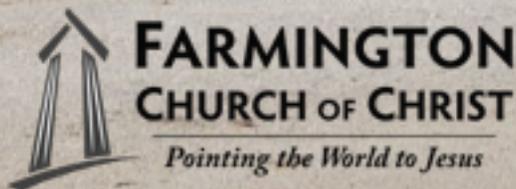
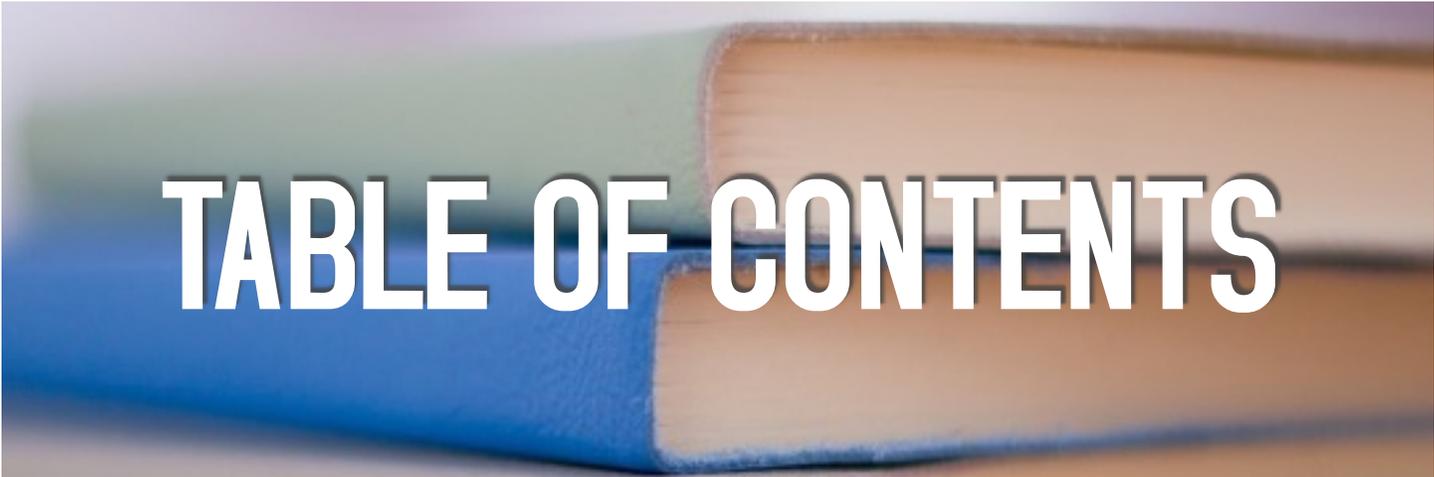


# OUR MINISTRIES: AN INTRODUCTION





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# ABOUT OUR MINISTRIES

## Introducing Our Ministries

This booklet is designed to introduce you to the sixteen different ministries we are involved in here at the Farmington Church of Christ. For each ministry, you will find a brief statement about what the ministry seeks to achieve and a list of things that ministry particularly works on. You will also find out who the deacon or ministry leaders over that particular ministry are, and which elder oversees that work. These men and women would love to talk to you more about their ministries and answer any questions you may have about the work of the Lord's church here in this community. We hope that you will find this information helpful as you serve the Lord alongside us.

## How Do I Get Involved?

It is our hope that after you look at all of the ministries we are involved in, the question you will be asking is, "How can I get involved in all of this great work?" Included with this ministry booklet, you should have received a ministry interest survey. That survey will allow you to select tasks in our various ministries that you **want** be involved with. We know you might be willing to do a lot of things, but let us know what you **want to do**. It is our belief that great things will happen for the kingdom of God when we get all of our members working for Him in areas they are passionate about. If you have any questions about the survey or how to get involved, feel free to talk to one of the elders or Jared Pack, our Involvement Deacon.



# ADMINISTRATION

**Mike Raine, Robert Shepherd, Sarah Edwards  
Elder: Bill Bequette**

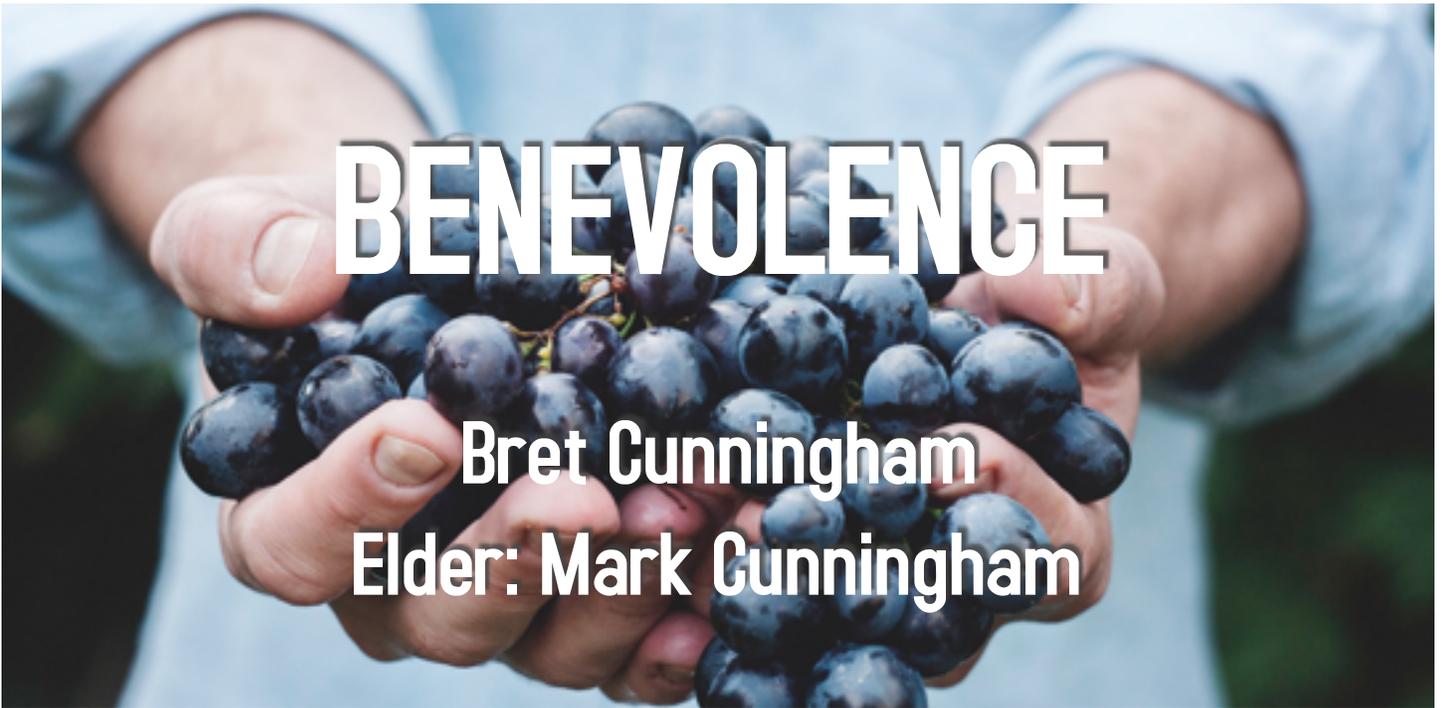
*"But Moses's hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun."—  
Exodus 17:12*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

