

What a Biblically Shaped Church Owes its Elders

1 Timothy 5:17-25

Instructions to the church concerning elders

_____ support

2 important words: _____ and _____

Bringing a charge against an elder

_____ of the charge

Necessity to follow the biblical _____

_____ of the process

As a _____ to others (the rest may stand in fear)

Always in love

Goal of _____

The necessity of _____ - Not following through has worse effects for the Body!

Choosing elders

Need for _____, _____, _____, and _____ consideration

Significance of "laying on of hands" –

Laying on of hands _____ with the person

An aside and more

Warning against _____ - a call to remember _____

The _____ for taking time in identifying elders

Both _____ and _____ sins and good works must be factors

A matter of authentic "honor"

As believers, we can equate the command "_____ " with "humble ourselves before or submit to"

Honoring means _____ in all meekness and humility

An attitude that is reflected in _____

What does "biblical honor" NOT look like or what does "dishonoring" look like, practically?

What does "biblical honor" look like?

Why is it so _____ to _____ honor? What gets in our way?

1. We fail to _____ our human _____, and reluctance to submit - _____
2. _____

The unseen, unacknowledged _____ or necessity to biblically honor

_____ is required to honor

1. Submission to _____
2. Submission to his _____ for the church
3. Submission to _____ - *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$40,000

Every gift, no matter how big or small, is important because they are what God is using to build His kingdom. - Kevin Ezell, President of the North American Mission Board

Giving to the Annie Armstrong offering will help meet the 2023 goal and support North American missionaries!

Vacation Bible School

Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth

June 5-9 | Completed K5-5th Grade

Children will spend a week learning how they can be part of God's Kingdom through salvation in his Son and what it means to be equipped with the armor of God. It will be a week of teaching, small group discussion, crafts, games, and music. To register your children or to sign up as a volunteer, visit calvarydothan.com/vbs.

Student Ministry Cake and Dessert Auction (DATE CHANGE)

April 30 | ROC | Immediately following worship

Join us for an auction to raise funds for Student Camp this summer. If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

Joy Prom

Friday, May 12 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Participants can register online at calvarydothan.com.

Volunteers are needed and can sign up in Life Group.

Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, May 14 | 10am Worship

Email joyce@calvarydothan.com if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child. There is a parent-child commitment meeting on Wednesday, May 3, at 6pm in the office building conference room.

Pray for Our Upcoming Mission Trips

Join us in praying for each of our upcoming mission teams; for travel, safety and health, and for a life changing time for the teams and those they meet.

Vermont | Northeastern Baptist College | April 29-May 6

Team Leader: Roger Simpler

Perry Blaxton	David Malphurs	Lee Searcy
Ron Cooper	Lauren Malphurs	Judy Simpler
Kathy Farley	John Searcy	Carson Tew

New York | Neighborhood Church | April 28-May 1

Team Leader: Tim Gannon

Kathy Gannon	James Wells
Christin Wells	Ian Worrell

Honoring Church Elders

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

Honoring widows by providing for the needs of those women who have no relatives to care for them has been Paul's concern in 1 Timothy 5:3-16, and it is this concept of honor that leads him to instruct the church in how to deal with its elders in today's passage. Those "elders who rule well...especially those who labor in preaching and teaching," the apostle tells us, are to receive double honor (v. 17). In keeping with the context of this verse and 1 Corinthians 9:1-14, Paul is saying the church should not only pay its elders but pay them generously.

Paul seems to allow for all the elders to receive remuneration for their work in 1 Timothy 5:17, but he does emphasize those elders who are particularly focused on the task of instruction. What we may infer from this is that although every elder must be "able to teach" (1 Tim. 3:2), not every elder will have to devote himself full-time to the labor of teaching. God will grant certain people special gifts of communication, wisdom, and insight, and the church recognizes their calling by making sure they can earn a living from this work.

The apostle grounds his admonition to pay the elders well in Deuteronomy 25:4 (1 Tim. 5:18). Just as oxen should not be muzzled and thereby prevented from eating some of the grain that is produced when their labor is used to separate the husk from the edible part of the wheat, so too must teaching elders not have to go hungry when they do the work they have been given.

What is most remarkable about today's passage, however, is that Paul also bases the propriety of paying the elders upon the phrase "the laborer deserves his wages." In the Greek, this phrase is identical to Jesus' words in Luke 10:7. If Paul is quoting from Luke's gospel, then he is calling it Scripture as well, showing that the New Testament writings were regarded as authoritative by the apostles during the same period in which they were written.

The way in which we value goods or services is seen in the amount we are willing to pay for them. We have no qualms about spending money in order to get the best medical care or receive the best food in a restaurant. ... The amount of time and money we give to the servants of the church reflects our valuing of their service.

Ligonier.org, August 3, 2009

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

- I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastors & Prayer Team Only
- Churchwide

Connect Card

April 23, 2023

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

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- Please contact me about membership

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Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

April 23, 2023

April Missions Spotlight

Northeastern Baptist College (Bennington, Vermont)

Northeastern seeks to impact the Northeast, the United States, and the world by training students to have the mind of a scholar, the heart of a shepherd, and the perseverance of a soldier through the provision of a college education with a biblical foundation and a distinctive blend of academic excellence and practical mentoring. NEBC provides an academically strong, biblically sound, and practically relevant college education from their campus strategically located in the Northeast. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of NEBC you can visit necbv.org. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for NEBC, please pick up a prayer card at the mission's kiosk in the FC foyer.

