

# Church of Christ

## Rocketdyne Road

*“Every member a minister...through service”*

**FEBRUARY 13, 2011**

### WHAT IS A LEADER?

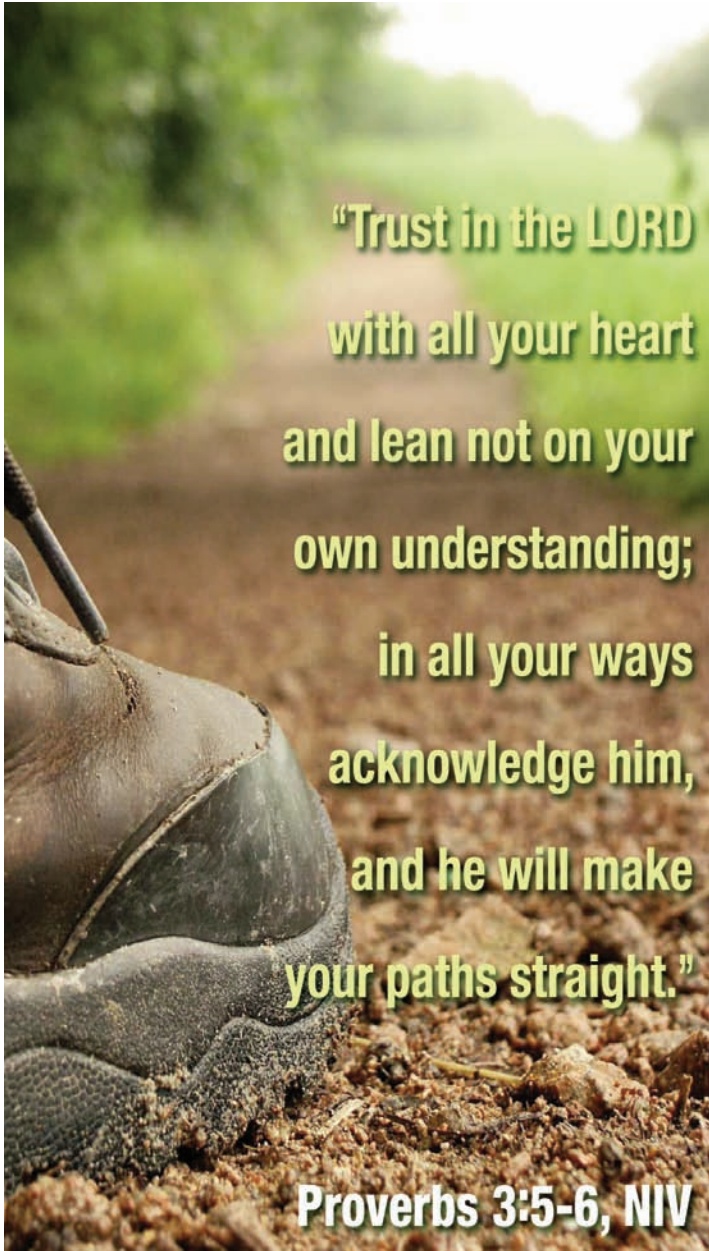
In business, a leader is someone who guides his organization to meet its goals. In the home, it is a father and mother who lead children to maturity. In fact, everyone is a leader for someone.

A very simplistic definition of a leader may be someone who knows the way from point A to point B – AND HAS ALREADY MADE OR IS MAKING THE JOURNEY HIMSELF!

It's true in the church also. A leader is someone who knows the way. Someone who knows Jesus because He is the way, the truth and the life!

If the goal of the our fellowship is to become more like Jesus and one day be with Him in heaven, then a leader must be someone who is out ahead of us on this journey. And someone who cares very deeply whether or not we are on this path also!

Take a moment to thank God for Jesus centered leaders who show us the way...and pray for more to be raised up.