In every local church there is a certain amount of administrative paperwork, record-keeping, public relations announcements, and day-to-day supervision that must be done.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Administrative Tasks**—There are certain day-to-day tasks which will not happen by themselves. While they may seem insignificant in the overall picture of the work of the church, they make much of our work possible.
2. **Scheduling**—Our facilities are intended for service to our church and community. As such, the church office coordinates the use of our facilities in compliance with our Building Use Policy.
3. **Special Projects**—While most of the day-to-day tasks are carried out by our administrative assistant, certain projects need additional assistance to be completed.



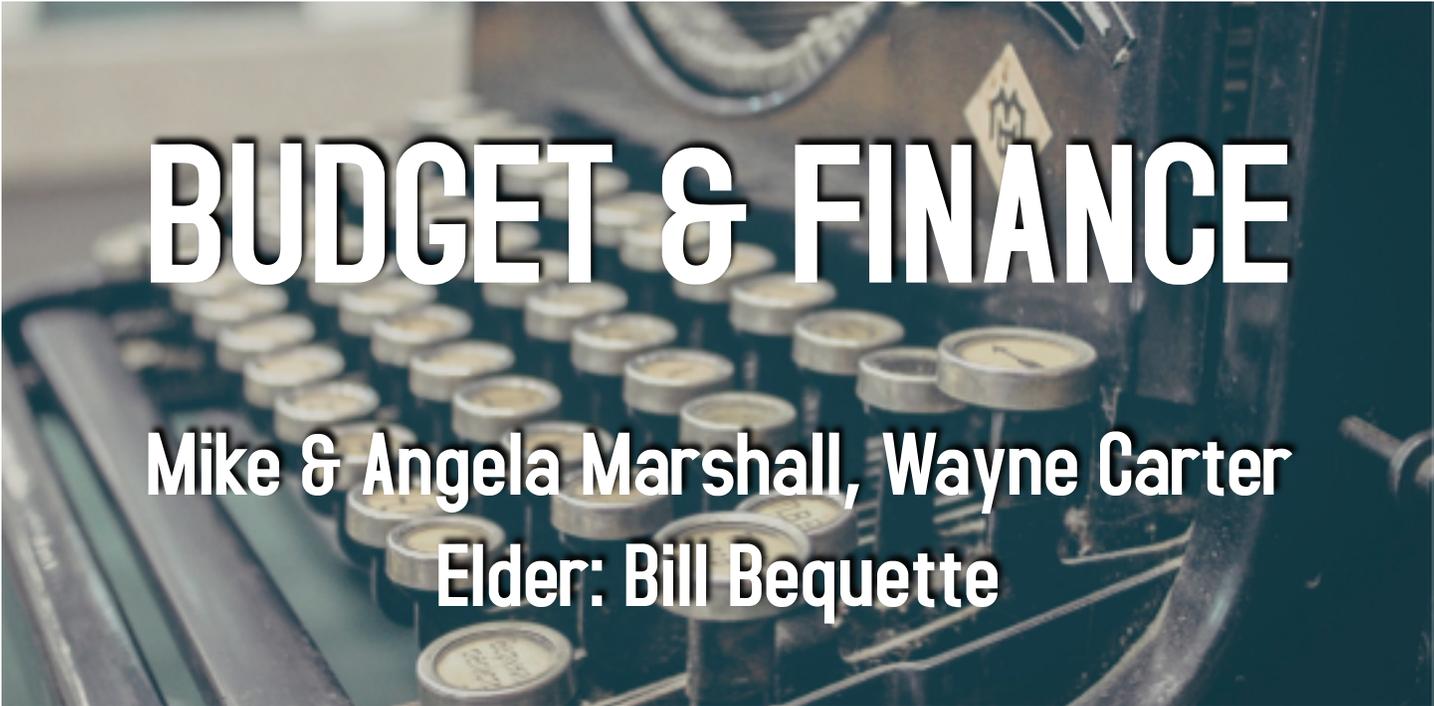
*"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"—Matthew 25:40*

### **Our Purpose and Goal:**

There are people all around us that are suffering and in need of care. The example of Jesus shows us the importance of assisting and helping those who are struggling or in need. This ministry seeks to be the hands and feet of our compassionate Savior.

### **Our Focus:**

1. The assistance of any in our church family that might be in need.
2. Assistance for those in the community that have need.
3. Assistance for transients in need.
4. Coordination of flowers for deaths.