Girard Primary and Girard Intermediate Schools (Neighborhood Schools)

We are desirous that God would give us much wisdom and favor as we seek ways (on their school campus) to best serve and influence, for the sake of the Gospel, the students, and families at both schools. We are also longing to see the implementation of a Priority Kids Club at Girard Intermediate. If you are interested in leading this endeavor or want to know more about the ministry opportunities at Girard, please contact Tommy at tommy@calvarydothan.com.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 16

Life Group: 514
10:00 Worship: 661
Hispanic Church: 130
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 16: \$39,911.61
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$23,454.99
Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$14,120

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 17, April 23-29

- 1 Samuel 9-10; Acts 8
- 1 Samuel 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9
- 1 Samuel 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10
- 1 Sam 15-16; 1 Chr 1; Psalm 39; Acts 11
- 1 Samuel 17; 1 Chr 2; Acts 12

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

I'm New Here



We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, April 29:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, April 30:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 26

Israel's Great Sin

Exodus 32

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 30 | 10am

What Paul Really Said About Slavery (And What Are the Lessons for Me?)

1 Timothy 6:1-2a

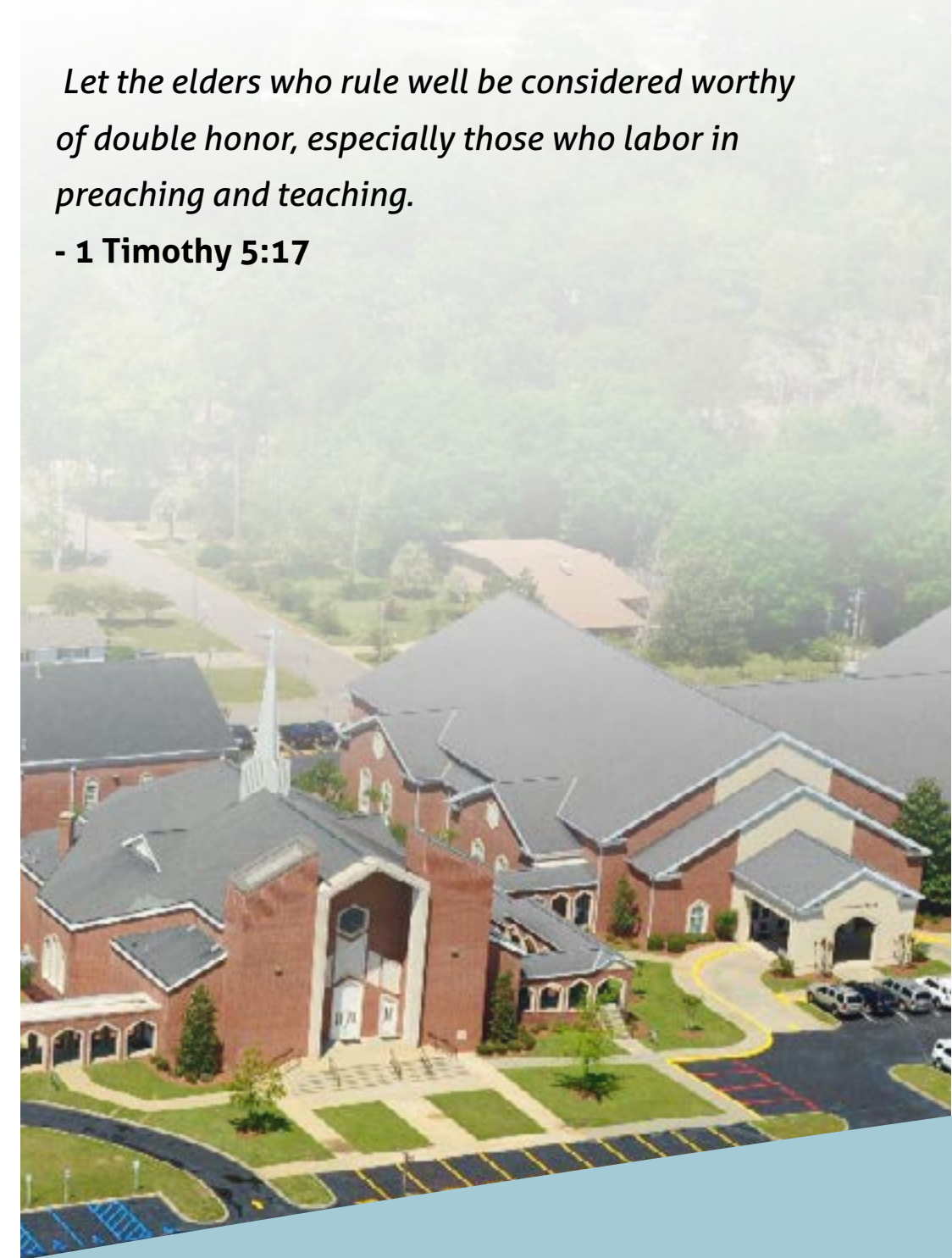
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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor
8:30am Life Group
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

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- 1 Timothy 5:17



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