

# Eastridge church of Christ

## **Job Description and Duties for Elders in the church of Christ, Grouped by the functions of Shepherd, Overseer, and Elder**

### **Protect as a Shepherd**

- Prayer (Acts 6:4)
- Shepherd and watch over the flock in your care (Acts 20:28 and 1 Pet 5:2)
- Be examples to the flock (1 Pet 5:3)
- Keep watch over ourselves and the flock (Acts 20:28)
- Watch over the souls of our church and be prepared to give an account for them (Heb 13:7)
- Protect the flock from savage wolves (Acts 20:29)
- Search for the lost and bring back the strays (Eze 34:16)
- Bind up the injured and strengthen the weak (Eze 34:16)
- If requested, anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord and pray for healing (James 5:14)

### **Lead as an Overseer**

- Be a steward of God's household (Titus 1:7)
- Hold firmly to trustworthy message as it has been taught (Titus 1:9)
- Encourage with sound doctrine (Titus 1:9)
- Refute those who oppose sound doctrine (Titus 1:9)
- Discuss and decide upon doctrinal issues (Acts 15:6)
- Rule well (1 Tim 5:17)
- Assure that the church keeps her covenant with Christ (Eph 5: 29,32)

### **Be a living example of mature faith as an Elder**

- Work hard at teaching and preaching (1 Tim 5:17)
- Ministry of the word (Acts 6:4)
- Live a life that is appropriate for other Christians to imitate (Heb 13:7)
- Lead with knowledge and understanding (Jer 3:15, Heb 13:7)

A Word for the Day commentary puts it this way, "The biblical picture, then, is that the word elder refers to the man's character, bishop refers to his position as leader, that is, a ruler and guardian, and pastor refers to his duty of feeding God's people (Ac 20:28)."

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