



Why Your Elders Need Your Fervent Prayers

From Pastor Jim

Because the flock we lead is the Lord's flock

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **shepherd the flock of God that is among you**, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:1-3

Because the responsibility is weighty

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd the church of God**

Acts 20:28

Because we are men with feet of clay

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being

conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. **Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.** Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:7-14

Because diligence is needed to keep the unity of the Spirit

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, **being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Ephesians 4:1-3

Because the flock we lead is composed of precious souls

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

Acts 20:28

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May Birthdays

May 3 - Doug Anderson

May 9 - Darlene Schmoeckel

May 9 - Nancy Weber

May 17 - Samantha Magler

May 19 - Sue Butler

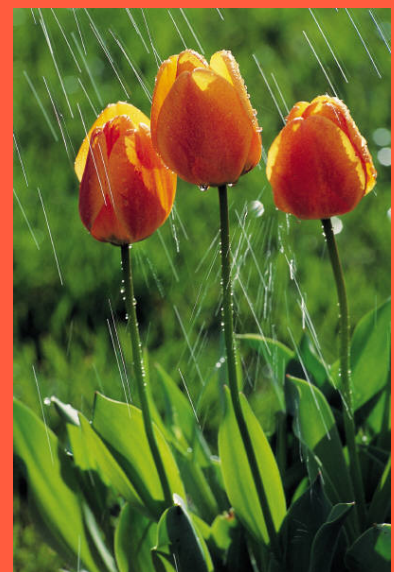
May 23 - Sarah Larson

May 25 - Erika Schlicht

This year the order of the Old Testament readings is similar to Israel's Hebrew Bible. The New Testament readings are based upon non-conclusive research regarding the order in which the books were authored.

*So shall My word be
that goes forth
from My mouth;
It shall not return
to Me void,
But it shall
accomplish
what I please,
And it shall prosper
in the thing for
which I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:11





May 2013



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert
in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

Colossian 4:2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship 12:00 p.m. - Youth Planning Meeting 4:30 p.m. - DeCaro Care Gr.	6 6:30 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. - Piecemakers	7 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team Practice	1 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 7:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study	2 7:15 a.m. - NDoP Breakfast 7:00 p.m. - NDoP Service at St. Lucas Church Lake Elmo, MN	3	4
12 MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship	13 4:00 p.m. - Elders and Deacons Meeting	14	8 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Youth Meeting 7:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study	9 9:30 a.m. - Greenhouse Tour 6:30 p.m. - Butler Care Group	10	11 8:30 a.m. - Spring Work Day
19 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship 4:30 p.m. - DeCaro Care Group	20 4:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting 6:30 p.m. - Piecemakers	21	15 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Youth Meeting	16 6:30 p.m. - Butler Care Group	17 6:00 p.m. - Friday Night Light	18 9:00 a.m. - Worship Team Practice
26 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship 1:45 p.m. - Good Samaritan Sunday Service	27 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	28	22 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Youth Meeting	23 6:30 p.m. - Butler Care Group	24	25
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Youth News

Submitted by Jeremy Misener

It was good to get back together in March as youth and parents at the Magler home. Jackie made an amazing salad and desserts, while Jeff slaved away on our main course (\$5.00 pizzas). We spent time discussing what moral behavior(s) parents most fear their children will either get involved in or not get involved in doing. It was interesting to note that, even if parents had not specifically sat each of their youth down and had a formal discussion about these fears, the youth picked up on their parents' beliefs and fears. Just another reminder that as parents we are always communicating to our children, and they are listening. We continued this discussion by looking at how we can determine what we treasure in our lives at our Friday Night Light at the Leslie home on April 19. This discussion laid the foundation for our



next scheduled time on May 17. Be praying for our May meeting, as I will be trying to connect how the gospel not only exposes the false treasures of our hearts, but also replaces it with the only Treasure that is worthy of our time and worship, Jesus Christ. Our parents and our youth deeply need your continued prayers. We thank you for your prayers. We thank you for providing these opportunities to minister to one another.

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Because the enemy would love to devour us all

Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

1 Peter 5:8

For **our struggle** is not against flesh and blood, but **against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Ephesians 6:12

Because the world around us is still lost in darkness

But understand this, that in the last days **there will come times of difficulty**. For **people will be lovers of self**, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2 Timothy 3:1-4

Because the task of shepherding is daunting

In addition to our ongoing, regular activities—praying for and caring for the congregation, meeting with the deacons, doing a book study together, fellowshiping and serving with our wives—we have the following items on our to-do list for the weeks and months ahead:

- Determining how we can be even more effective in having a family-involved approach to church life and ministry
- Working toward a comprehensive, integrated, long-range blueprint for church life
- Building up our men's ministry
- Adopting a church logo
- Approving a summer schedule for Promise Kingdom and adult classes
- Developing more effective ways to reach out to first-time guests
- Making ourselves more readily available to pray with people at the close of our services
- Planning a more effective schedule and agendas for our elder meetings

Because the reward for faithfulness in the responsibility is great

And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive **the unfading crown of glory.**

1 Peter 5:4



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OCC Vision

The vision of Oakridge Community Church is to spread a joyful passion for the absolute, eternal supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things, to all peoples.

