

Dear Men of Good Shepherd,

It is time once again that the membership of Good Shepherd asks you to prayerfully consider serving in one of the available Church Council or Board positions. BUT WAIT! Before you look away and discontinue reading this message, those who currently serve on the Council or in Boards would like to make you aware of the REALITY (not myth) and Blessing of serving. You might be surprised to know the following:

- Since many of us break out in hives just thinking of attending meetings it is important for you to know that the Council meets only once per month. The average meeting time is 1-1/2 hours. Some times less, some times more. We are all volunteers and like-minded in our mission, which makes for very efficient and productive meetings and action items.
- Nobody judges anybody and critiques NEVER occur. And if you have a schedule conflict and miss a meeting..... we've got you covered. You quickly experience the feeling of being surrounded by brothers in Christ which means you will be helped and guided in whatever need you may have.
- Each of the Boards have 2 or 3 members who elect their own leader. The leader of each board is the only one who attends the Council meetings. So, if you serve on a Board and feel you do not have the experience to be the leader, you are under no obligation to be one. This is a great way for you to serve if you are strongly meeting averse.
- Each Council meeting begins with Pastor's 10 minute Bible Study. If you don't get enough Bible reading or studying done, this is an outstanding way to take in some of God's teachings.
- Serving becomes a Blessing. In his sermon on January 20 Pastor stated that you cannot "outgive" the Lord. We have found this to be absolutely true. You wouldn't be motivated to serve simply so you can receive a bigger Blessing but be aware that your service does NOT go unrewarded. A greater understanding of God's love for all of us a natural outcome of our service to Him.

This year we have the need for men to serve in the following positions: President, Financial Secretary, Board of Elders and Board of Church Properties.

In 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

All of us Council members harmoniously ask you to consider the use of your God given talents to serve others here at Good Shepherd in one of these open positions. Together we are confident that your service will be a Blessing to you and your fellow members.

In His Service,

Alan Shepard – President and on behalf of the entire Church Council