

When churches begin to talk about leadership, in our fellowship, we have the “lists”. The lists are composed of the descriptions offered by Paul to both Timothy at Ephesus (1 Timothy 3) and Titus at Crete (Titus 1) for those who would serve as bishops and deacons.

Let me give you my overview here and specifics in the future. Paul is saying to both of these evangelists, when it comes to shepherds, select spirit filled men. Think here of the fruit of the Spirit (the manifestation of God’s Spirit in the life of an individual; love, joy, peace, etc.) In other words, as you select the leadership in your churches, look for those in whom you see the evidence of God’s work in their lives. What you will see, because they are being led by the Spirit, is stable relationships in their homes, with their children and in their interaction with others within the Christian community and outside it. Reflect on their reputations, are they brawlers, angry, bitter, stingy, overbearing, and intolerable? How would we know? How do they treat their spouse, their children, and the community around them? What is their spirit life like? Do they move to excess in drinking, emotions or violence? God’s Spirit produces a certain type, is he at work in these men?

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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I’ve been studying, praying about, meditating on, and writing material about spiritual leadership in the past year or so. It arises from some concerns that I’ve observed over the course of my ministry regarding our leadership model. It doesn’t mean that I don’t think that God expects his people to be guided by shepherds, elders, and pastors. Rather I think that in many ways we’ve allowed those terms to evolve into things that are inconsistent with descriptions in the New Testament. What “Corporate America” sees as necessary to help a business thrive is not what Scriptures describe as God’s preference for leaders.

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR AUGUST 27, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 77—Glorify Thy Name
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 116:1, 2, 5 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 382—Why Did My Savior Come to Earth
No. 359—I Love the Lord
No. 922—Jesus Paid It All
No. 429—Oh, to Be Like Thee
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 464—Because He Lives
COMMUNION: Chris Mansel
Ned Marks
Fred Johnson
Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 678—More About Jesus (vs 1, 2, 4)
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 903—There is Power in the Blood (vs 1)
PRAYER: Orrin Feril

AV System: Chase Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

Happy Birthday!
Gladys Hornbaker—Sep 2

Happy Anniversary!
Stan & Orvalee Aldrich—Aug 27
Trent & Hannah Sallee—Aug 28
Jerry & Kay Kinnamon—Sep 2

EVENTS FOR THE LADIES

A Ladies Retreat is being planned at Silver Maple Camp for September 22-23, 2017. The Winfield Church of Christ is hosting this event and Nancy Mitchell Wheat of Waco, TX will be the guest speaker. Their theme is "S.O.S. Sisters of the Savior." Copies of the flyer/registration are available. If you wait to register after August 26th, the cost goes up \$5.

Also mark the date for a Christian Women's Conference at the Garden City Church of Christ on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Speakers will be Tammy Meador and Barb Rains. Christian humorist Lisa Smartt will also be featured.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - had heart surgery last week
Jonathan Batten— cancer; hospitalized because of infection
Stan Aldrich
Dena Mansel
Baylee Sizemore's cousin, Ty
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri)
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard/Shelly) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee)
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Stafford Leisure Home
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are invited to help Stan & Orvalee Aldrich celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the Garfield Community Center in Garfield, KS. The come-and-go reception will be from 2-5 pm. Refer to invitation posted.