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# Evangelicals Turning to Ron Paul

*Writes the [Star-Telegram's Bud Kennedy](#):*

Nobody was surprised when Rick Santorum won church voters in that predominantly Catholic state.

But their No. 2 choice was born-again libertarian Ron Paul.

Paul adviser Doug Wead, a former adviser to both Presidents Bush, said evangelicals also favor Paul because he opposes abortion and because **“Christians have learned that the Constitution is our friend.”**

It was Wead who coined George W. Bush’s term “compassionate conservative.”

Paul, a low-key Southern Baptist churchgoer, is worrying evangelical kingmakers such as James Dobson and the Rev. Don Wildmon because “they fear losing power,” Wead said.

“They wanted Perry. They didn’t want [Mitt] Romney. They wanted one of their own.”

**Paul is finding votes in a growing divide among evangelicals.**

**Some want a strong government to promote Judeo-Christian values and aggressively defend Israel.**

**Others want a thrifty government that leaves most decisions to the state level and lets Christianity flourish on its own.**

**“If we allow the federal government to dictate, it will dictate the wrong way more often,” Wead said.**

**If Israel were threatened, Paul would act, Wead said: “But he believes in the Constitution, and only Congress should decide when we go to war in the Middle East, not pundits on TV.”**

Evangelical leaders all but drafted Perry, who attends a Southern Baptist megachurch, after Mike Huckabee bowed out and Newt Gingrich faltered.

Now, with Santorum surging, Dobson, Wildmon and former presidential candidate Gary Bauer have called a summit next weekend in Central Texas to plan their next move.

**“It’s really all about them and that little group keeping power,” Wead said.**

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