

Family Matters

Church of Christ • Bayfield, Colorado

March 18, 2007

Deacons

Deacons, as specially chosen servants with specific qualities, are appointed by the church for special ministries. These ministries are not specified, but we gather from Scripture, especially Acts 6: 1-7, that they are appointed to assist the elders and the congregation so that the elders may get on with their business of shepherding and teaching the congregation. It has been the custom in some situations for the work of deacons to be limited to the more “physical” responsibilities of the congregation, such as caring for the church building and grounds. There is nothing essentially wrong with this practice. It should not be concluded, however, that deacons’ work should be limited to the physical dimension. Deacons may assist the elders and congregation in such “spiritual” matters as the Bible school program, benevolence, evangelism, missions, counseling, and a variety of ministries that enrich the congregation. It is also a fallacy to consider the church building and grounds as merely “physical” entities in the life of the church. By keeping the building and grounds in good shape, deacons are performing spiritual ministry, not merely keeping the “physical” property in shape.

Some congregations select deacons for specific ministries and for a specific period. This practice is fine. Other congregations select deacons because they are already providing quality service, and guide the deacons in the selection of ministries in which the deacons have a vital interest and giftedness. Often the deacons are given the opportunity to periodically rotate through different ministries.

It is a serious mistake to look on being a deacon as a stepping-stone to “moving up” to the eldership. This conception results from falling back into the hierarchical, pyramid structure of church polity. Deacons are to be every bit as spiritual, mature, and capable as elders. The chief

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Daily Bible Reading

| | New Testament | Old Testament |
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| Sunday | Acts 12:20-13:13 | Job 37 |
| Monday | Acts 13:14-41 | Job 38 |
| Tuesday | Acts 13:42-14:7 | Job 39 |
| Wednesday | Acts 14:8-28 | Job 40 |
| Thursday | Acts 15:1-21 | Job 41 |
| Friday | Acts 15:22-41 | Job 42-Psalms 2 |
| Saturday | Acts 16:1-24 | Psalms 3-5 |

Prayer Concerns

If you have someone in the prayer concerns, please take one of the yellow cards and write an update on the back so we will know how each are progressing and if they still need on the list. Put in the collection plate.

NEW

- God’s Gang. Prepare well, plant seeds in little hearts, and have good attendance
- Ladies’ Day. Nadine as she prepares her lessons and that the day is uplifting and encouraging.
- Stan Williams had a heart attack last week.

CANCER

- LaTitia’s mother-in-law, Vicki Jones
- Kennie Montgomery
- Leroy Beaver
- Clarence’s dad
- Dan McClure’s daughter, Sam
- Gene’s mother, Terecia
- Debbie Brown’s sister, Tammy
- Ginger’s brother-in-law, Earl Peterson
- Mike H.’s mother, Fern

OTHER ILLNESSES

- H. and Leone Nelson doing well.
- Nadine Smith-kidney
- Tim Ragan, friend of Ron & Mac
- Jason & Kate White
- Linda Burton
- Kenneth McCoy
- Wanda’s daughter, Judy
- Duane Odom’s sister, Durice
- Jeannie Schmidt’s mother, Patty Riecke-lung disease
- Tyler Yager
- Justin Watt’s-lung problem
- Harry & Ruth Mortimer
- Angela Westbrook
- Harold Fair –many health problems

- Jodi’s friend, Ashley
- Monty’s grandmother, Nadine Ford
- Gladys’ friend, Janie Tubbs
- Gladys’ friend, Mary Ann Adams
- Brian Wells, Sandra’s son (kidney transplant)
- Darren Cowger
- Hannah’s great granddaughter (kidney)
- Eugene Westbrook
- Traci Bartalo
- Twilla’s sister-in-law’s sister
- Ginger’s granddaughter, Ginny
- Cameron Lora (stomach attacks)
- Carolynne’s cousin, Hewey

VARIOUS NEEDS

- Brian Young
- Jessica Hill
- Hall Branch
- Wayne Culbreth
- Linda Manley’s brother-in-law, David Grey
- Linda Manley’s brother, Larry
- Ryan Lopez
- Brian, Alisha, and Jeremy
- Juanita
- Howard and Lucile

PREGNANCIES

- Ginger’s niece, Karen
- Jeri’s sister, Jaki
- Jessica Pennington
- Desiree Speaker

