

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, October 13, 2021

AnnouncementsJon Kennedy
Lead SingingBT Hobbs
First Prayer Dick Shelton
Read Scripture.....Anthony Lucas
Dismissal Prayer.....Brandon Tigner

Sunday Morning, October 17, 2021

AnnouncementsJon Kennedy
Lead Singing Jim Maxwell
First Prayer.....Ben Hall
Read ScriptureNathan Kennedy
Preside at Table.....Bud Stewart
Serve Congregation.....
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Dismissal Prayer Phil Webster
Greeters.....
Greeters.....
Nursery Attendant..... Heather Harris

Sunday Morning, October 24, 2021

Announcements Teddy Bodiford
Lead Singing Gary Gill
First Prayer.....Gary Byers
Read Scripture Jim Maxwell
Preside at TableJon Kennedy
Dismissal Prayer.....Danny Lucas

“Key Men” for October

Sunday AM (Open) Robert Bizzell
Sunday AM (Close)..... Eddie Carter
Sunday PM (Open)
Sunday PM (Close).....
Wednesday PM (Open) Don McAlpin
Wednesday PM (Close).....Ronny Cornelius
Prepare Lord’s Supper

Coming Events

The Memphis School Of Preaching will host the **Sixth Annual World Evangelism Seminar** on October 15-16. Check the lobby board for more information.

Family Matters

Patsy Bodiford had knee surgery and is home improving. Please keep her and Teddy in your prayers.
Savannah Hubbard will have surgery on Tuesday, October 26. Please keep her and Jonathan in your prayers.
Mac Vaughn is still in the hospital dealing with several issues as he recovers from heart problems. Please keep **Gail** in your prayers also as she is worn out through all of this.
Sarge Cornelius is still slowly improving. Please keep her and **Ronny** in your prayers.

Community Matters

Please keep Charles Wiggins, Tommy Billions, Susan Boyd, Stephen Thompson, Bryan Vaughn, Laura Adkins, Carmen Stringfellow, Donna Thoda, Lisa Dukes in your prayers.

Prayer List

Gerald Mills, Bill Craft, Benny Thornton, April McKelvey, Jerry Trainum, Timmy Moore and Royce Jones.

*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.
Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 17.....Numbers 5-6
Monday, Oct.18.....2 Chron. 5-6
Tuesday, Oct.19.....2 Kings 24-25
Wednesday Oct. 20Isaiah 19-23
Thursday, Oct. 21 Obadiah
Friday, Oct. 22 John 5
Saturday, Oct. 231 Peter 1-5

Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.
Lillian Eason, Providence Assisted Living, 700 Moore’s Crossing, Apt. 204, Senatobia, MS. 38668.
Dessrie Sigler, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd. Room B-13, Bolivar, TN 38008.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Word of God- Romans 10:17.
2. Believe the Word of God- Mark 16:16.
3. Repent of sins- Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess Christ- Romans 10:9-10.
5. Be Baptized to wash away sins - Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Mark 16:16.
6. Be Faithful unto death- Rev. 2:10.

JEFF’S JOTTINGS

The ladies meet at 10am on Tuesday’s in the annex for a short devotional and send out cards. All ladies are invited!

Thank You to all who came out and knocked doors with us last Sunday! Hopefully some seeds were planted and good will come from this effort.

“Listen, the wind is rising and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves.” -H. Wolfe

“I have never been hurt by anything I didn’t say.” -Calvin Coolidge

“...Be satisfied with what you have for He Himself has said ‘I will never leave you or forsake you. ’Therefore, we may boldly say The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’” Heb. 13:4-5

Are You Thankful for the Church?

In the letters to the churches of Rome, Corinth, Colossi and Philippi, the Apostle Paul expressed his deep gratitude for those congregations. He was thankful for their faithfulness, fellowship and spiritual growth. Even though these groups of Christians struggled with temptation and sin, Paul appreciated his relationship with the church. Can we say the same about ourselves? Are we thankful for the church? If so, how do we express our appreciation? Here are a few ways and reasons we should be grateful for this great institution:
—Jesus Christ Died for the Church -Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:24-2
—The Benefit of a Spiritual Family – Eph. 3:14-15
— Love for One Another is Found in the Church – 1 Peter 1:22
—Forgiveness is Found in Church Fellowship – 1 John 1:7
— Gratitude Shown by Consistent Fellowship - Acts 2:42
—Physical Needs are Met Thru the Church - Acts 4:34
— Peace and Harmony is Found in the Church - Rom. 15:5
—One Can be Worry-Free in the Church – Phil. 4:6-7
—Our Thankfulness is Shown by Giving – 2 Cor. 9:6-8
—Spiritual Support is Found in the Church – James 5:13-16
—Good Works Come from the Church – Eph. 2:10
—Christ is the Savior of the Church – Eph. 5:23 -Jay Launis

Churches Without Elders Still Have a Shepherd

We have often pointed out that there is a way of remembering the six words used to describe elders that can be easily remembered. Take the first letter of each of the six words and form a new word. Because an elder must have children, just remember this truth, “Elders must BE-POPS.” Those six words? B=bishops; E=elders; P=presbyters; O=overseers; P=pastors and S=shepherds. Each of these words emphasize an important aspect of what an elder must be and what he must do.

God’s desire is for every church to have elders. Paul, on his first missionary journey, established many churches in Asia Minor. After he arrived at the most distant city, Derbe, he began appointing elders. “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch...So when they had appointed elders in every church and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed” (Acts 14:21-23).

It is important to notice the importance of every church having elders. Because of abilities imparted when receiving the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, these infant churches were able to develop elders more quickly than in our day.

Elders have no authority outside of the local congregation.

Peter described their work and the limits of their authority. “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers” (1 Pet. 5:2). God limits the work of the elder to the flock where he lives. He cannot rule over multiple churches.

Because elders must be spiritually mature men, some congregations do not have elders. One of the qualifications for an elder is that he cannot be a novice, a new convert (1 Tim. 3:6).

Those who preach in those places and those who are leaders should set as one of their highest priorities to develop elders. Appointing men to be elders who are not spiritually qualified, just so a church can have men called elders, creates many problems. Until that time arrives, church leaders must ensure that the church is fed, restoring the wayward is not neglected and the church is led to have peace—still waters and green pastures.

Even without elders to shepherd them, a church is still God’s flock. One point overlooked is that Jesus is described as the “Chief Shepherd” (1 Pet. 5:6).

Churches without an eldership still have this Shepherd. He may not be physically present, but He is in their midst overseeing them and providing food for every sheep.

If you are a member of a congregation without elders, do not think that you have no Shepherd.

-Dan Jenkins