

The Time Has Come

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Who are the real life people in our congregation who come to mind when you read the following two passages?

1 Timothy 3:1-7

“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.”

Titus 1:5-9

“This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.”

I hope that the first people who came to mind are the men who have served God and us together as elders, overseers, and shepherds for more than a decade: Bill, Glen, John, Rick and Wayne.

Now, will you read those two passages again, and think of other people in our congregation? Because those five men believe the time has come for our eldership to grow by the addition of others who are ready to serve.

Give some thought to other passages that tell something about the character and commission of the church's designated leaders, too: Acts 11:27-30, 14:23, 15:1-35, 16:1-5, 20:17-38, 21:17-26; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 4:14, 5:17-22; Titus 1:10-16; Hebrews 13:7,17; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 5:1-4; etc.—not to mention the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and the qualities of any effective and fruitful Christian (2 Peter 1:5-7).

All through December pray and ponder the Scriptures and the people who make up this congregation. Before the month ends, you'll get a letter in the mail from the elders. It will include a form on which they want you to write the names of men whom you believe—in light of the Scriptures and their lifestyles—are outfitted to serve well as shepherds of this flock. On Sunday morning, December 29, all of our adult classes will study what the Bible says about the character required of overseers. That Sunday night our sermon will explore the commission God gives to elders. After that night, submit your recommendations to one of the present elders. They would like to collect all the recommendations by Sunday, January 12.

Danny Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, John Privett, Bette Sinden, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Bette Sinden is in Landmark Hospital in Joplin.
Susie Tomlin is in Freeman West after breaking her leg.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. Last week we helped a single mother who had to quit

her job in order to transport her mother to Tulsa for weekly cancer treatments. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends.



Men's BBQ is tonight. The van will leave the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 for the BBQ Station in Cassville..

Men's Breakfast is this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Food and fellowship is a great way to start your day.

Ladies' class will not meet this Thursday.

Caleb Boggs, Danny Boggs, and John Deffenbaugh will leave for **Honduras** this Thursday to lead a seminar on Revelation. We can continue to pray that the message will be well received and enrich the church there. We can also pray for their safety during their travel and stay in that country.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: Josh King

P.M.: Joe McLain

Our Bright Futures' **Christmas family** is a mom with four children. If you took a star to purchase a gift, please return it, with the star attached, to the table in the foyer by Wednesday, December 11. You may still help this family by giving a cash donation to Brenda Kimbrough.

The **Senior Saints** will have a holiday pot luck lunch on December 14 at noon in the fellowship room. Bring your favorite holiday dish and a small gift for a "dirty Santa" exchange.

Our **monthly singing** will be December 14 at 7:00 in the activities center. It will be a time to learn some new songs and lift your voices in praise to our Lord.

Children in **Kindergarten through sixth grade** will have a winter party in the activities center on December 22.

Christmas Bingo Party for grades 7-12 will be December 13 at 7:00 p.m. starting in the church foyer. It is Bingo with a twist. Mark your calendar, plan to attend, and invite friends!

Challenge Youth Conference will be January 17-19 in Dallas. For those who signed up, the price will be \$30 and money for 2 meals. If you are interested in going but did not register, you can still do so for the late registration price of \$40. Information is on Caleb's door.

Upcoming **Hillcrest Youth Group** events:

December 15- New Devo at Caleb and Bethany Boggs' house

December 21 - Ice Skating in Bentonville, AR

January 11- TSYS Ski Trip

If you would like to encourage an **international student** from Crowder, see Keri Collinsworth.

If you are interested in a marriage mentoring program called "**12 Conversations**", please talk to Danny Boggs. You will be paired with a more experienced couple to help encourage you as your marriage relationship continues to grow.

Sunday Nights in the New Year: Gear up for our special effort January-March. On December 15 we'll start distributing copies of Tim Alsup's *The Church of Christ: Pursuing God's Goals for His Church in a Divided Religious World*. Give it an advance look, and then think of someone else whom you'd like to have a copy so that they can begin to learn the value of the Lord's church and the truth about it. Pray for them, and invite them to join you for services Sunday mornings and Sunday nights with the beginning of the new year.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, December 8:

- AM Opening: Carl Thomlinson
- AM Closing: Bob Murray
- PM Opening: David Fehring
- PM Closing: Fred Bukowich

Wednesday, December 11:

- Opening: Joe McLain
- Closing: Harold Speir

RECORDS	12-01-19	12-02-18
Bible Study	168	137
AM Worship	221	178
PM Worship	98	111
Wednesday	135	136
Contribution	\$7,972.12	\$9,275.23
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58