# BUDGET & FINANCE

Mike & Angela Marshall, Wayne Carter  
Elder: Bill Bequette

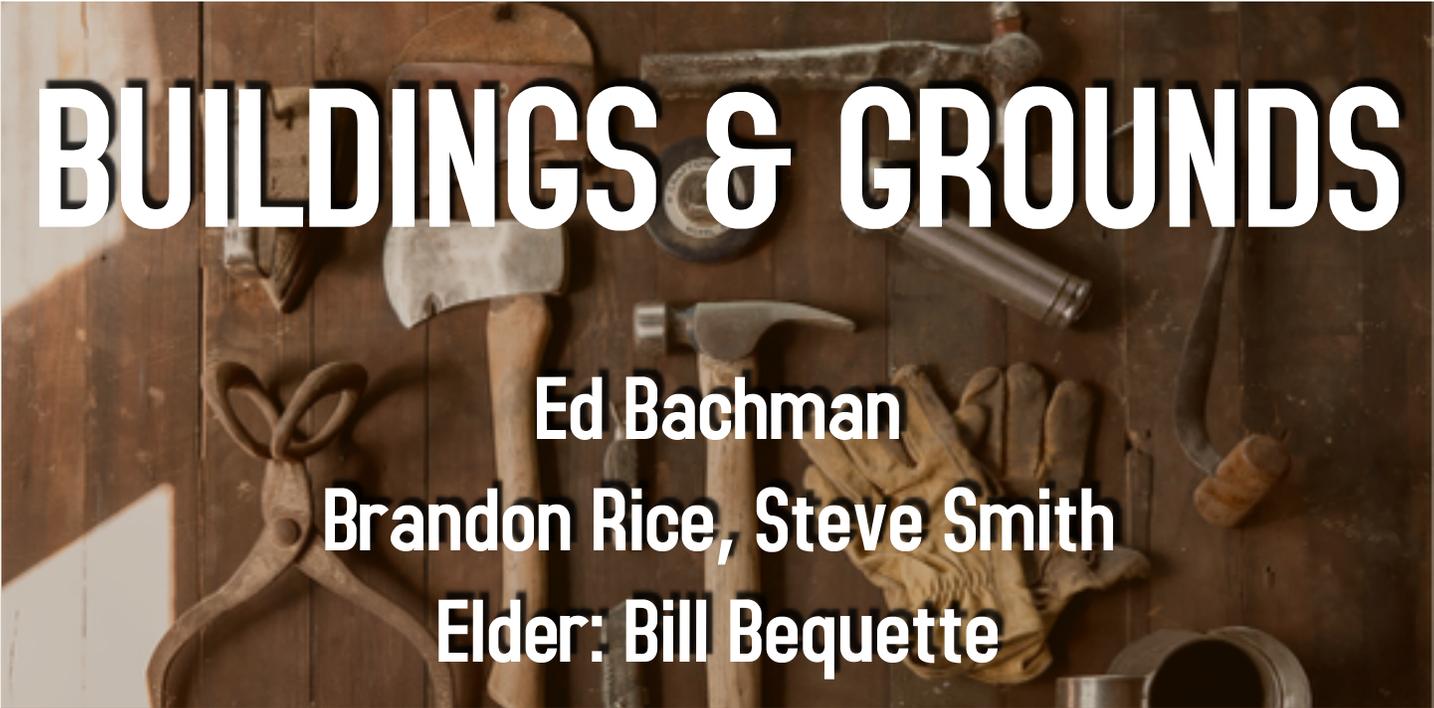
*“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.”—II Corinthians 8:3-5*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry is designed to meet the financial needs of the Lord’s Church and keep the Church solvent through the accumulation of and the proper distribution of funds.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Budgeting**—Coordinating with all the other ministries and presenting to the elders for approval the planning of the annual budget.
2. **Accounting**—Maintaining cash flow information (how the ministries are spending their budgeted money).
3. **Fundraising**—Coordinating any special fund-raising for important projects.
4. **Financial Planning**—Investigating and making recommendations for the financing of any project that might require it. This includes long-range financial projections and goal setting.



# BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Ed Bachman

Brandon Rice, Steve Smith

Elder: Bill Bequette

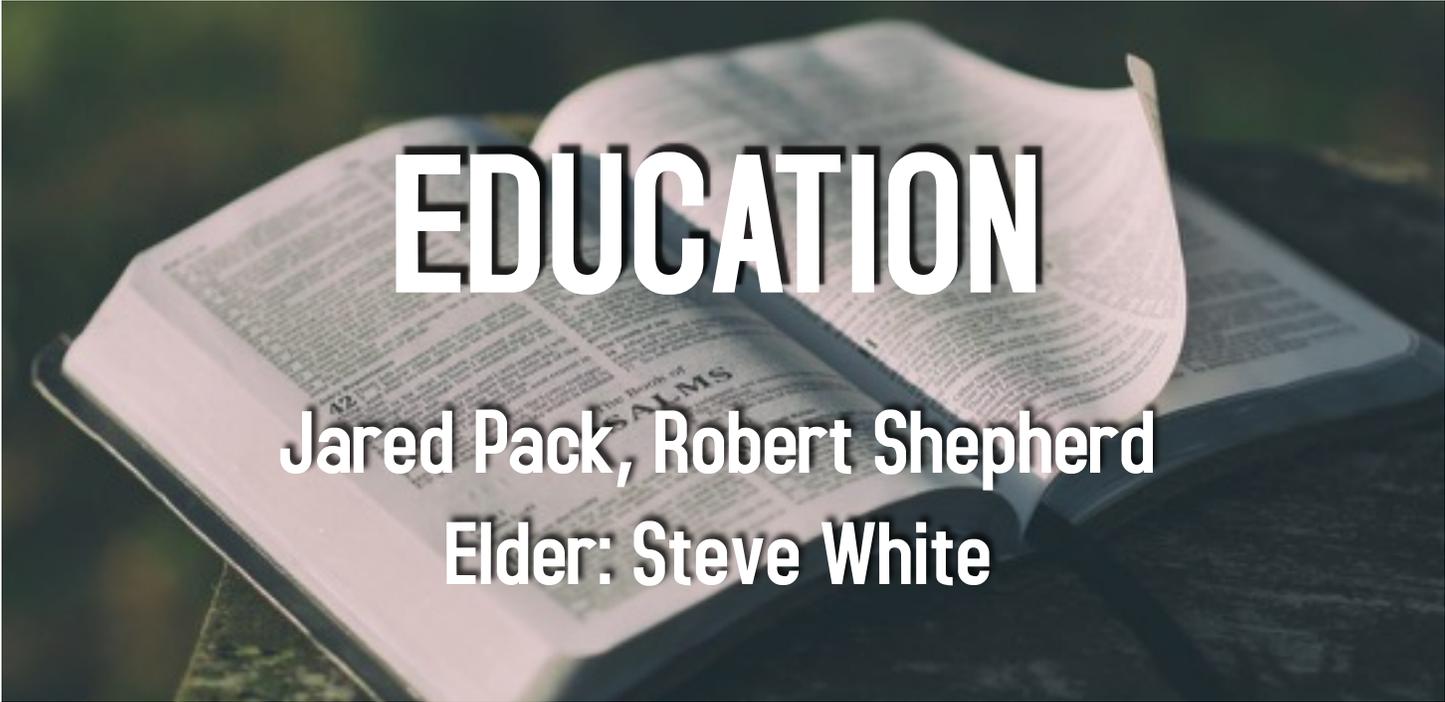
*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."—Colossians 3:17*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

