, he swept all 95 counties, but in 2019 Representative Blackburn won all except three counties. Democrats, including Gubernatorial Candidate Karl Dean, won Memphis (Shelby Co), Nashville (Davidson Co.), and City of Chattanooga. According to Steve Gill, political editor of the *Tennessee Star*, "The rural counties of the South that used to vote Democratic are now dark red counties, favoring Republicans. The gun-toting, God-fearing, pro-life & too high-tax-fearing Democrats of the past in rural areas now vote for what *THEY* believe rather than what their granddaddy used to vote as a Democrat, & that's what has changed the political landscape." Gill said both Senator-elect Marsha Blackburn and Governor-elect Bill Lee had vote margins similar to those of Donald Trump in 2016 and reflect the growing rural advantage for the GOP in the South.

Republican Auxiliaries

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB will meet on

Tuesday, December 4 at 11:30 AM

at the Clarksville Country Club.

There will be reminiscences of Joy Huggins. The annual Christmas White Elephant Sale will offer Christmas Shopping for club members and guests. Additionally, there will be an appearance by a mystery guest. Required reservations for the \$19 luncheon buffet are due no later than November 30. To make your reservation, please phone (616) 450-2800 or email joanniles@gmail.com.

RED RIVER REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB plans to get together on **Saturday, December 15** at the Looking

Glass Restaurant on Warfield Blvd. at **10 AM**. Special Guest is Hannah Con-

way, author of *CHRISTMAS ON A MIS-SION*. Attendees are asked to bring Pop Tarts to donate to FUEL, local charity providing food for needy Clarksville Students to have food available over the weekends. Reservations are required for the optional Brunch at 9:30 AM for a cost of \$18.45 plus drink & tip. To make your reservation, contact ka-relleabiggs@charter.net or phone (931) 217-4018.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY will **NOT** meet in December, but will resume on Tuesday, **January 22, 2019 at 7 PM** at Republican Headquarters on Madison St.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS will **NOT** meet in **December**, but will began on **January 8, 2019** at **6 PM** at Montgomery County Republican Party Headquarters on Madison St. (across from Jimmy John's Sandwich Shop). YRs are trying to mentor new Young Republican Chapters in Houston & Stewart Counties. The new APSU College Republican President is Jonathan Geanis. For more Information, please contact YR President Adam Walker at adamwalker31311@gmail.com.

GOP OFFICE HOURS CURRENTLY ARE Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10 AM – 2 PM. Please phone Marie at (931) 801-3564 if you are willing to volunteer to work.

Congratulations

To members of our Party for their victories:

Representative Curtis Johnson,
District 68

Representative Jay Reedy, Dis-
trict 74

Richard Garrett, Ward 1

ELECTION 2018

It was a pretty exciting and historic November 2018 election for Montgomery County and for Tennessee, as well as the Nation.

In Montgomery County, there was a **47.78% overall turnout**. This is wonderful compared to past elections! In the Partisan races, of the 51,745 votes, **Bill Lee** was elected as **Governor** with 53.96%; of the 51,931 votes, **Marsha Blackburn** for **US Senate**, 49.94%; of the 48,514 votes, **Mark Green** for **US House of Rep District 7**, 58.80%; of the 16,272 votes, **TN House of Rep District 67** went to the Democrat with 52.43%; of the 26,629 votes, **TN House of Rep District 68, Curtis Johnson**, 66.85%; of the 8,292 votes, **TN House of Rep District 74, Jay Reedy**, 56.69%; of the 16, 129 votes, Metro Gov Charter Ref—County, Against 87.87% and of the 32, 130 votes, Metro Gov Charter Ref — City, Against 58.80%. All of the non-partisan elections and these can be found at <https://mcgtn.org/election/results/2018-11-6>

On November 20, 2018 the **Tennessee House Republican Caucus** held its meeting to hold the caucus elections. All 73 members of the caucus were there, including the **20 new members**.

There is a new Governor and his new administration, 20 new Republican members and eight new Democrat members in the House, three new members in the State Senate (two Democrats, one Republican) and when Mark Green's and Mark Norris' seats are filled that will add two more — all new leadership in both parties.

Tennessee made history electing **Marsha Blackburn** as the first woman to the U.S. Senate from Tennessee.



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