**“Trust in the LORD  
with all your heart  
and lean not on your  
own understanding;  
in all your ways  
acknowledge him,  
and he will make  
your paths straight.”**

**Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV**



Nancy Embrey is home from the hospital. Rodney Whorton is home recovering from back surgery. Sissy Friend is having reconstructive knee surgery in Columbia. Sissy will return to Freeman-East for rehab. We encourage you to visit Sissy as she is facing several surgeries and a long recovery. Pray for our homebound, our widows and live alones, those on our sick list and for all our brothers and sisters.

### **Elder/Deacon Selection Process**

It has been the custom of this church family to select elders and deacons to serve for three year terms so that the membership is involved directly in the selection process and the men serving are given the opportunity to consider their willingness to continue serving. The eldership has asked Jim Murray, Warren Cagle, Mark Davis, Tim Stipp and Ray Stipp to serve on a screening committee to verify with each man now serving as to their willingness to continue and to receive names from members of those you think should serve.

We ask that you prayerfully consider this matter and look among us for men you think could serve well in these areas. Then approach each man and ask if he is willing to have his name submitted by you to the screening committee. If the man declines, please do not submit his name to the committee.

The committee will visit with each man whose name has been submitted to discuss his understanding of the qualifications to serve as elder or deacon and his willingness to stand for approval of at least 75% of the members participating in the voting process.

We ask that names be submitted to the committee during the month of February. The committee will help men make the final decision about serving. Names will be submitted to the congregation on March 13. Voting by members will be on March 27. Installation of elders and deacons will be April 3.

**The task of leadership is to help people get from where they are to where they want to be!**

## **WHAT IS AN ELDERSHIP?**

As the name itself indicates, an eldership is a group of men who are elder. In other words, more mature in age, experience and faith than those they seek to lead.

Also inherent in the name is the English suffix – *ship* – which indicates a condition or office, such as statesmanship or ambassadorship. Being part of an eldership implies a special group of men commissioned for a special work.

What is this work?

There are three Greek words used in the New Testament to describe the work of those in the eldership: *Episcopos*, *Presbuteros* and *Poyamen*. These are translated Overseer, Elder and Pastor respectively.

Therefore, elders are men who oversee *every* aspect of the work of the congregation, serve as mature examples of what it means to follow Jesus and perhaps most significantly, serve as pastors. Another word for pastor is shepherd.

As we look forward to confirming our existing elders and also seek others who can do this important work, it is helpful to think in terms of these three words and what their meanings teach us.

Perhaps the most important function of elders, beyond their life-example, is constant prayer for the flock under their care. They also attend to the Word of God by study and meditation. And as shepherds, they care for the spiritual needs of those they serve.

### **New Address**

Don & Yvonne Thurman have moved to 1502 Pineville Road, Apt. 17.

Nyla Naramore has moved to Texas. Her new address is 5321 Northway Dr., Apt. 255, Nacogdoches, TX 75965



The Sweetheart Banquet has been rescheduled for February 19th at 6:30 pm.

## WHAT IS A DEACON?

The New Testament word for deacon is best translated – servant.

In the Scriptures, every Christian is called to be a servant of God and of others. Jesus came as a servant. And even the Roman Emperor is called a servant of God in the sense that all civil authorities are sanctioned by God to keep the peace.

What then is the special significance of a servant who takes the special designation of deacon?

Most Bible scholars agree that the first deacons were the seven men selected by the Jerusalem congregation to relieve the elders of the burden of distributing bread to the widows.

From this example, we learn that deacons are set apart to function in special works to take some of the burden from the elder-overseers.

However, from what we know of the qualifications and work of the first deacons, we see that their areas of service extended beyond the work of meeting the physical needs of the poor. They were men like Steven and Phillip who shared the gospel and ministered to the spiritual needs of the people also.

As we think about deacons for our congregation, let us think of men who are eager to serve in any special way the elders appoint, but also men who are willing and able to care about the spiritual needs of our people in visitation and evangelism.

### Ladies Night Out

All ladies of the congregation are invited to the monthly ladies' fellowship on Monday, February 28, at 6:00 pm at the church building. Bring your favorite dish and the recipe. Join us for some great food, fun, and fellowship with our Christian sisters.

### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Maxine Austin and Gladys Wilson. Gladys celebrated her 91st birthday February 9 and Maxine will celebrate her 93rd birthday February 17. Let's give them a card shower.



**SNL** - tonight at Center St. Church of Christ in Fayetteville. We will leave at 4:30 from the building and return around 9. Chaperones needed, see Tye.

**Christeens Youth Rally** - Feb. 25-27 - We will leave at 3:30 pm on Friday. Make sure to bring some extra money for food, a sleeping bag, toiletries, clothes for the weekend and a Bible

**Leaf Raking** - If you are in need of your yard to be raked, the Sr. Youth group is doing a fundraiser for Relay-For-Life. They will be available on Sunday afternoons as weather permits. Donations appreciated.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 19, 8 am at the building



#### GOD IS MOVING AMONG HIS CHILDREN!

MiMi Lu would like to thank Auntie T and everyone for filling in for her last week. Awesome job! There were 28 children last Sunday who enjoyed a singing good time in their worship.

Thank you Uncle Jim Bob, Uncle Buck, Uncle Jeffy and Cousin Tonna for leading us in lots of great songs.

Always remember, **JESUS LOVES YOU**  
We do too!

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*Workers for next week:*

*Security - Clark Francisco;*

*Teacher - Linda Francisco; Helpers - Andrew Jones, Daryl Widener, Trevor Morton, Cassie Foster, Shannah Arner, Josh Brown, Stephanie Witcher, Lou Ann Lankford, Renee Lewis, Scott Francisco, Megan Ryan, Caitlyn Ryan*



## Life Groups

### W.O.W

#### Brenda Baker

Church building  
at 4:30 each Sunday  
Study: "Captivating"

#### Jonathan Davis

28238 Mulberry Rd.  
Stark City  
1 PM

#### Zac Erisman

Meeting with  
Jonathan Davis' Group

#### Dale Naden

15255 Hwy TT  
6 PM on 1st  
and 3rd Sundays

## Assignments

### Sunday, February 13, 2011

#### Morning Worship

Prayer .....Warren Cagle  
Shepherd's Prayer .....Ken Cope

#### Lord's Table

Prayers: Kael Powers

#### East Side

Jim Blankenship  
David Garman  
Randy Bass  
Cody Casady

#### West Side

Cletus Green  
Don Johnston  
Stephen Lovelace  
Jerry Dorris

#### Next Sunday

Prayer ..... Jon Reagan  
Table Prayers ..... Jason Stipp  
Shepherd's Prayer ..... Steve Jones

#### Lord's Table For Next Sunday

Jim Hounsshell, Chad Edens, Trevor  
Morton, Harley Schriever, Joseph Kent,  
Andrew Marion, Jim Pollick, Mark Davis

#### Wednesday, February 16

Song Leader....Jimmie Douglass  
Prayer.....Jerry Davis

### GREETERS SCHEDULE

February 20  
Team 3



#### Fair Haven

#### Pantry Needs

Taco Sauce

#### February 13

Sue Hughes, Leslie Roark

#### February 20

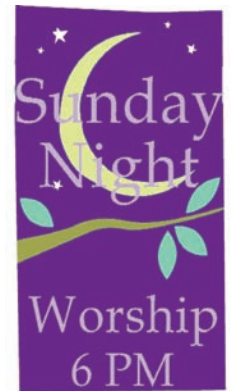
Elayne Adams, Shirley Anderson



### Singing Practice Tonight At 5:30

with  
Jimmie Douglass  
Matt Engels  
and  
Wade Williams

### Join Us For



### FAMILY GATHERINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study .....9:30  
Sunday Morning Worship .....10:30  
Sunday Evening Singing Practice .....5:30  
Sunday Evening Worship .....6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study .....7:00

### Our Purpose

To praise and glorify God  
To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ  
To show our love by serving each other  
and the world