

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes

9:30 A.M.

Worship

10:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening

6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

“What We Wish People Knew: Church Leadership”

David B. Smith

I can't tell you how many times I've been called a "pastor," but it's been a lot. There is a widespread misunderstanding about the organizational structure of the church—to the point that people assume that's the way religion should be. Most follow a single-pastor system, common in denominationalism, where the preacher is the congregation's shepherd. There might be a group of deacons or a board of directors under the preacher, but the

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class: 103

Sunday PM: 107

Sunday AM: 166

Wednesday: 125

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Truly This Was the Son of God (Part 3)

PM: Moving Forward By Going Back

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Travis Fridell

Announcements – Willard Elsea

PM: Opening Prayer – Terry Pursley

Closing Prayer – Larry Nave

Wednesday: Opening – John Blanks

Closing – Josh Elsea

All week: Lock Building – Willard Elsea Hall Monitor – Joe Anderson

(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please e-mail them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Copies of the complete April calendar are available on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays

21 – James Germ

23 – Beth Tripp

Caroline Lowman

Anniversaries

None this week

Announcements

- **Egg Hunt:** There will be an Egg Hunt for our kids this Saturday, April 27th at 3PM. Please see Jenna Bellomy or Erica Anderson if you would like to assist. Donations of filled plastic eggs are appreciated.
- **Singing Service:** Next Sunday evening will be our bi-monthly singing service and finger-food fellowship meal as we host members of the Soddy congregation. Plan now to join us in worship and bring a dish to share afterward.
- **Children's Home Food and Supply Drive:** The Food Truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be here on May 15th. Please bring in items or give cash donations to Rick Essex before then.
- **Camp McCroy:** Students entering 3rd grade or above this fall who are interested in going to Camp McCroy this summer should see Travis Fridell for a registration and information packet.

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Bill Greer	Tony Miller
Nancy Birch	Susie Hargis	Carlos Shannon
Gladys Blanks	Carole Hubbard	Leon Smartt
Marjorie Cagle	Grayson Ledbetter	Janice Smith
Riley Dennis	Judy Lusk	Bessie Smithson
Sarah Grasham	Tina Margroff	Diane Stacy

- **Jeanette Oakes** is expected to enter Life Care of Hixson for physical therapy following her hospitalization for treatment of blood clots.
- **Nelda Eustice** remains in Life Care of Hixson but is progressing in her therapy and expects to be released soon.
- **Jeff McClain** is receiving treatment for medical problems. Keep Jeff in your prayers.
- **Kali Laster's** surgery on her foot was on Thursday. Although it accomplished what was needed, she not be able to put pressure on her foot for quite some time.
- Pat Billingsly's sister, **Gail Rotters**, had surgery on Thursday to remove two tumors. Both were then found to be benign, and she is expected to make a full recovery.
- Continue to remember these of our North Hamilton family: **Gladys Blanks, Susie Hargis, Riley Dennis, Tommie Grandfield, and Loretta Leffew.**

Sympathy

We extend our sympathies and prayers to Chris Courtney and family in the loss of his mother **Wilma Courtney** on Tuesday of last week. Services were held Friday

preacher is the pastor. But is that right? Is this what the Bible teaches? The truth is that the Bible does not teach this. So, this is one of those subjects that we wish people understood better. Here are some things we wish people knew:

1. Pastors are the same as elders in a congregation. Paul mentions pastors in Ephesians 4:11. The term simply means “a shepherd,” and these shepherds are given several designations in the New Testament: bishops (Phil. 1:1), overseers (Acts 20:28), and elders (Acts 20:17). These terms all describe the work of overseeing or managing the local congregation (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

2. Elders are men that meet certain qualifications. At least two passages list qualifications for the men that would serve as elders: 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. The qualifications include maturity in the faith, self-control, the absence of greed or envy, hospitality, rational thinking and capacity to teach. Also mandatory is that an elder must be the husband of one woman and have believing children. A man that does not meet these qualifications cannot be a pastor.

3. The work of elders/pastors is different than the work of preachers. Preachers labor in the Word of God. Paul even said that the job of the preacher is to “preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2). But the function of a pastor is different. Pastors are shepherds. They oversee the congregation, feeding God’s flock and keeping them safe (Acts 20:28-29). While a man could potentially fill both roles (1 Pet. 5:1), a preacher and a pastor are different.

4. Leadership in each local congregation consists of a plurality of elders, not one man. When Paul was concluding his first missionary journey, he retraced his steps and “appointed elders in every church” (Acts 14:22-23). Titus was also instructed to “appoint elders in every city” (Tit. 1:5). It was not one, but multiple men appointed to the eldership. God has only authorized a plurality of men in an eldership.