

ELDERS WILL SERVE A TERM OF 4 YEARS

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THOSE WHO WILL SERVE AS ELDERS AT LIFE LINK CHURCH:

1. Maintain and **TEACH** by **LIVING** a godly, Christian lifestyle.
2. Provide a **PRAYER SHIELD** for the pastoral team and the local church.
3. **DEFEND, PROTECT** and **SUPPORT** the integrity of the pastoral team and the local church.
4. **PRAY** for the **SICK**.
5. Organize, implement and execute **LICENSING** and ordination requirements and procedures.
6. **MEDIATE DISPUTES** among the brethren.

Biblical Guidelines for dealing with an accusation:

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

Biblical Guidelines for resolving disputes among believers:

If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church! I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? But instead, one brother goes to law against another--and this in front of unbelievers! The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.

1 Cor. 6:1-8 (NIV)

7. **COUNSEL**.
8. Confirm or reject pastoral **APPOINTMENTS** to the board of trustees and the board of overseers.
9. **CONTACT** the board of overseers to initiate investigation and potential discipline of the senior pastor.
10. **REPRESENT** the church to other local churches.

Using the card provided in today's bulletin, please provide the name of ONE PERSON you believe fits the qualifications and would carry out these responsibilities well.