



Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). Peter, echoes this instruction in 1 Peter 5:2 urging the elders to – “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers” (1 Peter

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Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you joined us today.
Please come again.

Let us know if you have any questions.

5:2). These leaders are appointed based upon qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.

In the New Testament we never see the work of a preacher (or evangelist) pictured as a role possessing authority. On the other hand elders (i.e. pastors) are to lead a congregation, with the members in submission (Hebrews 13:17). Unlike the denominational concept of one man (called inaccurately a “pastor”) ruling a congregation, the Bible never describes one man over a congregation. While it may be that a man who is one of the bishops (i.e. pastors or elders) can preach for a congregation, this does not make him “the pastor.”



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Services

Sunday: 9:30 AM
10:20 AM
6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Elders:

Pat Ledbetter
Jeff Nunn
Kyle Pope

Deacons:

Dean Bowers
Eddie Cook
Bill Davis
Steve Dixon
Pat Goguen
Jack Langley
Neil Ledbetter
Brady McAlister
Walker McAnear
Lance Purcell
Rusty Scott

Evangelists:

Kyle Pope
Jason Garcia

Faithful Sayings



Worshipping While on Vacation

By Kyle Pope

As you travel from place to place the next time you’re on vacation think about some reasons it is important to take the time to find a faithful group of Christians to worship with while you are away.

It encourages other Christians.

All over the world Christians struggle with faithfulness, both as individuals and as congregations. Especially in smaller congregations, it can offer a real “shot in the arm” to brethren to meet those who love the Lord from other places.



It teaches our children. Taking the time to find a local church to worship with teaches our children who

travel with us that while vacations may be fun there is also a place for the Lord in our times of relaxation.

It teaches those who are with us.

Often vacations involve time with friends or family who do not share our faith. It can have a strong impact on those we love to see us happy-



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ly and anxiously set aside our entertainment for awhile to focus on spiritual things.

It edifies us. Brethren in other places are doing great work. They have great insights, energy, and zeal. Learning from their strengths and weaknesses can help us better serve the congregation we work with and (in some cases) be more thankful for what we have.

It pleases the Lord. When the Lord instructs us in Hebrews 10:24-25 to “**...consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching**” (NKJV), He is talking about the way we should live our lives all year round. We should never adopt a mentality that looks for the “minimum daily requirements” that fulfills these instructions. While worship on the Lord’s day with the local church where we regularly worship is important, that is not all that Hebrews 10:24-25 addresses. Mid-week studies, gospel meetings in the area, and worship services in other places, are all assemblies of God’s people striving to grow. We must remember that fellowship with the Lord means that we have fellowship with His people, whether locally or in other places (I John 1:1-4).



Preachers and Pastors

By Kyle Pope

In the religious world it is common to hear people refer to a person who preaches for a congregation as the “pastor.” This use of the name “pastor” reflects a misapplication of a name that is used in Scripture for a different role which is (usually) performed by a different group of people.

The name “pastor” is a translation of the Greek word *poimen* meaning “herdsman, shepherd” (LSJ, p. 1430). It is used of Jesus’ leadership and relationship to mankind when Jesus identifies himself as “**the good shepherd**” (John 10:11, 14). On judgment day Jesus is pictured as separating the wicked and the righteous “**as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats**” (Matthew 25:32). Peter describes Jesus as “**the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls**” (I Peter 2:25).

In the church, it is also used of a particular function in the church. Ephesians 4:11 tells us – “**He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors**



and teachers” (NKJV). This role is defined for us in the use of the verb form of this word in reference to the appointed leaders called alternatively in Scripture elders (or presbyters); bishops (or overseers) and pastors (or shepherds). In meeting with the elders from Ephesus, Paul taught them to, “**take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the**