Many people will never take the time and effort to learn what we believe the Bible teaches concerning God, Jesus, sin, salvation from sin, etc., but they will make judgments and form opinions about our fellowship by the appearance of our physical plant, the care of our grounds, and our attitude toward these facilities.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Maintenance and Care**—This ministry is responsible for the cleaning, upkeep, and maintenance of the present physical facilities and grounds and coordinating these efforts with the office staff when necessary. This includes maintenance and care of the church vehicles.
2. **Facility Awareness**—It is necessary to periodically check on the status of our buildings to ensure that things are functioning as they should be, even when our facilities are not in use.
3. **Planning**—As age overtakes physical buildings, they age like our physical bodies, become outdated like clothes, and wear out like automobiles. To be aware of this and to begin making future plans is good stewardship.



# EDUCATION

Jared Pack, Robert Shepherd  
Elder: Steve White

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”—2 Timothy 2.15*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

The education and training of children, new Christians, growing Christians, and those mature in the faith is a necessary and vital part of the life of this congregation. This ministry will insure that our people continue to know the Lord by knowing His book.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Teacher Selection**—Selecting and rotating the teachers in our various classes.
2. **Planning**—Planning and developing challenging and age appropriate classes that promote the spiritual growth of our members.
3. **Materials**—Ensuring we have adequate materials (curriculum, video, audio, visual aids, maps, supplies, etc.) for each class and teacher— especially in work room and resource room.
4. **Maintenance**—Maintaining the physical equipment in each classroom.
5. **Training**—Providing proper training opportunities for teachers.
6. **Vacation Bible School**



# GLOBAL MISSIONS

Curtis Snyder  
Elder: Bob Beeler

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.’” –Matthew 28:18-20*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

The goal of this ministry is to move this congregation toward being mission-conscious. We should desire to share the good news of the Gospel with others throughout the world, both personally and by supporting the work of missionaries.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Honduras**—Each summer our congregation leads a mission effort to Honduras.
2. **Communication**—Maintain communication with our present missionary works, including any student preachers that we are helping to train and the missionaries that are presently receiving support from Farmington. This also includes regularly reporting to the congregation about the works we support.
3. **Future Needs**—Investigate and study new areas of interest that should be considered for support.



# INVOLVEMENT

Jared Pack, Brent Kilgore  
Elder: Bob Beeler

*"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them."*–  
Romans 12:6

## Our Purpose and Goal:

To facilitate growth and edification within the Lord's church by connecting members to ministries and other members (in-reach) so the church can in turn glorify God in the Farmington community (outreach).

## Our Focus:

1. **Connecting Members and Visitors to Our Congregation**–When an individual starts visiting or places membership, they will receive information that welcomes them and explains our ministries. We particularly strive to help our members select the ministry or ministries in which they **want** to be involved.
2. **Fellowship Groups**–Our fellowship groups are designed to plug people into our congregation and help them build meaningful relationships.
3. **Fellowship**–Organize the planning of fellowships (special dinners, family nights, Day of Service, etc.) for **all** the members of the church.
4. **Future Needs**–As our congregation grows, there will be more needs for ministry. This ministry, in conjunction with the elders, will plan and implement new ministries to meet the needs of the congregation.

# LADS TO LEADERS

Justin & Lindsey White  
Elder: Mark Cunningham

*“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”—Proverbs 22:6*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

To develop and maintain a Lads to Leaders program at the Farmington Church of Christ, with the intent of training our young people to be leaders in the church as they grow and mature.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Building Relationships**—Pairing students with adult mentors to work on Lads to Leaders events and build relationships with older Christians.
2. **Training**—Providing extra support and guidance in events as needed (Debate, Song-Leading, Speech, etc.).
3. **Practice**—Assisting with Youth Led Worship on the fourth Sunday night.
4. **Convention**—Planning and coordinating our annual trip to Lads to Leaders Convention in Dallas (including fundraising, collection of fees, etc.).



# LOCAL OUTREACH

**Curtis Snyder**  
**Elder: Bob Beeler**

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*—Acts 1:8

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

The goal of this ministry is to expand the borders of the Kingdom in Farmington and the surrounding areas. We should desire to share the good news of Jesus with others through our example, Bible studies, community involvement, and invitations to worship with us.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Planning**—formulating a strategy to penetrate and saturate our community with the good news of Jesus.
2. **Evangelism**—Provide opportunities and equipping for members to share their faith with the lost of our community.
3. **Community Engagement**—Making a positive impact on our community by building relationships and enhancing and maintaining our presence in the community.
4. **Personal Bible Study**—Studying with individuals we have made contact with in order to make and then mature disciples.



