

October 2016 Newsletter

Submitted By: Pastor Tony

Elders Duties & Responsibilities Description

It is God who calls and appoints a man to serve in the office of Elder. The existing Elders in the local church recognize men gifted and willing to serve in this calling (Titus 1:6-9), and then if the church affirms this recognition of those set before them at that time these men shall be set apart as appointed elders in that local congregation. In keeping with our understanding from the Scriptures interchangeable use of the terms pastor, shepherd, elder and bishop, a pastor describes the office of a man who also serves as elder. We understand that there should always be a plurality of elders who satisfy the qualifications for the office of elder set forth in I Timothy 3: 1-7 and Titus 1: 6-9. While some may be called to the church to serve as an elder that is employed, there may also be elders who serve as volunteers. These Elders must be church members in good standing who have served the church for an adequate period of time. He must be a man who is committed to a life and ministry characterized by biblical holiness and personal godliness. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:7-16, Titus 1:5-9) In their service the Elders are subject to the will of Christ revealed in the Scriptures, expressed in the voice of the congregation, who shall recognize and uphold the giftedness and qualification of such men. In this respect the elders shall oversee the ministry and resources of the church. In keeping with the principles set forth in Acts 6: 1-6 and I Peter 5:1-4, the elders shall devote their time to prayer, the ministry of the Word (by teaching and encouraging sound doctrine), and shepherding God's flock. An elder's term of office is considered to be perpetual but may be terminated by resignation or by dismissal, (should the church find it scripturally necessary 1 Tim.5:19-20).

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General Responsibilities:

The elders shall take their particular responsibilities to:

- Preach the Word of God (2Timothy 4:1-5; Titus1-3),
- Conduct worship services (Psalm 29:1-2; 96:1-9), (Leading the church to celebrate the ordinances of baptism and communion as set forth in Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29),
- Equip the membership for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16),
- Encourage sound doctrine and practice through admonishing, correcting error, overseeing the process of church discipline, counseling, and provide spiritual assistance to the members (2Timothy 2:24-26; 3:16-17),
- Develop future/current leaders for the position of elder from within the congregation or from outside the congregation if seeking a staff pastor (2Tim. 2:2),
- Coordinate and promote the ministries of the church as they give spiritual direction to the ministry teams and committees. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Mobilize the church for missions, (2Tim. 2:2)
- Examine and instruct prospective and new members,
- Work with the Nominating Committee to examine and approve all prospective candidates for offices and positions in the church,
- Give spiritual direction to the work of the deacons as they serve and administer the physical needs of the church Body,
- Provide personal spiritual shepherding (discipleship) to members, the sick, elderly and visitors.
- The elders are to further ensure that all who minister the Word to the congregation, including outside speakers, share our fundamental convictions.
- The elders may establish ministry teams or committees to assist them in fulfilling ministry responsibilities, with Congregational approval.

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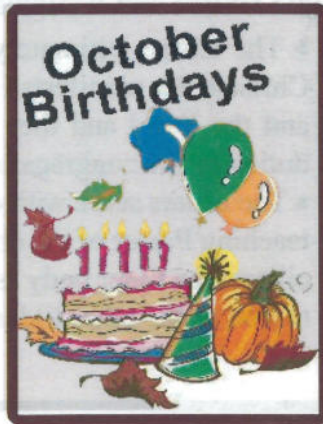
- The Elders ultimately work under the approval of Christ as He manifests His will through the Holy Spirit and the Word and they are held accountable to these duties by the congregation.
- The Elders serve with equality in the Elder body. The teaching Pastor of the church's ministerial staff will facilitate the Elder body as chairman but his vote is equal to that of the other Elders.



Submitted By:
Pastor Vern

OBC Rooted is proud to announce that the Strength Team is coming next month! This will be a great opportunity to get into the local schools and make connections for Christ. In the schools, the Strength Team will be performing amazing feats of strength, and speaking to the students on topics they deal with each day. Outside of the school events we will be having two nights of action packed, brick smashing, rebar bending, bat breaking, phonebook ripping, gospel message preaching good times! We are really hoping that a lot of students and even adults will be impacted through the Strength Teams ministry. Please begin praying that the hearts and minds of the students, teachers, and staff in the local schools will be open to receive the gospel. I'm thankful for this opportunity we have to serve the local school system and pray that God's glory be proclaimed.

- 03 Andrew Rushing
- 08 Eva Grubbs
- 09 Louise Sherouse
- 10 Charles Simpson
- 11 Meghan Hitt
- Richard Keels
- Anne Wagner
- 17 Tim Ingram
- 19 Polly Smith
- 21 Ann Davis
- 23 Cheryll Cannon
- Lena Schmidt
- 25 Donna Darley
- 28 Alice Loss
- 29 Rachel Harrison
- 30 Charles Alston
- Barbara Carr
- 31 Richard Muldrow



If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed please call the church office so we may update our records. Thank you.

From the Benevolence Committee

Our committee wished to express their continued gratitude to the Oakcrest Church Family and their continual support of the food collections for Interfaith.

The Benevolence Committee will be collecting the following items for Interfaith in October:
oatmeal, boxed cereals and pop tarts



In lieu of the first Wednesday Pot Luck Supper we will have a "New Members Banquet" at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5th. Everyone is still asked

to bring food and desserts to share. Please mark your calendars and help us celebrate by welcoming our newest members into our church family.

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Monthly Planner

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