

## **Elder Leadership Team Meeting July 18, 2011**

Elders present were Clark Pantel, Jerry Foote, Dave Fyffe, and Marty Kistler. Henry Meyers was present to discuss his plans. The meeting opened in prayer. Since pastoral reports were given at the recent Quarterly Congregational Meeting, we didn't discuss them.

1. Financial Report: The new revised budget for 2011 is now \$307,611.00, with the additional missions support for Randy and Gin Popham, authorized by the congregation last Sunday. Year to date, we have given 49% and spent 53% of the annual budget. Please continue in prayer for God to provide our needed resources.

2. Pastor Henry brought us up to date on his candidating next weekend (July 22-24) at an Evangelical Free Church in Minnesota. If that church calls him to be their senior pastor, and if he accepts the call, his final Sunday at Mulford would likely be August 14. On that Sunday Henry would like to formally pass the baton of the various ministries to men who will take responsibility for them in Henry's absence. This includes Men's Fraternity, Raising a Modern-Day Knight, Dads and Daughters, Life Transformational Groups, Character Camp, and the Awana Parents Group.

The Elders appreciate Henry's work of preparing leaders and fulfilling his goal of "working himself out of a job." We also appreciate his keeping the church leadership informed throughout the process that has led to his candidating.

3. We approved the applications of Tricia Bedenbender and Tricia Capalla to serve in our youth ministries. Tricia Capalla still needs approval to serve as a non-member. We will attempt to interview her for this next Sunday.

4. The Elders and other leaders will conduct a field-test of the prayer experiment, where we have people praying during the time of the morning worship service. So far, one Ministry Team Chair has offered to join the Elders in this project. On Sunday July 31, they will slip out of the service at the offering and pray together during the sermon. On Sunday August 7, they will remain in the service and pray silently during the sermon.

The meeting closed with an extended time of prayer for the needs of the church.