# SAFETY & SECURITY

**Rodney Bailey, Steve Smith**  
**Elder: Mark Cunningham**

*"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" . . . Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"—Psalm 122:2, 6-7*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

The purpose of this ministry is to help ensure the safety, security, and physical wellbeing of our members and facilities.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Personal Security**—Personal security is increasingly important in today's society. This ministry will oversee the regular function of a security team designed to monitor the security of our members and facilities during worship services.
2. **Child Safety and Wellbeing**—We hold the safety of our children as a huge priority. For that reason, we take efforts to ensure that they are safe when they are in our care. This includes all of our ministries involving children—Education, Youth in Family, Thursday Bible School, and Lads to Leaders.
3. **Facility Security**—This includes making sure that our facilities are locked when not in use, monitored regularly, and are maintained to ensure the safety of our members when they are in use.



# TECHNOLOGY

Will Dockery, Alex Nelson  
Elder: Marion Bailey

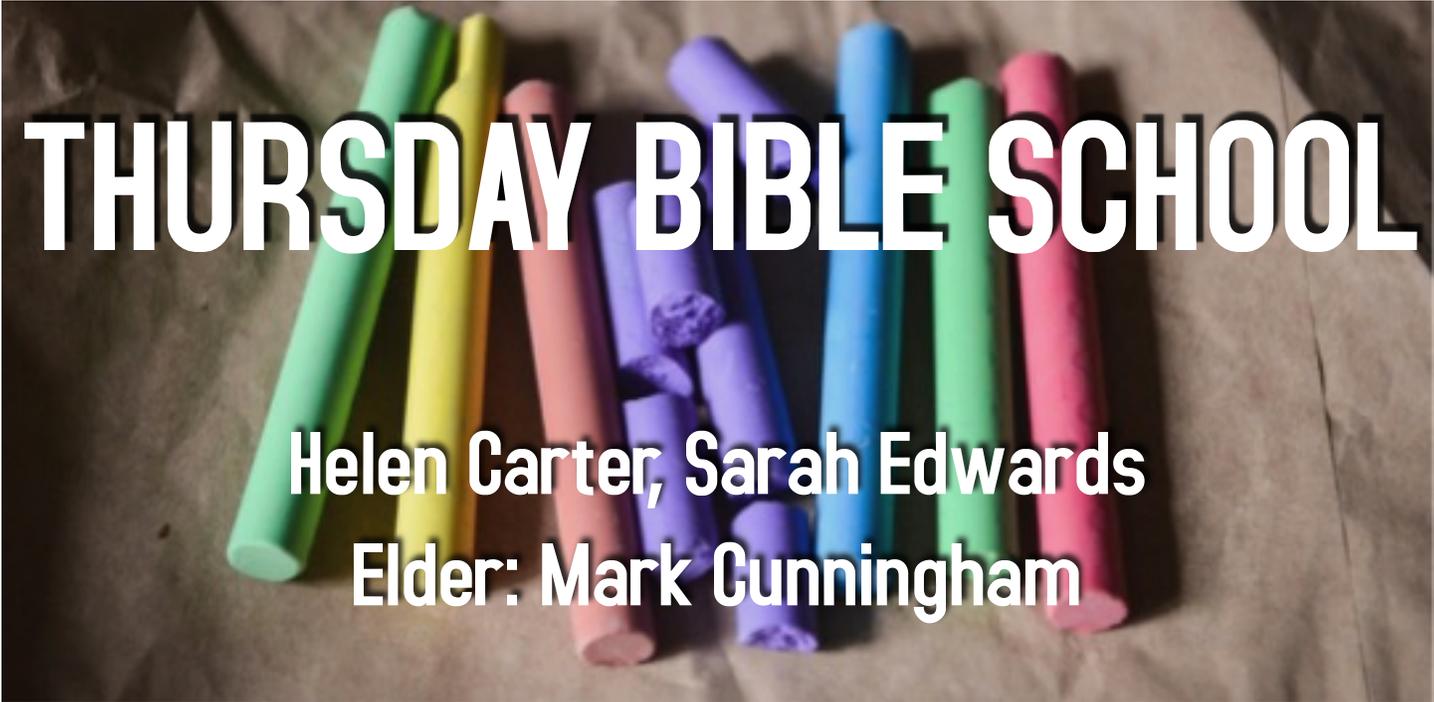
"... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."—II Timothy 3:17

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

To assist the congregation in getting the most out of our worship service to God, as well as evangelizing our community through electronic and social media.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Running and Maintaining the Audio/Visual Equipment**—Managing and running our audio/video equipment and sound system for worship services.
2. **Training**—Making sure that people have the proper training to operate our A/V system.
3. **Technology Support**—Acquiring, installing, and maintaining technology for use in classrooms and offices.
4. **Future Needs**—Creating a plan to upgrade the technology in our Bible classrooms as needed.



# THURSDAY BIBLE SCHOOL

Helen Carter, Sarah Edwards  
Elder: Mark Cunningham

*But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."—Luke 18:16*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

Establish a good reputation in the community and make local contacts for evangelism through a quality preschool/mother's day out program that promotes the spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual growth of children ages 2-5.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Teaching the Bible to Children**—Thursday Bible School offers wide-ranging biblical instruction to children ages 2-5.
2. **Community Engagement**—Building relationships with families in our community by offering a free, high quality Bible-based preschool/Mother's Day Out program on Thursday mornings from September to May.



