

December 4, 2022

## Word Study - Pastor

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff, Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We Offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

There are several terms used in the New Testament to refer to the same group of men. Those terms include elders, bishops, overseers, presbyters and pastors.

The word "pastor" comes from the Greek word, POIMEN, which means "a shepherd, one who tends herds or flocks (not merely one who feeds them)".

This word is found only once in the New Testament, In Eph 4:11. It says this, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers."

As the term is used in the New Testament, this word refers to the men who are overseers of a local church. They are men who meet the Scriptural qualifications described in 1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. It does not refer to the preacher of a church, although it is most often used this way in denominational circles.

The primary duty of a pastor is to watch out for and protect the souls of those under his care This meaning is clearly seen by observing the work of a physical shepherd. He feeds, cares for, protects, shelters and watches out for other needs of the sheep.

In the New Testament, there was never one pastor over a local church. Elders, bishops pastors, etc. were always referred to in the plural. An eldership (composed of at least two pastors) served the spiritual needs of the local group of disciples. They help us to live faithfully so we can make it to heaven.

# The Power, Person, and Plan of God

**The power of God is revealed in creation.** We know that man is intelligent and powerful. Man has invented cars and computers, riverboats and rockets. He has traversed the world and walked on the moon. Man has even harnessed the power of the atom to make extremely powerful weapons. But Who made the moot on which man could walk? Who made the atom that man has manipulated? The Bible tells us that God created the heavens and earth, and all things in them (Gen. 1:1-25). He created man who made the cars and the computers (Gen. 1:26-27). When we observe the universe around us, we can know that God exists and that He is powerful. The Psalmist said, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psa 19:1)

**The person of God is revealed in His Son.** While the Old Testament gives abundant evidence of the nature of God – His love, hate, compassion, patience – we understand that the fullness of God was made known in Christ. Phillip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us” (Jn. 14:8). Jesus replied, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (Jn 14:9). In other words, Jesus was a living, breathing example and embodiment of God. The Hebrew writer said Jesus was “the brightness of His glory and the express

Image of His person” (Heb 1:3). The idea is that Jesus was the “imprint” of God. “For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Col 2:9). If we want to know God, we must know His Son.

**The plan of God was revealed by the Holy Spirit.** Jesus said, “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into truth: For He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come” (Jn 16:13). The plan of salvation was revealed by the Holy Spirit Who searched out the mind of God (1 Cor 2:7-13). The New Testament is the only plan of God. There is one body of truth, the faith, just as surely as there is one Savior (Eph 4:5). All other plans are fraudulent. Therefore, if we want to know the soul-saving plan of God, we must go to the one source, the revelation of the Spirit of God.

**Steven F. Deaton via Hebron Herald  
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## **-God's Plan for Saving Man**

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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## **TAKE HEART**

*"I have told you these things,  
so that in me you may have  
peace. In this world you will  
have trouble. But take heart! I  
have overcome the world."*

**John 16:33**

## **Prayer List**

Holly  
Cheryl  
Raymond  
Robert  
Doans' Grandson, Wilson  
Devin (Cancer)  
Jerry (Lung Cancer)  
Berlyn  
Leah  
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)  
Ken & Chris  
Rowena, Knee Surgery  
Donna, Recovery from fall

## **Daily Bible Reading**

Dec 5: Dan 1-2; 1John 4  
Dec 6: Dan 3-4; 1John 5  
Dec 7: Dan 5-7; 2John  
Dec 8: Dan 8-10; 3John  
Dec 9: Dan 11-12; Jude  
Dec 10: Hosea 1-4; Rev 1  
Dec 11: Hosea 5-8; Rev 2

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Bible Study: Dave

Worship: Larry

Afternoon: Dan D

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

John

**Prepare Communion**

Paula

**Clean Building**

Paula

**Preaching Dec 4, 2022**

AM – Jeff

PM – Luke

**Assignments**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Reading: Jeff

Announcements: Steve

Table: Travis

Serve: Steve

Roger

Dan D

Dave

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Invitation: Mike

**Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

December 13 – Donna

21 – Linda

21 – Christie

22 – Jailyn

22 – Lauren