

## A FEW GOOD MEN: WHO ARE ELDERS?

- I. Their \_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 20:17, 28; I Peter 5:1-2
- A. E \_\_\_\_\_ - I Timothy 5:1; 3:6
  - B. O \_\_\_\_\_ - I Peter 5:23
  - C. S \_\_\_\_\_ - John 10:3-4, 14-15; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:1-6
- II. Who They \_\_\_\_\_
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ hands – John 10:12-13
  - B. C \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. S \_\_\_\_\_ - Mark 10:42-43
  - D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ - John 10:5
- III. Their \_\_\_\_\_
- A. There must be a \_\_\_\_\_ of elders – Acts 14:23; Philippians 1:1; Titus 1:5
  - B. Some reasons
    - 1. To prevent \_\_\_\_\_ man from taking \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Elders have different \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - Isaiah 53:6; I Peter 2:25

EVERYDAY EQUIPPER SEMINAR – SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

I hope you are excited about the Everyday Equipper Seminar that Paul Partlow will be conducting here at Buckingham Road in the MPA on Saturday morning, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Paul will be sharing a tool with us that will help us put the Word of God into practice in our lives to be more obedient disciples. This tool will also encourage deeper relationships with fellow Christians so that we can help each other to follow Jesus. We do this thing called Christianity better when we do it together.

This truth is well illustrated by a story from the recent Olympic games in Rio. During a 5000 meter qualifying heat Kelly Hamblin of New Zealand and Abbey D’Agostino of the United States became tangled and fell with about 2000 meters to go. Hamblin fell heavily on her right shoulder and just lay there crying. Instead of leaving her and trying to catch the other runners, D’Agostino helped her up and said, “Get up. We have to finish this.” Hamblin said, “yup, you’re right. This is the Olympics. We have to finish this.” They started running together, but quickly D’Agostino realized she had severely hurt her ankle in the fall and fell again. This time Hamblin stopped and helped D’Agostino up and encouraged her to keep going. They both finished the race.

The only way we’re going to finish the Christian race of following Jesus is if we finish together, encouraging each other all the way. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, “Two are better than one... If one falls down his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!” We all need this kind of love and encouragement and one place you can find it is in Jesus’ church!

Be sure to sign up for the seminar today on the list located at the Welcome Center in the foyer!

Richard Blaisdell

September

- 11 Huddles (Youth)
- 12 MNFTM Begins
- 14 Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 A.M.
- 18 Care Groups Meet
- 19 MNFTM
- 21 Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Everyday Equipper Seminar
- 26 MNFTM
- 28 Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 A.M.

October

- 2 Care Groups Meet
- 3 MNFTM
- 5 Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 A.M.
- 10 MNFTM
- 12 Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 A.M.
- 16 Care Groups Meet
- 17 MNFTM
- 19 Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 A.M

Tonight following PM services will be our first **Huddles** of the school year. Everyone will need to bring dinner or money for dinner. Pick up will be at the church at 8PM.

**Parents of College Students** – Please email me college students mailing address. We would like to write them letters of encouragement this fall. You can email me at [tomk@brchurch.org](mailto:tomk@brchurch.org) or [godsquadtffk@yahoo.com](mailto:godsquadtffk@yahoo.com)

Everyone mark your calendars for November 11-13. This will be the weekend of our **Fall Retreat**.

Jesus calls us to **make disciples** in Matthew 28:19 and this is not a command directed at a select group of Christians but to all of us. The English word disciple comes from the Greek word **mathetes** from which we get our word math. The word couples two ideas; thought and action. Many times in our Bible classes we do the “thought” thing rather well but I find myself coming up short on the “action” part. On September 24 Paul Partlow will be with us conducting a seminar that will assist us in making disciples. Church growth will never come from a handful of brethren who are involved in sharing the gospel. While evangelism is a vital part of church growth it cannot sustain that growth. We must be working with new and old members in helping all of us develop a closer walk with the Lord. I emphasize the word develop because our lives as God’s kids should always be changing as we become more and more like our Master. Like all congregations; Buckingham Road needs new blood and old members who are constantly growing in the image of Jesus. Please sign up (if you haven’t already) for this seminar.

Jim Corner

Recently got to see the current remake of the epic Ben Hur movie. Not sure I ever saw all of the famous one that was made in 1959 with Charlton Heston as the hero, but the amazing chariot race at the end of the movie is engrained in my memory so I know I’ve seen that part before. For those that haven’t seen it, it follows the life of a rich Jew in Jerusalem (Ben Hur) and his relationship with a Roman that grew up in his household until leaving one day to join the Roman army.

The Roman returned as the leader of the Roman garrison in Jerusalem and through no fault of Ben Hur, his once Roman friend had to send him away as a slave in a Roman ship due to an attack on Pilate by a Jewish Zealot on Hur’s roof. As he was being taken to the ship, he falls down saying I’ve done nothing wrong and is offered water by Jesus who is a bystander. Throughout this movie Jesus has brief appearances doing good things and preaching love, but is seen as a political threat, which leads to his crucifixion. Meanwhile as Ben Hur escapes from his slavery, he makes his way back to Jerusalem seeking revenge.

As an ironic twist, as Jesus is being led to his crucifixion he falls down saying I have done no wrong, and Ben Hur is now the bystander and offers him a drink of water. Enough of the story but I would recommend it to get a feel for what Jesus was coping with on a daily basis, not to mention the great chariot race.

The Roman brutality to the people in Jerusalem as depicted in the movie was probably a regular occurrence and must have been hard for Jesus to watch, knowing that he had the power to stop them. I hope we never take for granted the resolve that Jesus had to fulfill his mission to the Father and die for us, so that we might live.

Kurt Simmons

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday:

- Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
- Morning Assembly: 10:00 a.m.
- Evening Assembly: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

- Bible Class: 7:15 p.m.

Budget:

- 2016 Budget.....\$9,500
- Contribution.....\$9,435
- 2016 Weekly Average.....\$9,777

Statistics:

- Bible Class.....125
- A.M. Worship.....195
- P.M. Worship.....99
- Wednesday.....127
- Latino Worship.....39
- DBR Year’s Total.....8,291

Ministers:

- Richard Blaisdell...972-424-4420
- Tom Kimmey.....469-600-6865

Elders:

- Charles Elk..... 972-414-1165
- Willie Hunter..... 972-670-8429
- Kurt Simmons ... 972-234-4157