

“Bless the elders as they make decisions...”

Elders

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Your elders pray for you—a lot. They appreciate so much knowing that you pray for them, too. In our assemblies they seem to be the healthy people most often lifted up to God in prayer. And the request most often made for them in public is that our Father would “bless the elders as they make decisions.”

Overseers are stewards of God’s household (Titus 1:7). These elders are concerned with doctrine, policies and procedures. Details, budgets and plans matter to them. Together, decisions must be made. We believe that in conjunction with the wisdom they garner from God’s Word, God really does bless them with the insight which we ask of him for them. Are these the kinds of things you have in mind when you pray for our elders? They are important.

But there is more. In fact, every faithful elder would tell you that more often he needs God to empower him to decide:

- To pray for someone.
- To visit someone.
- To encourage someone.
- To rebuke someone.
- To help someone.
- To work for peace between fellow Christians.
- To make the work given him by God his priority today.
- Whether something will help or hurt a struggling soul.

- Whether right now his own problem needs to be addressed more urgently than someone else’s.

Most of the work that elders do is just more of the work that every Christian should do. Their main concern is souls. “Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Our shepherds have vowed before God and us that they will take the will of God for all of us most seriously. We ought to pray that God will bless them with perseverance to keep setting the kind of example that led to their appointment as elders.

Shepherds of God’s flock are still sheep themselves. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way...” (Isaiah 53:6). To accept the role of an elder is neither an escape hatch from temptation nor an irrevocable ticket to heaven. The conscientious overseer knows that the fallout if he falls hard would be really hard on everyone.

“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work...” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Father, bless us as we decide to pray for our shepherds and follow their lead.

Danny Boggs




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

Brenda Kimbrough is home doing well, and thanks you for your prayers during her hospital stay.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. 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 invite your friends! 

Our **third Wednesday night family meal** will be tomorrow in the activities center. The hostess groups of Amanda Flint/Bobbie Wolgamott and Carla Murray/Jessica Boggs will provide a chili dinner. Please come at 6:00 and join us for the meal and fellowship.

Thursday morning **ladies Bible class** will resume this week. The topic will be forgiveness. See Danny to get a class book.

The van will leave at 12:30 p.m. on Friday for the **Challenge Youth Conference** in Dallas. Bring money for two meals.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Let's Make God Glad*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. *How Much Choice Do You Have?*
(classes)

Remember the **men's dinner** and meeting in the activities center at 6:00 Saturday night. If you did not sign up and wish to attend, please let John Deffenbaugh know as soon as possible.

Join us at Medicalodge Sunday at 1:30 to encourage the residents with a devotional.

Hailee and Antonio Webb are expecting a **baby boy** very soon. You may place gifts for them in the basket that is in the foyer.

It was announced on Sunday that **Kaden King** will be assisting Caleb this summer. He will be an asset to that program.

If you brought food for the last two funerals, please pick up your **dishes** from the fellowship room.

Copies of the **book**, *The Church of Christ* by Tim Alsup are on the welcome desk.

We will have a lunch on February 9 to honor **Wayne and Vera Douthitt** for the many years that they cared for the congregation while Wayne was an elder.

Our next **Bible Bowl** will be February 9. Start studying Luke 13-18.

Thank you to all who helped with meals on wheels. This time we had many new people to help us, also many kids used part of their Christmas vacation time to eagerly help with this worthwhile cause. Everyone worked hard and did a great job. Thanks again to everyone that helped get this big job done!

*In Christian Love,
Miles*

Danny, thank you very much for the wonderful service and to all of those that helped and to all the people giving all the food for the dinner and those helping in the kitchen serving.

John Sinden

Thank you to everyone for your year-round kindness to our family and your special generosity towards us during the holidays.

Danny and Jessica

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, January 19:

- AM Opening: Peter Wald
- AM Closing: Adam Bennett
- PM Opening: Benny Haught
- PM Closing: Karson Thomas

Wednesday, January 22:

- Opening: Tim Wald
- Closing: Joe McLain

RECORDS	1-12-20	1-13-19
Bible Study	ice	144
AM Worship	ice	179
PM Worship	179	120
Wednesday	161	134
Contribution	\$7,849.80	\$7,901.00
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37