

The more things change, the more they stay the same

Acts 20:17-28

Pastor Greg Wilson

1. Names are important

- Proverbs 22:1
- Biblical terminology matters
- Constitution Article Nine Section II
- What we have called deacons is better called elders
- What we have called trustees is better called deacons

2. Elders are to oversee and care for God's flock

- Three words that are used interchangeably
- Elder (presbyterous) leader
- Overseer (episkopous) bishop
- Shepherd (poimanin) pastor
- Ephesians 4:11
- A plurality of Elders share the load of caring for the flock
- Constitution Article Nine Section II (with elder replacing deacon)
- The "Pastors" (Greg, Caleb, Chris) are paid elders

3. Deacons are concerned with the maintenance of a church and the physical needs of its members

- Deacons serve the church by freeing up the elders to meet the spiritual needs of the congregation

Our new Elder Care Groups are designed to help each of us to build relationships within the congregation and to assist each of us become better disciples of Christ.