# VISITATION

**Mike Raine**

**Elder: Bob Beeler**

**“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”—I Thessalonians 5:11**

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

Like with Local Outreach, the goal of our Visitation Ministry is to move the congregation toward being conscious of souls, whether they be the souls of our own members or of visitors who worship with us. Every soul is too precious to be lost.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Visiting**—There are several different types of visitation that need to take place: the sick, shut-in, and bereaved of the congregation; those who have missed several worship services because of a conflict at church, spiritual problems, etc; and those who have moved to the area or visit our assemblies.
2. **Encouragement**—Writing cards to encourage those who may not be receiving a visit on a given week but still should know that we as a congregation care about them.



*“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”—Romans 15:5-7*

### **Our Purpose and Goal:**

To greet people as they arrive for worship, ensure that visitors feel welcome when they attend services, provide visitors with adequate information about our congregation, and assist visitors in finding and locating necessary services (Bible Classes, Restrooms, Nursing Room, Cry Room, etc.) within our facilities.

### **Our Focus:**

1. **Greeter Teams**—Greeters should welcome everyone as they enter. They are particularly important in their role of greeting visitors, introducing themselves, and directing them to the Visitor's Center for more information.
2. **The Visitor's Center**—Plan and coordinate staffing for the Visitor's Center, and maintain up-to-date information to give visitors as a welcome packet.
3. **Visitor Experience**—This ministry should evaluate the experience of visitors to our services and make changes to ensure a positive experience for all visitors.
4. **Attendance**—Our greeter teams should also be responsible for taking attendance of our members each week and submitting that data to the office.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Helen Carter, Carrie Wright  
Elder: Steve White

*"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. . . . Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."*—Proverbs 31:25-26, 30

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

The goal of this ministry is to increase involvement of our female members, promote meaningful intergenerational relationships, provide an environment for spiritual growth in a comfortable setting, and assist in meeting the needs of individuals within our congregation.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Relationships**—Building relationships is at the core of this ministry. Through mentoring, social activities, assisting with the care of our widows, secret sisters, and other things to help our ladies connect with one another.
2. **Spiritual Growth**—Plan and coordinate opportunities for spiritual growth. These occur through our book club, ladies Bible classes, and our annual Ladies Day.
3. **Assist with Congregational Needs**—This includes coordinating food for funerals, illnesses, and other times needs, hosting wedding and baby showers, and the work of our diligent quilting ladies.



# WORSHIP

**Tim McGuin, Brandon Rice**

**Elder: Marion Bailey**

*“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who has made us and we are his; We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”—Psalm 100*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry is responsible for selecting and coordinating worship leaders, so that our assemblies might be meaningful experiences of worship and praise.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Coordinating Worship**—The selection of those who will lead/serve in our public worship in areas such as: waiting on the Lord’s Table, leading the congregation in prayer, reading scripture, and leading the congregation in song.
2. **Worship-Related Tasks**—Carrying out those procedural things that must be done for an orderly assembly.

# YOUTH IN FAMILY

Robert Shepherd

Kids for Christ: April Rice, Bret Cunningham

Elder: Steve White

*"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."*—Luke 2:52

## Our Purpose and Goal:

This ministry exists to encourage our young people to become lifelong disciples of Jesus. We do that through two age-specific groups: Farmington Youth Group (Grades 6-12) and Kids for Christ (Grades K-5).

## Our Focus:

1. **Family-Based Youth Ministry**—Our youth ministry is family-based, both in the sense that the importance of the *physical families* of the youth are emphasized (equipping parents to work on building faith in and discipling their children at home), as well as the *church family* (using the resources of older Christians to teach and serve as examples for those who are younger).
2. **Spiritual, Social, Intellectual, and Physical Growth**—Growth will be promoted through a variety of activities:
  - a. Service Projects—service is a fundamental characteristic of the Christian life.
  - b. Classes and Devotionals—for spiritual training and development.
  - c. Recreation—for social and physical development.
  - d. Trips—recreational, youth rally trips, possible mission trips, etc.



