

MEANINGFUL MEMBERSHIP – Family Chores

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:12

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,”

Ephesians 2:19

Biblical Metaphor: A Member of the _____ or _____.

Logically then we expect a member to not just _____ but “_____”.

What does a member do? How do we know what to do?

This speaks to _____.

My hope is to give you a _____ to how Calvary operates using the biblical methodology of church and then encourage you to “do.”

Overarching point of church structure and tasks... _____
Ephesians 4:12b, “For the building up of the body of Christ”

1 Corinthians 14 – Paul gives instruction on prophesy/tongues/worship for the “upbuilding” – used in verses 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 17, 26, and 31!

I. Calvary’s Structure

A. From Bylaws, Article I, “It is a congregationally controlled body led by an incorporated board of elders to be known as the Council of Elders.”

B. Elders _____

- i. Plurality of Elders _____
- ii. Pastor/Elder is the _____ word in scripture
- iii. Sr. Pastor is “_____” – *“As he teaches faithfully, he will naturally accrue authority to himself, which in turn will afford him with a “first among equals” role among the elders for establishing the direction of the church. And since the elders have set him aside full-time for this work, they should look for such leadership.”*

From Understanding Church Leadership by Mark Dever

iv. Responsibilities of Elders:

- a. Provide spiritual protection for the Church and are accountable to Christ and the Church membership.
- b. Set an example for the Church by their obedience to the mission of Christ and His Church. (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 20:28-31, 1 Corinthians 4:16, Hebrews 13:7)
- c. Oversee the ministry and resources of the Church.

- d. Shall devote their time to prayer, ministry of the Word through teaching and encouraging sound doctrine.
- e. Shepherd the Church, God's flock, as described in Acts 6:1-6, 1 Peter 5:1-5, and James 5:14.
- f. Oversee the ordinances of the Church including Baptism and Lords Supper.
- g. Assure sound doctrine, practice, and worship.
- h. Oversee church discipline as outlined in Matthew 18:15-17.

C. Congregation _____

- i. Submission to Elders
 - a. In Bylaws
 - b. Hebrews 13:17, *"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy, and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."*
 - c. Ephesians 5:21, *"submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."*
- ii. Delegation of control of _____ to staff (discussed below)
- iii. Delegation of control of _____ to committees except where specifically mentioned in the bylaws:
 - 1. Approval of an annual budget,
 - 2. accept/remove members,
 - 3. minister licensing
 - 4. minister ordination
 - 5. election/removal of church officers
 - 1. Sr. Pastor
 - 2. Elders
 - 3. Deacons
 - 4. Church Clerk**
 - 5. Treasurer**
 - 6. Moderator**
 - 6. election of members for committees

Legal Requirement

II. Calvary's Doing

- A. _____ (Acts 6)
 - i. Care for the _____ of the Church
 - ii. Work for the _____ in the Body
 - iii. Support the Ministry of the _____
- B. _____
 - i. Gather information to make decisions following the leadership of the Elders
 - ii. Hard for church as a whole to make most decisions because of complexity and sheer numbers.

C. Staff

- i. Led by Sr. Pastor to direct all ministries of the church (***This is where every member of the church "does" the family chores***)

- a. Ministries means _____ . (*Diakonos*) This is where we love one another, encourage the fainthearted, admonish the idle, help the weak...
(1 Thessalonians 5:14)

- b. Every body part functions in the body (1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Romans) to build up!

- Major ministries include:

- Worship Ministry

- Family Discipleship Ministry

- Teaching Ministry

- Welcome Team Ministry

- Camp ROCK, Enable, Adoption/Fostering Ministry, DivorceCare, ESL, etc.

- ii. Led by Sr. Pastor to authorize and supervise use of all church resources.

III. All of this is done to fulfill our _____:

From Bylaws: *"Our purpose is to glorify God by making disciples who will transform our city and our world."*

Next Week:

Calvary Membership – Family Trips