



Are You The Pastor?

Loneliness: Sometimes even those surrounded by loved ones feel lonely. That is, they suffer from a problem and don't know if anyone really understands what they are going through. The Bible actually has a lot to say about this situation and we will look at it this morning..

In need of Prayer: Bobby Harlan had to go back to the emergency room and they found out it was bursitis in his elbow. He is back at home. Jason Goode is now at his home in Bowling Green, but he is still on oxygen. Gene Hagan is at home after a fall which broke his leg. He will have to have work done on it this week.

Church pantry: You all are doing great on the pantry restock. The next item needed is cranberry sauce or other canned fruit.

WORK LIST FOR November 3, 2013

Announcements:	Tony Harlan
Opening Prayer:	Kevin Deckard
Closing Prayer:	Timmy Hammer
Scripture Reading:	MacShane Bartley
Song Leader:	David White
Head Table:	Mike McPherson
Wait on Table:	Brad Harlan Dayton Birdwell
Ushers:	Freddie Corwell

State Line Christian Camp: Calls are coming in and volunteers are lining up. It looks like we need a few more cabin counselors at this point. A cabin counselor is the one who (along with a partner) actually stays with the camper at night in the cabin. They provide guidance and make sure the camper is participating in the right activities during the day, is accounted for, etc.

What do you think is the most often asked question of a preacher of the gospel? It isn't "How do you stay so skinny?", or even "What do you do on weekdays anyway?". No, just about the most common question one will hear is, "Are you the Pastor down at that church over there?" or some other similar question.

I am convinced that this may be one of the best opportunities for members of the church to point out the differences between the true nature of the New Testament church and denominational error. I am a preacher at the Mt. Gilead church of Christ. I am not the pastor, and I have not been a pastor for this or any other congregation, ever.

What am I then? Just what I said, the preacher. That means that I spend my time in the preparation and delivery of gospel sermons both publicly and privately from house to house. On a practical level there are also a multitude of other duties (mostly organizational in nature), that are done to expedite the teaching of the gospel.

Now for pastors: The term is only used once in the King James Version of the scriptures (Eph. 4:11) and not even there in some, if not all, modern versions. A pastor [Greek- ποιμην(poimen)] is a shepherd, one who feeds or tends the flock. This is the responsibility given to ELDERS in the congregation. It is easy to prove this. In Paul's address to some elders in Acts chapter 20, he begins his address to them in verse 18 and tells them in verse 28 that they are to "feed" (shepherd, pastor) the church over which the Holy Ghost had made the elders or overseers. Also, in I Peter 5:1,2 Peter told elders to "feed the flock". These references are clear. An elder is the one in the Bible who was a pastor or shepherd.

Then why do people not understand this rather simple point of scripture? They don't study! Instead they take whatever they have been taught by men and accept it as true without proof (I Thess. 5:21). The result is an unscriptural arrangement wherein a single Pastor, who may not be scripturally qualified (cf. I Timothy chapter 3), rules over the whole congregation when the New Testament church ordained "elders in every church" where there were qualified members (Acts 14:23).

So the next time someone asks you who your "pastor" is at the church of Christ, use it as an opportunity to kindly instruct them in the right way of the Lord and perhaps they will be willing to study with you some more. Let's all do what we can to promote the truth and save souls. --Tim McHenry--

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What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Verses for the Lord's Supper:

Elders:

Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
Roger Deckard.....487-8544
Steve Carter.....487-8746

Deacons:

Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland, Tony Harlan

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Prayer List:

Doc Proffitt	Gene R.
Hagan	
Jean McPherson	Marene
Bartley	
Virginia Smith	Jim
Stoops	
Luke Whitehead	Phyllis
Dyer	
Marshall Isenberg	Jason
Goode	
Sandra Ford	Sharon
Goode	

Birthdays:

Terry Hammer	12/08
Jimmy High	12/09
Ruth Halloway	12/09
Glenda Wilson	12/13
Janice Williams	12/14
Mackenzie Clements	12/15
Freddie Cloyd	12/15
Gary Dyer	12/15
Morris Scott	12/15

Schedule of Services:

Sunday: Bible Study...
9:30am
Morning Worship...
10:05am
Evening Worship...
6pm
Wednesday: Bible Study...
7pm

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