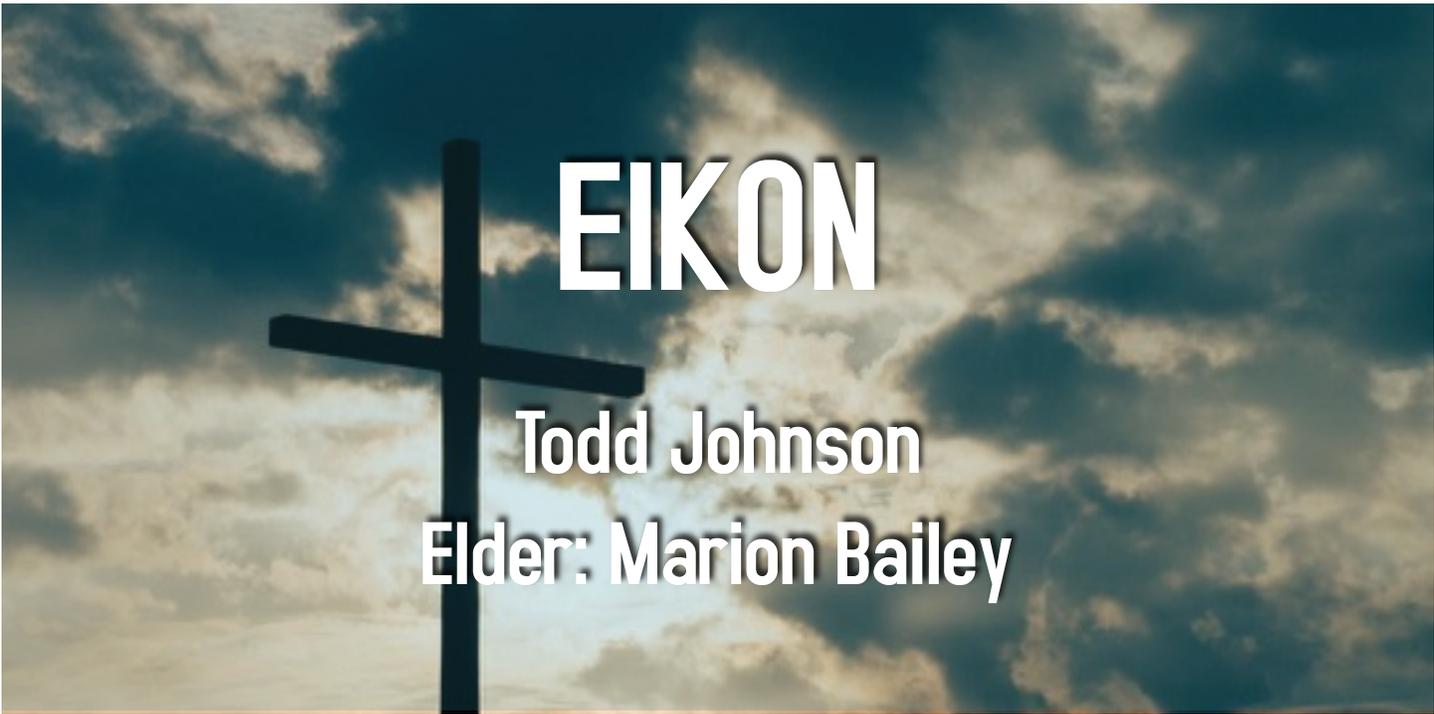
**Introducing Our Fellowship Groups:**

Here at Farmington, we are blessed with a vibrant, diverse congregation made up of people from all walks of life, and we love spending time with our church family. One of the ways we do that is through our fellowship groups. We use these groups to provide a place to belong, study the Bible together, and develop stronger relationships with one another. These groups are typically made up of individuals in the same season of life, but there are no set age limits for membership in any of our groups. In fact, we also highly encourage interaction between groups and provide many fellowship opportunities for the entire church family to grow together. You will also find out who the deacons over that particular group are, and which elder shepherds that part of our flock. If you have questions about which group might fit you best or what our groups do, please talk to any of our group leaders or Jared Pack, our involvement deacon.

**Get Involved With Our Fellowship Groups!**

Our fellowship groups meet together for Bible Class each Sunday morning. During this time, we study together, make group announcements, and share prayer requests. Bible Class is the best way to plug into a group. Below are the class locations:

- Auditorium: Steady Climbers & Golden Agers
- Chapel: Eikon & Cornerstone
- Fellowship Hall: Nexus



*“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.”—Acts 2:46-47*

**Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry exists to encourage the involvement and spiritual growth of our college age students and those recently out of college.

**Our Focus:**

1. **Fellowship**—Planning and coordinating events for the Eikon Group, including things like monthly group meetings, recreational activities, and service projects.
2. **Involvement**—Making sure everyone has a ministry to involve themselves with and that we are utilizing the talents of the group.
3. **Growth**—Encouraging spiritual growth and development.



# CORNERSTONE

**Brent Kilgore, Brandon Rice**

**Elder: Marion Bailey**

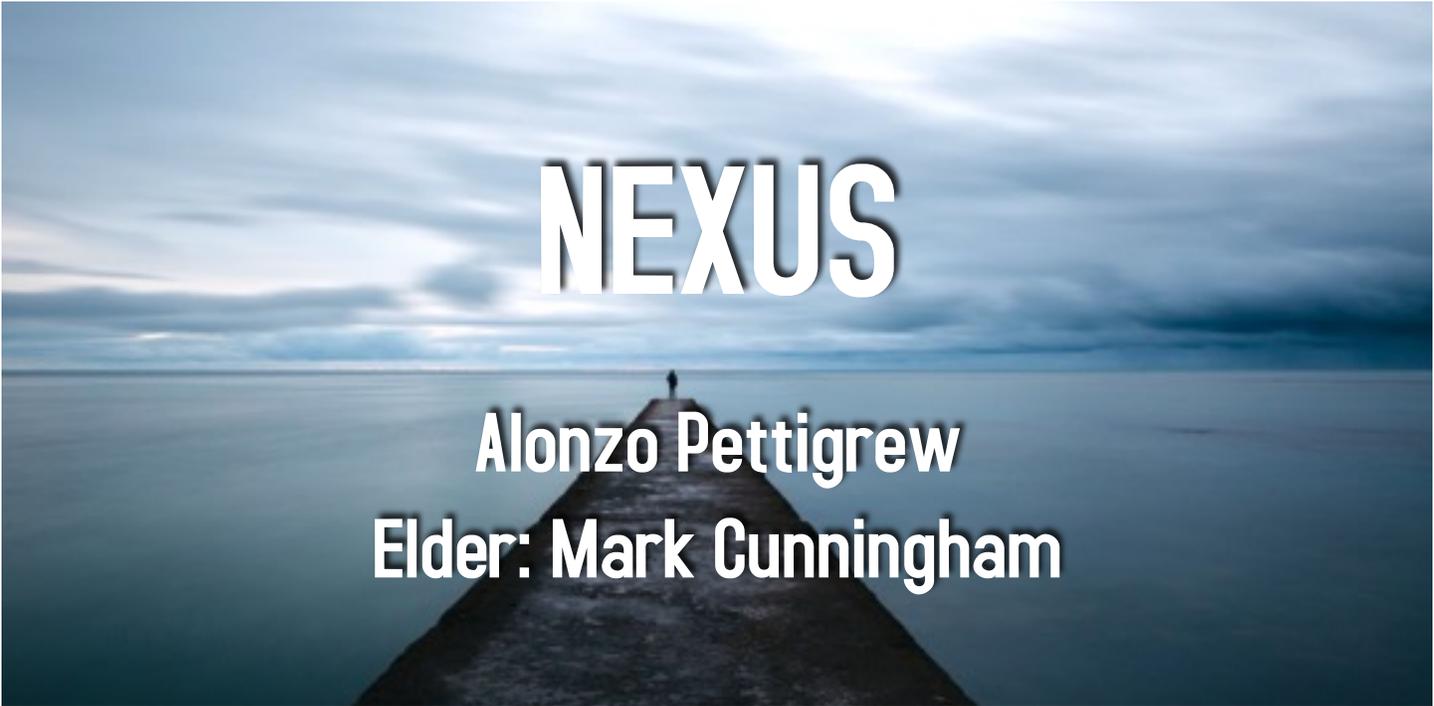
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## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry exists to encourage the involvement and spiritual growth of our young professionals and young families.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Fellowship**—Planning and coordinating events for the Cornerstone Group, including things like monthly group meetings, recreational activities, and service projects.
2. **Involvement**—Making sure everyone has a ministry to involve themselves with and that we are utilizing the talents of the group.
3. **Growth**—Encouraging spiritual growth and development.



