We welcome our visitors! Thank you for joining us in this Worship. We invite you to our Wednesday Evening Bible Classes at seven o'clock. We've resumed our children's classes, our adult auditorium class study continues to be Livestreamed. You'll find a link on our website listed at the bottom of this page. Our Wednesday Evening Ladies Class meets in the Annex

and is on Zoom. Our Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class continues to meet at 9:45. Tract Folders meet on Thursdays at 9.30.

Remember our Sunday Morning Coffee & Sweets beginning around 8AM and available until the 10:30 Worship. Come enjoy the fellowship!

Our Eldership has made the decision to add additional Shepherds to our church

# We Want You To Know

Sunday Morning April 25th, 2021

family. You're asked to suggest names of those qualified that you would like to see serve. Names must be submitted by next Sunday. There's a box in the foyer for this purpose. Pray that God will work in this process.

We're preparing to return to serving Communion in trays. If you will prepare the emblims for a month, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you will help pass the trays, sign-up indicating the service you plan to attend. Thanks!

#### **Those Needing Prayers & Visits**

- Continue to remember and pray for Pat Musson as she awaits the results on her biopsy.
- Pray for Aaron Sloan's recovery from his knee replacement surgery.
- We've been ask to pray for Mary Jane Harrington's sister, Priscilla Paugh (Paul), who had a serious stroke. She's at Northwest Medical. Pray for her upcoming rehabilitation.
- Continue prayers for Phyllis Spaw's sister, Hilda Jones, Ron Beaty, Krista Magness, Hattie Louise Perry at Highlands Health, Chuck Pippin, and JB Tarr.

#### Other Announcements & Notes

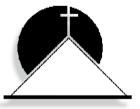
Mark your calendar for our Community Family Fun Day – June 12th.

"We hope to be with the Saints as soon as we can. We miss everyone and want to thank everyone for their cards, notes, and prayers!" In His Love
—Joyce & Chuck Pippin

"Thanks so much for your cards, letters, and notes sent in celebration of my birthday!" —Patsy Tarr

"Thank your for assisting my family as I pursued a degree at Harding. I take pleasure in informing you that we are now preaching full-time with the Antioch Congregation in Antioch, Tennessee. Thanks again for supporting us in this journey of ministry." —The Morgan Family

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# There's Something In A Name

#### Continuing Our Series On Leadership...

## Scriptures Speaking Of The Functions – Work Of Elders...

1 Timothy 3.5

Acts 15.22

Acts 20.28

1 Timothy 5.17

1 Thessalonians 5.12

Titus 1.9

1 Peter 5.3

### There's Something In The Name...

Presbuteros - Elder - Aged

Episkopos - Overseer - Bishop

Poimaino - Shepherd - Pastor

## **Examining The Function Of An Elder From Psalms 23...**

A look at the Sheep

Seeing the Shepherd

Shepherding Elders are to be men of God - Led by God

Elders PROVIDE for the flock...

Green pastures - Material substance

Quiet waters - Rest - Refreshment - Security

Soul restoration – Forgiveness – Fresh starts & New beginnings

Leads in paths of righteousness - Ways of the Lord

Shepherds PROTECT...

With the rod

The staff

Shepherds BLESS the sheep...

They're hospitable

They never quit - Not even in the presence of an enemy

Anoints with oil

With Qualified Shepherds – Life's cup overflows.

They keep us pointed toward a home in the Father's House

## Our Invitation & Challenge

#### Acts 20.17 & 28-31

17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the Elders of the Church...

28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be Shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

30 Even from your own number

men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

31 So be on your guard!

#### 1 Peter 5.1-3

1 To the Elders among you, I appeal as a fellow-elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

2 Be Shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

#### Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord for ever.