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McLennan DA credit God for victory

WACO, Texas (AP) — ~~Embattled~~ McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell today thanked God for his election win in the face of federal charges alleging he took bribes to dismiss criminal cases.

Feazell had 23,838 votes, or 53.3 percent, to Republican Paul Gartner's 20,863 votes, or 46.7 percent.

"And I give all the credit and all the glory to God," Feazell said. "A lot of good praying, Christian people have prayed this thing through for me. And the next battle will turn out the same way."

He was referring to his scheduled trial next year on bribery charges.

"They've thrown everything at me they can because they knew they had to beat me at the polls, because they can't beat me in court," Feazell said.

But Feazell used the charges as a forum to gain additional support, claiming the indict-

ment was in retaliation for his "stepping on the wrong toes" during a 1985 grand jury in-

vestigation into homicide cases once attributed to Henry Lee Lucas.