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**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO DANNY RUSHING AND FAMILY DUE TO THE DEATH OF BELLA RUSHING. FUNERAL IS TODAY AT 2 PM AT CORNERSTONE ASSEMBLY**

**OUR CAMPAIGNERS LEAVE ON JULY 13. PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR THEM AND THE CAMPAIGN EFFORT IN WILSON, NC**

**OSPEL MEETING JULY 15-18 AT ANTIOCH**

**OSPEL MEETING JULY 15-20 AT BLACKWATER**

**BIRTHDAY:**

July 1: Danny Busby

5: Karen Griggs

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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## **ESTHER SAVES HER PEOPLE**

Be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Because of her sweet disposition she found \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone that met her.

B. The golden rule is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to follow in life (Mt. 7:12).

1. It does not say “treat others the way they treat \_\_\_\_\_.”

2. It tells us to treat others how we \_\_\_\_\_ to be treated.

C. We are to put on \_\_\_\_\_ according to Paul (Col. 3:12).

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ to good people.**

A. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ around us in this world.

B. When the going was \_\_\_\_\_ Esther listened to a good man, Mordecai (4:8b-16).

1. Here was a godly man who \_\_\_\_\_ her.

2. He would want only the best for her and was not being \_\_\_\_\_ at all.

C. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with people who are looking out for our good and not their benefit.

**II. Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Esther’s \_\_\_\_\_ to Mordecai was to have the Jews pray for her as she prayed herself.

B. Christians need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer.

1. God asks that we \_\_\_\_\_ our cares upon Him because He cares for us.

2. The way to do this is through \_\_\_\_\_.

C. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the arsenal of Christians that often goes unused.

**V. Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. God’s people \_\_\_\_\_ Esther.

1. She had a choice to make, to be \_\_\_\_\_ or to be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Mordecai let her know that she would \_\_\_\_\_ be safe if she chose to not be usable.

B. Think of what Esther was potentially \_\_\_\_\_.

C. There is so much work in the kingdom of Christ that needs to be done yet so few who are \_\_\_\_\_ to do it.

**7. Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Esther did not \_\_\_\_\_ her position to get what she wanted.

B. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ we are to have (Luke 17:10).

C. Peter told us to be clothed with \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 5:5).

**7I. Be faithful.**

A. Esther \_\_\_\_\_ carried out the will of God for her life.

B. God does not call us to \_\_\_\_\_, but to faithfulness (1 Corinthians. 4:2)

C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is faithful to us (1 Corinthians 10:13) and we should be faithful to Him.

## **SOME BIBLICAL FACTS ABOUT PASTORS**

**Mark Lindley**

The term “pastors” is found one time in the New Testament. Paul wrote, “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). This passage teaches that, in the early church, the Lord planned for there to be various workers who would bring the church to a state of maturity. Among these workers were “pastors.”

The term “pastor” literally means “a shepherd.” But who are the shepherds of the church today? Does the Bible identify these shepherds who are supposed to take care of God’s spiritual sheep? Yes, God’s shepherds are clearly identified in Scripture. Consider the following: “And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them...Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:17-28). Notice that Paul called for the elders” of the Ephesian church and stated that they were to “take heed to” and “to feed” the flock of God, the church. Since “the elders” had these responsibilities to the “flock,” then we can safely conclude that the elders were the spiritual shepherds of the church in Ephesus. Notice also the elders were the “overseers” in the congregation of Ephesus. The term “overseer” means “guardian or superintendent.” This shows that the elders of Ephesus had the authority and responsibility to guard and care for the church in Ephesus.

These Biblical facts are important because they reveal God’s original plan for the organization of the church. God’s plan is for congregations to have elders. This is why Paul and Barnabas “ordained elders in every church” (Acts 14:23). Please observe that “elders” is plural. This shows that there was more than one elder in every church.

Scripture gives the qualifications for serving as an elder in the Lord’s church (I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). Where there are men qualified, elders should be appointed, and bear in mind that “evangelists” are not the same as “pastors” (Ephesians 4:11). These are separate works. Evangelists are to preach God’s word; elders (pastors) are to oversee, guard, and care for the church. It was never God’s plan for there to be one man (“a” pastor) over a church. Rather, God’s plan calls for pastors (elders) to oversee, and evangelists to preach God’s Word.