

Serving Soon

	Next Week	Two Weeks
Volunteers	May 12	May 19
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Jacob Glaspell	Adam Pugh
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Dave Maxwell	Mike Wilson
<i>Communion</i>	Len Moses	Randy Shaw
<i>Announcements</i>	Dick Moore	Gary Stidham
<i>Children's Church</i>	Kara & Cinda	Kara & Cinda
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Jordan Rinard	Adam Vencil
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Kelly W & Jenny C	Diane Moore
<i>Ushers</i>	Jeff, Scott, Tim	Dave, Jake, Kevin

Our mission is to bring people to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers who demonstrate God's love through service.

Statistics

Attendance

Sunday Bible Classes 93
 Sunday Worship 166
 Small Group 56
 Wednesday Classes 56

Budget

Contribution \$7,258

Leadership

Elders

Jeff Eldridge
 Dick Moore
 Gary Stidham
 Jimmy Williamson

Deacons

David Hubbard
 Kenny Hoyle
 Shane Barker
 Jamie Fee
 Jeff Felzien

Ministers

Chuck Forsythe
 Jacob Glaspell

Office Manager

Ashley Eldridge

Meeting Times

Sundays

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30
 Sunday Worship 10:30
 Sunday Evening 6:00

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00

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Sunday, May 5, 2024



This Morning

Welcome Chuck Forsythe
 Worship Leader Jamie Fee
Bind Us Together
Blest Be The Tie That Binds
 Prayer Barry Bergsten
Christ We Do All Adore Thee
 Communion Gregg Lowe
He Paid A Debt
 Offering
 Children's Church Shelly & Caden
Glorify Thy Name
 Sermon Chuck Forsythe
Fountain Free
 Announcements Jimmy Williamson



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Elders

Numerous New Testament passages show, the words “**elder**” (presbuteros), “**overseer**” (episkopos), and “**pastor**” (poimēn) all refer to the same leadership role. Overseers and pastors are not distinct from elders; the terms are different ways of identifying the same people.

The qualifications for an **overseer** (1 Timothy 3:1-7) and those for an **elder** (Titus 1:6-9) are unmistakably parallel. In fact, in Titus 1, Paul uses both terms to refer to the same man (presbuteros in v. 5 and episkopos in v. 7).

All three terms are used interchangeably in Acts 20. In verse 17, Paul assembles all the **elders** of the church of Ephesus. In verse 28 he says, “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God.”

First Peter 5:1-2 brings all three terms together as well. Peter writes, “Therefore, I exhort the **elders** among you, as your fellow **elder** and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, **shepherd/pastor** the flock of God among you, exercising **oversight** not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God.”

The different terms highlight various features of ministry, not separate offices.

Hebrews 13:7 and v.17 explain the role of elders is to lead the church. Elders are charged with “keeping watch over your souls as those who will give account.” Give account to whom? Peter says it will be to Jesus (1 Peter 5:4). Hebrews 13:17 also exhorts the church to “let them do it with joy and not with groaning.” The church is called to encourage, submit, and follow the example of godly elders, and to imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7, 17).

News and Events

TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of children’s class teachers for the Summer quarter for Sunday mornings ages 2s & 3s and 1st-3rd grade and a PreK teacher for Wednesday nights. Please see Jacob for any questions.

MEN’S BREAKFAST/WORK DAY: May 11th, a breakfast will be held in the fellowship and following will be a “Spring Spruce Up” for the outside of the building. See Jacob Glaspell and Nate Peterson for more information.

PULL TABS: Please turn in your Ronald McDonald House pull tabs no later than Sunday, May 12th.

LACOMEDIA - Friday, May 31. Church Basement Ladies, “Plowin’ Thru”. Cost is \$53 per person, due to Blanche by April 28. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

HOPE RISING NEEDS: 4T-5T pull-ups, Baby cereal, Shoes for boys and girls, size 7 and up & Boys gently used clothing size 5T

MIDWESTERN CHILDREN’S HOME: Dan Beerbower is collecting gift cards for Midwestern – Kroger, Meijer, Speedway, Target, and Walmart. If interested in making a donation, please contact Dan. Also, did you know that the MWCH Gala held in February raised \$110,500? Thank you for supporting MWCH.

SPRING QUARTER CLASSES:

Sunday Morning (Auditorium)

James & Jude: Jimmy Williamson is teaching from the books of James and Jude

Sunday Morning (Fellowship Hall):

Temptations: Not the Singing Group: taught by Gregg Lowe

Wednesday night (Fellowship Hall):

(brown side) Joseph: Man of Integrity and Forgiveness taught by Dick Moore

Wednesday night (Fellowship Hall):

(white side) Ladies class The Well-Watered Woman by Gretchen Saffles taught by Arvilla Fee

Small Groups

Bevercreek Group Jeff Eldridge 937-603-4269 Sundays at 6:00	Young Adult Group Gary Stidham 937-728-4700 Sunday at 6:00	Building Group Jimmy Williamson 937-776-5021 Sundays at 6:00
Ladies Group Sharon Felzien 937-848-7641 Sundays at 6:00	Bevercreek Group Dick Moore 937-609-3530 Sundays at 5:00	Bellbrook/Xenia Group Gary Forrester 931-993-2080 JD Sandoval 501-827-0443 Sundays at 5:00
Teen Group Jacob Glaspell 304-917-6912 Sundays at 6:00		

Prayer Requests

Dessie Neatherton	Charlie Ayers
Charlie Lightle	Garringer Family Jim Villinger

College Students

Leah Hoyle	Alexis Johnson
Grace Beerbower	Jennica Fee
Boston Begley	Madison Liles
Nate Strawser	Shiloh Drake
A.J Keys	

Student Ministry

grow up, grow out, grow together

GRAD SUNDAY: May 19th, see Jacob if you have a graduating Senior.

VBS 2024: Save the Date!! July 14th-17th. This year’s theme is “Our God is Awesome!” More details to come.

Elmer-Parsons Youth Retreat: May 17th-19th. See Jacob if interested in going.

Lock-In: June 9th 7:00p-June 10th 7:00am. Volunteers needed. See Jacob to volunteer!

Drive-In Movie: June 14th. Join us for a church-wide drive in in our parking lot (weather permitting). Movie TBD.

Fort Hill Camp: Register now for Fort Hill! June 30th-July 6th. See Jacob if you have any questions.