



University CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Over the next two weeks the elders have asked that members of this congregation to prayerfully and thoughtfully put forth names of qualified men to be an elder here at University. Following are the qualifications for the position of elder found in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. That the eldership is a distinct duty is clearly seen in I Timothy 3:1, "It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do." It is a duty and a work that a man may aspire to hold. Interestingly, the Greek word translated as "aspires" means to stretch ones ability to obtain. Therefore, your average Christian is unable to qualify for the position. It takes effort on the part of the man desiring the office to stretch himself to his full abilities to live Christ-like in this present age. Not being perfect and still very much human. Pauls instruction to Titus also shows this duty to be a distinct office when Titus was instructed, "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you" (Titus 1:5). Men are placed in the position of an elder; they don't just happen to obtain the duty. Paul had given Titus specific directions on whom to appoint which he repeats in his letter to Timothy. Both the list in Titus and the one in Timothy tell us that men considered for the office of overseer must have certain attributes. These are not suggestions. The characteristics must be present. Only men with these attributes will be able to fulfill the duties God has prescribed for them to accomplish. Only men who have demonstrated the qualifications listed may be appointed.

Barnabas and Paul appointed those in Acts 14:23 "So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed". We can also use the examples from the appointment of the first deacons by those in the congregation recorded in Acts 6 "Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Even though the apostles were inspired men, they did not select the men to be appointed. Instead, the congregation was asked to select the men based on the qualifications given to them. Once the congregation selected the men, the apostles then appointed them to the position.

We have always had and will always strive to have great leadership here at University and we are looking for those qualified and desiring to help oversee and lead this congregation. "Willing to serve" and not "Lording over" but being and setting an example to those we serve.

Please pray as we consider closely these qualifications and consider men for this appointment as we look to add new men to this wonderful calling with scriptural consideration and of prayer.

The Elders

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Brad McKinzie
Eric Sharum

Deacons
Terry Ball
David Byrd
Tim Curtis
Bill Harrington
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We want to welcome you to services today. If you are visiting with us please remain a little after so we might get the chance of meeting you in person and welcoming you here.

This is also our fellowship and appreciation luncheon for the Kelseys as we honor Charlie and Sidonia directly after services at the SLC. Please join us in thanking them in person and please stay and be our guest.

As I sit down to write this, words can not express our true feelings of love and appreciation for a couple that has given so much to all of us here at University. As many of you know one of our elders Charlie Kelsey is stepping down as an elder here after serving faithfully for the last 51 years. He and Sidonia have given so much over the years with their time and efforts and because of his humbleness he won't even want us to go on and on like this even though they are not leaving us and will continue to serve we all can't seem to say thank you enough and I for one will still be calling to ask for advice. Please stay after services and give them your kind words of thanks and appreciation in person at our luncheon. God's word tells us to take every opportunity to thank, honor and express our support to those who have committed themselves to shepherd and care for the needs of the body of Christ is something that he has done since 1962 and as Paul tells Timothy he is worthy of "Double Honor" and for that we all say "THANK YOU" because you have truly made a difference in all our lives and that will never be forgotten. It is because of their love for the body of Christ they have graciously over the years accepted Charlie's roll as shepherd and not everyone is cut out for that and God, for good reasons has a special place in His heart for shepherds. We again say congratulations and thank you again for a job well done and for great faithful service this many years. WE LOVE YOU!

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:
Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Leroy Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....David Byrd

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:79
Morning Worship:102
Evening Worship:54
Mid-Week:60
Ladies Class:11
Contribution:\$3,820.00
Weekly Budget:\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Klaus Mueller
Closing Prayer:J.L. Bolton

Scripture:Glen Wampler

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Don Marcum
Closing Prayer:Jerry Doughty

WEBSITE: http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university_church_of_christ_sermons

VIDEO PAGE: www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011

ILL: Marvenia Harrington is still in room 339 in Memorial Hospital. Joslyn Burch is in Children's Hospital in Okla. City with a infection in her knee. Alfred Repp is in room 341 in Memorial Hospital. Corine Marcum's son, Daune, is in the Baylor Hospital in Dallas in very serious condition. Jerry Golson's niece, Michele Glenn has thyroid cancer. Prayers are requested.

A NOTE: I have had the privilege and honor of serving as an elder here at University for over 50 years. At this time of my life, I feel the need to step down and give others the chance to step up and lead. My heart is and always will be here at University and I will continue to be an active member of our church family. Thank you, Charles Kelsey

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR CHARLES KELSEY THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17TH at the Student Learning Center after the morning service. Everyone make plans to attend.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE YOUTH: The seniors who attended the luncheon last Saturday want to thank the youth for a great time and wonderful fellowship. The food was delicious and the games so much fun. We appreciate the youth and all they do. We know that you are the future of the church.

GREG RAY is organizing a bus trip to a Wichita Falls Wildcats Hockey Game **February 23rd.** The bus will leave the church building at 4:00 p.m. with a stop at Chicken Express in Burk Burnett. If you plan to go **please let Greg know before February 21st at 510-8093.** Children 12 & under need to be accompanied by an adult.

LADIES' DAY - Saturday, **February 23rd** at **9:30 a.m.** - 8th & Lee Church of Christ - Theme: A Woman's Legacy: What Will We Leave Behind? - Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Merritt - **Please RSVP by February 19th.** Lunch will be provided.

MEN'S WORKSHOP - MARCH 9TH - At the Student Learning Center "Stepping Up" - A Call to Courageous Manhood.

THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME grocery truck will be back **April 2013.**

Shopping List

Canned Soda Boxed Spanish Rice
Orange Juice Grape Juice
Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing

Non-Food

39-Gallon Trash Bags

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna & her husband, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Peggy Leverett, Corine Marcum, Marie Matthews, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Alfred Repp, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Brett Ross, Cae Sharum's cousin, Carol, Sue Peddy's sister, Mary Hood, & Jerry Golson's cousin Jim Cavel.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9 - Velma Shook
14 - Dave Sharum
21 - LaDonna McKinzie
23 - David Kelsey
26 - Stevie Repp
27 - Marie Matthews

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The youth would like to thank so many of you that attended our 60 plus appreciation lunch this past Saturday, if you missed it, know that we missed you and hope you will be able to attend next year! We had 30 of our members in attendance. Those in attendance that you may not have known about until now were the grand champion baby of Stevens county of 1942, One who's parents are Joseph and Mary, A young lady who lettered in basketball in high school and another that played the accordion in a talent show. We have heard of a pretty good piano player, one who is a twin, another that is an only child, another who has a second degree black belt in Karate. We learned of one that spent the first 5 years of school in LA and Hollywood California, another that when they played house with their sister was nicknamed "Big O' Baby" and one man that helped his wife put on her pantyhose the one and only time and NEVER AGAIN! Let the conversation and investigation start to Who are these seniors? Ask around, visit, fellowship and get to know one another once again. We hope all had a great time and look forward to more opportunities of serving one another!

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