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How The Church Prepares For a Pastor A NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES 5/18, 5/25, & 6/1/22 (7PM - 8PM)

# **Supporting** Your Pastor

- Pray for him and his family. Pray and not Prey. Many pastors are under great stress to not only care for the needs of the church and the congregation but also the needs of his family and himself. Pray that his arms and his spirit wont fail- example. Moses' arms being held up by Aaron and Hur- Exodus 17:12
- Show up to church and be consistently engaged. Preachers we are always nervous before they preach so being able to see you and know you are fully engaged in the sermon that has been prepared for you helps whoever is preaching to give his or her best. Nothing worse than to be preaching and see people sleep or scrolling on their phones
- Pick a ministry and be faithful in it- so often in church we hear the complaints about what needs to get done but we have that 80/20 rule. If you see a need and you have the ability to meet that need, then its time to get involved and help take the weight off of the pastor and those who are leading. Many hands make for light work
- **Obey the Lord in your stewardship-** Give of yourself, your time, your resources. Be faithful and consistent and be happy about what you are able to give to help the work of the church be effective
- Be a visionary for what the church can be but also be willing to get behind the vision if you didn't create the vision
- Increase your love for your church family-seek to be a peacemaker and not a hell raiser. Be the one that leads with love and not the one that creates chaos. Pray for one another with a genuine heart, Care for one another. Be open and honest and mature in your relationships. Be willing to grow together and not seek to step on another to get to the next destination.
- Share Christ and your church with others- Evangelize. Be nice, be loving. Make people want to know your Jesus and then make them want to learn about your church
- Keep a positive spirit!

## Our Mission

- <u>The Great Commandment</u> found in *Matthew 22: 37-40*, <u>The Great Commission</u> found in *Matthew 28:19-20*, and other scriptures, will grow a healthy church.
- Evangelism, Mission, or Outreach: Go into all nations and make disciples by sharing the 'Good News'
  - (Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, John 20:20, Acts 1:8)
- <u>Membership and Fellowship</u>: Baptizing those who believe the 'Good News' and bring them into the fellowship
  - (Matt 28:19, Mark 16:16, Eph 2:19)
- <u>Discipleship, Equipping Maturity</u>: Teaching the new believers to obey God's Word the process of helping believer to become more like Christ in thoughts, feelings, action
  - (Matt 28:20, Eph 4:12-13)
- <u>Ministry of Service</u>: Love your neighbor as yourself by ministering to them with your spiritual gifts and showing them God's love by meeting their needs and healing their hearts in the name of Jesus
  - (Rom 5:7, Eph 4:16)
- <u>Worship, Exalt, Magnify, or Glorify God</u>: Love the Lord with all your heart, mind and strength by worshipping and glorifying God
  - (Ps 34:3, Matt 4:10, Eph 1:12)

## Our Vision

- <u>A vision</u> for a house of prayer and a healing station where the abused, addicted, hurting, depressed, and confused can find love, acceptance, hope, forgiveness, assurance, help, encouragement, and guidance through the power of the Holy Spirit
  - (Luke 4:18-19, 9:1-6, 10:9, 17-19)
- <u>A vision</u> for discipleship: to develop members to grow into spiritual maturity, through Bible studies, small groups, workshops, retreats, and Bible School
  - (Matt 28:20, Acts 2:42, Eph 4:11-16, 2 Tim 2:15)
- <u>A vision</u> for equipping and empowering every believer in Jesus Christ for an important ministry by helping them to discover the gifts, talents, and skills God gave them
  - (Rom 12:6-8, I Corin 12:27-30, Eph 4: 11-16)
- A vision for mission: to support missionaries all over the world.
  - (Matt 28:18-20, Luke 24: 46-47)
- <u>A vision</u> for evangelism: to share the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ with the unchurched residence in our community
  - (Matt 28: 18-20, Acts 1:8)
- <u>A vision</u> for fellowship: to welcome all people to become members in the fellowship of our church family, loving, laughing, and living in unity together.
  - (Acts 2: 42-47, Gal 3: 27-28, Col 3: 11)
- <u>A vision</u> for a "state of the art" multi-purpose facility for the church, designed to minister to the whole person, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially
  - (Luke 4: 18-19, 9: 1-6, 10: 9, 17-10)
- <u>A vision</u> where the hungry, thirsty, naked, and strangers can find relief. Where the sick and prison bound are visited
  - (Matt 25: 31-46)
- <u>A vision</u> where opportunities for employment are created so that men and women can provide for their families
  - (Mark 6:3, Acts 18:1,3, II Thes 3:10-11)

### The Christian Church of Chester Organizational Chart



## CCC Membership

Qualifications – Any person confessing the Lord Jesus as his/her personal Savior, believing that God has raised him from the dead, may be admitted to membership.

Duties of Members – Members are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, to attend habitually the services of this Church, to give regularly to its support, and to share in it organized work.

### Biblical and Functional Officers Of The Church

#### **Biblical Officers**

- The Senior Pastor
- Ministers
- Deacons

#### **Functional Officers**

- Transition Team
- Church Clerk
- Recording Secretary
- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Members of the Advisory Council

## Duties of the Officers

Transition Team: The Transition Team is designed to carry out the affairs of the Church in the event the Senior Pastor becomes incapacitated or dissolves his Pastoral relationship with the Church.

Church Clerk: The Church Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceeding of all meetings of the membership, shall maintain accurate membership rolls and a complete listing of all Church letters of dismissal; and shall perform other duties as the Senior Pastor or the Senior Pastor or Transition Team Leader may direct.

Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Advisory Council; and shall perform other duties as the Senior Pastor or Transition Team Leader may direct.

Accounts Payable Clerk: The Accounts Payable shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements. The Accounts Payable Clerk shall have custody of all monies of the Church and shall disburse upon written authorization of the Senior Pastor in accordance with Article 13, and 3.

## **Executive Council**

Duties: The Executive Council of the Church is primarily responsible for the spiritual growth and development of the Church membership. In addition, it is responsible for providing the strategic leadership for the Church as well as oversight of Church assets.

Responsibilities: The Executive Council shall receive and hold for the use of all the Church estate, real and personal, which at any time becomes the property of the Church; shall keep the properties in repair, and shall exercise supervision over matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the Church property, including the placing of adequate insurance coverage against fire, casualty, liability, etc.

Classification: The Executive Council shall consist of the Senior Pastor, Ministers and Deacons.

## Advisory Council

Duties: The Advisory Council shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Church, but subject to the authority of the membership of the Church.

Responsibilities: All matters pertaining to or affecting the work and policy of the Church shall be under the direction of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is responsible for recommending the Annual Church Budget to the membership.

Classification: The Advisory Council shall consist of all officers Biblical and Functional Officers.



Let's welcome our new pastor and launch him or her into an effective and healthy tenure. We should receive our new pastor as a spiritual leader sent to encourage our faithfulness, challenge our presuppositions, and to bring out God's best in us, the relationship between us and our pastor should be vibrant and effective.