MILITARY

- Dylan (Iraq)
- Matthew Laas (Iraq)
- Bob and Sue Deitz grandson, Andrew
- David Van Tassel

Activities

- The Serenity Group (Spiritual Recovery Fellowship) meets Monday evenings at 7:00 downstairs in the main building.
- Ladies’ Bible Class Tuesday morning 9:30-11:00 in The Family Building.
- Wednesday Night Meals 6:00 in the Family Building. This week is potluck.
- Ladies’ Night Out will be at Tobie’s on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30. We are going to have supper and play a game. It is “Bring a Partner Night.” Bring

Activities Continued



a friend from church or outside of church to be your partner. We will be serving Taco Salad. If you would like to help with the meal, talk to Tobi.

- Ladies' Breakfast will be hosted by Judy on Saturday, March 31, at 9:30.
- Our Ladies' Day will be Saturday, April 28. The theme is His Marvelous Works." David Ebert's mother, Nadine, will be our speaker. We have several committees that need someone to be the

coordinator. Please let Tobi, Linda E., or Judy know if you would like to be a coordinator. Song leader; Continental Breakfast; Booklet, etc.. And of course, we will be calling you to help with decorations, etc.

- Please mark it on your calendar. Work nights for Ladies' Day and God's Gang will be the 2nd and 4th Monday night of each month from 6:00-8:00. As always, come when you can and leave when you need to.

EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

2012 Huntzinger Ave. • Farmington, NM



Gospel Meeting with

Guy Orbisen, Jr.

Dates

April 1 - 4, 2007

Theme

Assurance of Salvation

Sunday:
9:30, 10:20 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Monday- Wednesday:
7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

2011 US Highway 160B
P.O. Box 320
Bayfield, CO 81122
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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Class . 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
Devotional 7:45 P.M.

Servants

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV)

Elders

Harvey Cundiff 884-9074
Ian Fair 259-4781
Mark Huffmyer 884-9884

Deacons

Monty Cundiff 884-1363
Dick Holway 884-9103
Ron Penning 884-7175
Lance Taylor 883-2374

Minister

Gene Chapin 884-9280
Doug Hooten 884-2549

The Elders and Deacons have met to talk about the process we will be going through for the next few weeks as we look at men who could serve the congregation as special servants. This morning Ian will talk about the qualities that should already be present in the ones put before the congregation to serve based on 1 Timothy 3:8ff and Acts 6. The following will be the basic time frame we will be working with in this process.



Chapin's Corner

E-Mail:
guitar_dad1@msn.com

- March 18 - April 1 – submit names to be considered
- April 1 - April 7 – the Elders, Deacons, or Ministers will visit the people submitted.
- April 8 – names of those willing to serve will be brought to the congregation
- April 8-15 – comments of concern may be expressed to the Elders who will then address the concerns with the appropriate people.
- April 22 – approval from the congregation
- April 29 – target for installation.

There may need to be a slight modification to this as we go along, but for now this will be our time line. Please be in prayer for this process and the men who will be submitted to serve. We do have numerous ministry needs that we will talk about next week, Lord willing.

– Love, Gene

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difference lies not so much in the qualities of the two, but in the ministries to which they are appointed. If being an elder means sitting in an elders' business meeting making decisions for the congregation, deacons are as well-qualified and capable as elders to do this. The elders' ministry is not the "decision-making" ministry of the congregation, but the "shepherding, teaching, guarding, caring-for" ministry. Making decisions is too easy a job for elders!

–Ian Fair

Leadership in the Kingdom, pp. 320, 321

Small Groups

| | LOCATION | LEADERS |
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| Group 1 | Auditorium | Frank Van Tassel & Harvey Cundiff |
| Group 2 | Moyers' 308 E. East St. | Bart Moyers & David Ebert |
| Group 3 | Hately's 4040 CR 509 | Mike Hately & J. Paul Brown |
| Group 4 | Family Building (teens) | Doug Hooten & Mark Huffmyer |
| Group 5 | Melinda Cundiff's (Young Adults) 2253 CR 516 | Doug Hooten & Gene Chapin (This group meets at noon) |
| Group 6 | Chapin's 1871 US Hwy 160B | (This group also meets at noon) |