# NEXUS

Alonzo Pettigrew  
Elder: Mark Cunningham

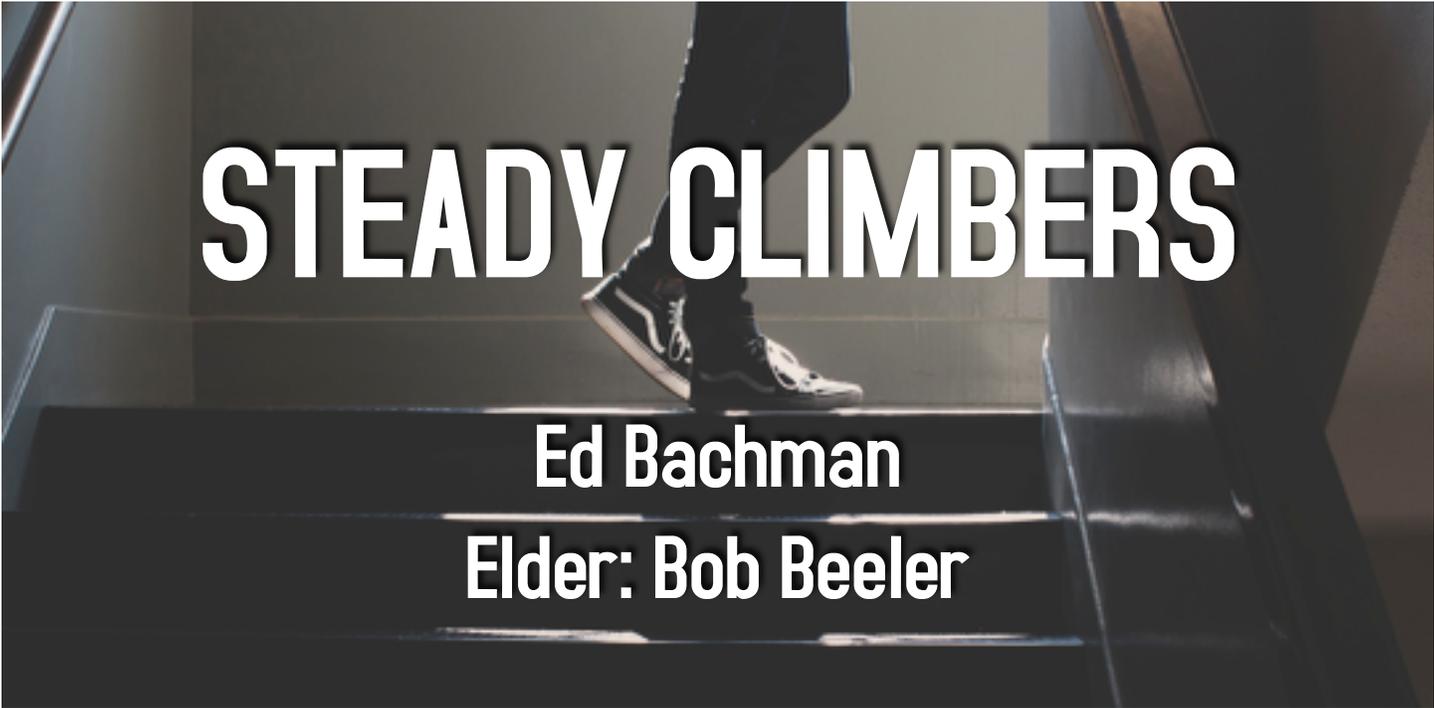
*"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people."—Acts 2:46-47*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry exists to encourage the involvement and spiritual growth of our families between the Cornerstone Group and the Steady Climbers.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Fellowship**—Planning and coordinating events for the Cornerstone Group, including things like monthly group meetings, recreational activities, and service projects.
2. **Involvement**—Making sure everyone has a ministry to involve themselves with and that we are utilizing the talents of the group.
3. **Growth**—Encouraging spiritual growth and development.



# STEADY CLIMBERS

**Ed Bachman**  
**Elder: Bob Beeler**

*"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people."—Acts 2:46-47*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry seeks to encourage the involvement and spiritual growth of our middle-aged members, and serves as a bridge group between the Young Adults and the Golden Agers.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Fellowship**—Planning and coordinating events for the Steady Climbers, including things like periodic group meetings, recreational activities, special trips, and service projects.
2. **Involvement**—Making sure everyone has a ministry to involve themselves with and that we are utilizing the talents of the group.
3. **Growth**—Encouraging spiritual growth and development.

# GOLDEN AGERS

Wayne Carter  
Elder: Bill Bequette

*"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people."—Acts 2:46-47*

## **Our Purpose and Goal:**

This ministry seeks to provide support for and encourage the involvement and spiritual growth of our senior members.

## **Our Focus:**

1. **Fellowship**—Planning and coordinating events for the Golden Agers, including things like periodic group outings and a monthly lunch.
2. **Involvement**—Making sure everyone has a ministry to involve themselves with and that we are utilizing the talents of the group. Retired persons can be a powerful force for service to the Lord if organized effectively.
3. **Ministering to the Saints**—Displaying our love and appreciation for our older members who have laid the foundation for the work of the congregation by responding to the physical, social, and spiritual needs of members of this group.

# DIRECTORY



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